

Tournament Rules

Blind/ Chip Structure: At Aces Up you will start with "\$15,000" in Tournament chips. Blinds will start @ 100-200 and increase every 20 minutes thereafter. 200-400, 300-600, 400-800, 500-1,000, 1,000-2,000, 2,000-4,000, 4,000-8,000, 5,000-10,000.

General: Play begins with Small and Big Blinds posting their Blind amounts. Each player is then dealt two cards face down. After this the first round of betting begins starting to the left of the Big Blind and ending with the Big Blind. Post flop betting begins with the Small Blind position or the person closest clockwise from the dealer position still in the hand. Next one card is "burned" or buried into the muck and three cards are put out for the "flop". (AT NO TIME SHOULD YOU "PRE BURN" before it's time. It eliminates the whole purpose of the burn. This could result in penalty if you have already been warned.) After betting is complete for that round, a card is again burned and a 4th card is flipped over for "the turn". After betting is complete for Round 3, you burn one more card and flip over the 5th card AKA "The River".

You are free to sit where ever you want to open the tournament, BUT at some point throughout the night you will be moved to another table, maybe even before we start if needed. That's the just the way tournaments work, it's not personal.

Once it's time to shuffle up and deal, flip for high card to see who deals. If an ace drops, you can stop, that player is dealer. If an ace is not dropped, high card is dealer. If two high cards are dealt, highest suit is dealer. High suit is determined alphabetically, "C" Clubs (lowest), next "D" Diamonds, then "H" Hearts, finally "S" Spades (highest).

If you decide to go to the bathroom, the bar, smoke a cigarette or whatever and you are a blind it will be posted for you. If you are not seated when it's your turn to act, you get mucked! You do not have to be sitting down as cards are dealt to be involved in the hand BUT if it's your turn and you're not there, don't get mad if you're small blind, big blind etc. The blinds are going up for everybody so the game must continue.

If you show one or both cards with more than 2 people in the hand, it is a fold. NO EXCEPTIONS! If it is heads up, you are permitted to show one or both cards.

Once your cards are tossed into the muck, they are dead! Even if you're small blind or big blind. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Verbal is binding. If you say raise, you are forced to at least raise the minimum bet, if you say fold, you are committed to fold.

Should a community card be revealed before the current round of betting is completed, all remaining community cards will remain as they should i.e. burn and put out the remaining cards (turn or river) face down. Shuffle the exposed card(s) back into the deck and the current round

will be completed. Without burning again flip over the need card(s). If you are at all confused on this see your tournament director for assistance.

You cannot talk about the hand in play unless you are heads up, even if you are in the hand. Ex. If there's 3 people in the hand you can't say "Player #2, I think you have A K" This gives your other opponent information he or she may not have thought of on their own unfairly influencing both other players. Tournament Directors have discretion to penalize you if you have been previously warned for this offense.

We ask that you keep your bigger denomination chips in front of your small ones so your opponents can see how many chips they are going against. In other words don't hide your \$1000 chips behind the \$100.

At most places, there is no rabbit hunting, but heck, we are at a bar having fun. If you do it, PLEASE do it quick enough that the game stays moving. But as a rule RABBIT HUNTING IS ALLOWED UNLESS SOMEONE AT THE TABLE OBJECTS TO IT.

When changing tables, use a rack or ask a Tournament Director for help. At no times shall chips EVER be placed in your pockets. If chips enter your pocket the Tournament Director has discretion to make those chips dead from the tourney. Also during break your chips are to remain at the table with no exceptions.

Raising:

Your initial raise pre-flop must be at least double the big blind. Each additional raise must be double the amount of the first raise. Example: blinds are 200-400 the first raise must be at least to 800 or more. Let's assume the first raise was to 1,100, any subsequent raise must be at least 700 more as the first raise was 700.

Post flop the first bet must be equal to or greater than the big blind. Each additional raise must be double the previous bet.

Betting can be capped. Example: Seven players remain at a particular table. Player #1 bets \$800, Player #2 Calls, Player #3 calls, Player #4-7 fold then Player #8 goes all in for \$1,000 which isn't a complete raise because he did not complete the raise. That means Players #1-3 have an option to call or fold but all betting is capped. The exception would be if Player #7 had raised more than half the amount, this time that would have been \$1200, betting would not be capped. If this sounds confusing, it's probably because it is. So just ask your Tournament Director for clarification of this or any rule. Remember we don't expect you to know every nuance of the game. You're coming here to play and also learn as well. Don't ever be afraid to come ask us a question. We are here for you!

In the case that there is a "Chop Pot", aka a tie, and there is an odd chip, the odd chip goes closest to the dealer clockwise, starting in the big blind position. Meaning if you're the dealer, you are farthest away.

When all but one player still involved in a hand are "All In" all hands must be flipped over before running out any remaining community cards.

Players must show 2 cards to win a pot, even if the other card has no bearing on the other 5 needed to win the hand.

In the event a player is called down to the river the player who was called must reveal their hand first.

Once a winning hand is shown any other players may muck their hands without exposing their cards.

If a player leaves the tournament for whatever reason, their chips stay in play until they get totally blinded out.

The Tournament Director has final say! Sometimes this may mean the interpretation of a rule may differ from what you're about to read. Sometimes, as you know from playing poker, weird stuff happens; things out of the ordinary. The Tournament Director will rule with fairness as our top goal. Remember, we will try to honor the rule as close as possible.

NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR BEVERAGES. Players purchasing food and drinks during play are the reason bars are hosting these events. If players stop buying their products, they will no longer host a poker tournament.

NO OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE. It's poker, yes and sometimes you get angry, but remember we try to create a fun enjoyable atmosphere for everyone at Aces Up. If you catch a "bad beat" or you think someone made a "Bad Call" it's absolutely no reason to start an obscenity laces tirade. If you are caught swearing or berating another person or their play, you will be warned the first offence. The second time you will be penalized the minimum of the big blind. Of course this depends on the situation. Tournament Directors will use discretion and can penalize after the first offense or penalize more than the minimum. This isn't because we are trying to be jerks. It's to keep it fun for EVERYONE!

Coaching Players. Players cannot influence another player on how he/she is betting. Floor managers will be more than willing to assist beginners who are trying to learn the rules of the game, however persons assisting other players on how to play their hands will politely be asked to stop. Should it continue that person will be asked to leave the table or the tournament.

Absolutely No Cheating Will Be Tolerated. We will take tips from players and investigate the situation, a player who openly accuses another or tries to take matters into their own hands will be asked to leave.

If you play with us multiple times a week, previous warnings for certain offences will carry over. You can't use the "I was never warned tonight; only the previous 3 times I played this week" excuse. Our Tournament Directors will use common sense in these situations.