

## **Texas Hold 'Em Tournament Rules**

The amount of buy-in as well as the percentage of the prize monies paid will be made available to all players at the time of entry registration.

The structure of the antes, blinds, forced bets and limits will be available to all players at the time of registration.

The Tournament Director will be the final arbiter for the interpretation and applicability of the tournament rules.

- No rake will be taken.
- No limit betting structure.
- Each round will be limited to thirty (30) minutes.
- Straddle bets are not permitted.
- An absent player must be dealt a hand each deal and have antes, blinds, and forced bets put in the Pot from his/her stack as required. The Dealer will be responsible to ensure the proper amount of chips are put into the Pot. Any player that is absent from the Tournament for more than one-half hour will be disqualified from Tournament Play and forfeit their tournament entry. No refunds will be granted.
- An exposed card on the initial card dealt to each player will constitute a misdeal.
- If a player lacks sufficient non-value chips for a blind, the player is entitled to get action on whatever amount of non-value chips they have remaining. A player who posts a short blind and wins does not need to make up the blind. When a player is all-in for less than the required blind, the remaining players will have the following options:
  1. Fold
  2. Complete the Blind
  3. Raise
- If the signal sounding the end of a round goes off, any hand partially complete or underway will be finished. A hand is said to have begun on the first riffle of the shuffle. New limits apply on the first hand of the next round.
- Initial seating assignments are done by the player drawing a table and seat number during registration.
  - The Tournament Director may move players during the Tournament to “balance” the number of players at each table. Best efforts will be made to place a player in the same position that he/she was in prior to the move.
  - When tables are “broken” (remaining players at table all reseated at other tables), players will again draw their seat and table assignment for the next table. A player moving into a seat assumes any obligations or benefits of the seat unless that seat is between the small blind and the button.
  - Players will redraw their table and seat assignment in the same manner when the field is reduced to a final table.

- “High carding” will be utilized at the beginning of the Tournament and again when the field is reduced to a final table in order to determine the Dealer Button.
- Players are eliminated when they have lost all their non-value chips. The winner is the player at the final table with all the non-value chips.
- A player who declares himself all-in, loses the Pot, and then discovers that one or more non-value chips are hidden, is not entitled to benefit from concealment. The Tournament Director in his sole discretion will rule on each case.
- An odd non-value chip will be awarded to the player closest to the button starting at the left of the button when splitting the pots.
- No person will be permitted to take another player’s chips once that person has participated in tournament play.
- When the field has been reduced to two (2) tables, the following shall apply:
  - If two or more players go broke on the same hand, the player starting the hand with the larger amount of nonvalue chips finishes in the highest tournament place.
  - At the final table when a three-handed game loses a player, the player due for the big blind must take it. This means that a player may have to take the little blind twice in a row or have to take the big blind immediately after taking the little blind. Proper assignment of the big blind take’s precedent. When only two players remain, the small blind is on the button.
- Anyone caught cheating will be disqualified and forfeit all claims to the prize money and their chips will be removed from play.
- The winning player will be responsible for any tax payments on said prize money.
- Hollywood Casino Aurora may alter or change any portion of the tournament at any time and for any reason.
- In the event of inclement weather, power failure, labor dispute, act of civil or military authority, war, act of God, or other circumstances beyond reasonable control, the tournament may be cancelled.
- Hollywood Casino Aurora may cancel or discontinue the tournament at any time.

## **BETTING STRUCTURE**

ROUNDS		BLINDS AND ANTE
1 <sup>ST</sup>		\$25 - \$50 - \$50
2 <sup>nd</sup>		\$50 - \$100 - \$100
3 <sup>rd</sup>		\$100 - \$200 - \$200
	10 MINUTE BREAK - chip up \$25	
4 <sup>TH</sup>		\$150 - \$300 - \$300
5 <sup>th</sup>		\$250 - \$500 - \$500
6 <sup>TH</sup>		\$400 - \$800 - \$800
	10 MINUTE BREAK - chip up \$100	
7 <sup>TH</sup>		\$500 - \$1000 - \$1000
8 <sup>TH</sup>		\$800 - \$1600 - \$1600
9 <sup>TH</sup>		\$1000 - \$2000 - \$2000
10 <sup>TH</sup>		\$1500 - \$2500 - \$2500
11 <sup>TH</sup>		\$1500 - \$3000 - \$3000
	10 MINUTE BREAK - chip up \$500	
12 <sup>TH</sup>		\$2000 - \$4000 - \$4000
13 <sup>TH</sup>		\$2500 - \$5000 - \$5000
14 <sup>TH</sup>		\$3000 - \$6000 - \$6000
15 <sup>TH</sup>		\$4000 - \$8000 - \$8000
16 <sup>TH</sup>		\$5,000 - \$10,000 - \$10,000
	10 MINUTE BREAK - chip up \$1000	
17 <sup>TH</sup>		\$6,000 - \$12,000 - \$12,000
18 <sup>TH</sup>		\$10,000 - \$15,000 - \$15,000
19 <sup>TH</sup>		\$10,000 - \$20,000 - \$20,000
20 <sup>TH</sup>		\$15,000 - \$30,000 - \$30,000
21 <sup>ST</sup>		\$20,000 - \$40,000 - \$40,000
	10 MINUTE BREAK - chip up \$5000	
22 <sup>ND</sup>		\$25,000 - \$50,000 - \$50,000
23 <sup>RD</sup>		\$30,000 - \$60,000 - \$60,000
24 <sup>TH</sup>		\$40,000 - \$80,000 - \$80,000
25 <sup>TH</sup>		\$50,000 - \$100,000 - \$100,000
26 <sup>TH</sup>		\$60,000 - \$120,000 - \$120,000

- **Blind Structure (will increase if needed)**