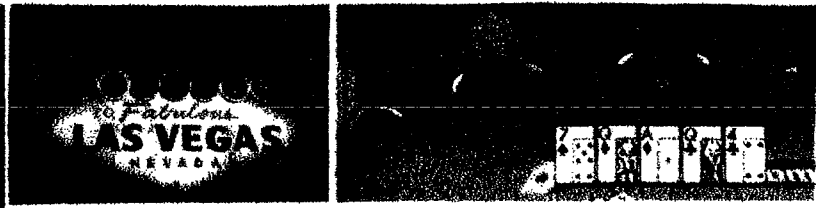


# **Rockin' Sports Pub Poker League Regulations**

- 1) All players must be registered members of the Rockin' Poker League. Registration is available before each tournament via the tournament director. A valid I.D. is required for registration.
- 2) Players must be at least 21 years of age.
- 3) Players **MUST** sign in before every tournament to ensure seating.
- 4) No purchase is required to play. No minimum drink or food order, and no buy-in or cover charge is applied to players. Players are encouraged to purchase food and beverages, and for every \$10 players spend **BEFORE** the first break, they will be awarded \$1,000 in chips. Vouchers **MUST** be cashed in at the first break, all vouchers acquired thereafter will be void until next game. Vouchers are only good for that night.
- 5) State law prohibits players from placing **ANY** form of currency on the tables at **ANY AND ALL TIMES**. Violators of this regulation will be asked to leave immediately and possibly banned from the Rockin' Sports Pub.
- 6) Players caught cheating will be disqualified from the tournament and will have their playing privileges terminated, as well as any and all points, and will be banned from the Rockin' Sports Pub for a minimum of one calendar year. Players acting as a team are considered to be cheating. "Table talk", showing cards, or making comments/suggestions about your or another's hand during play is considered to be bad poker etiquette and possibly cheating. Violators will be warned upon first infraction, and will be ejected from the tournament if another violation occurs. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- 7) No gambling is allowed. This means no cash bets, side pots, or any other means which could be determined illegal or inappropriate by local authorities.
- 8) Inappropriate, disruptive, or abusive behavior or language, cheating, gambling, or other violations will result in possible eviction from the tournament and possibly termination from the Rockin' Poker League at the sole discretion of Rockin' Sports Pub and employees. Rockin' Poker League points are a privilege, not a right, and have no monetary value. If a player is evicted from the points system, that player loses all of their accumulated points.
- 9) Management has the right to cancel or change any tournament at their sole discretion.
- 10) In all disputes, the tournament director's ruling is final and binding.
- 11) Rules are subject to change anytime at the sole discretion of Rockin' Sports Pub and its representatives.



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[www.rockinsportspub.com](http://www.rockinsportspub.com) **Must be 21 to enter.**

### Tournament Rules

- 1) No-Limit Texas Hold'em Tournament style poker is played at the Rockin' Sports Pub.
- 2) All players start with the same number and value of chips – traditionally, 20 chips worth \$5,000. Area managers may elect to make variations in the starting chip count. All cards and chips must be kept on the table and visible to everyone at all times.
- 3) Blinds will be increased consistently throughout the tournament. Nightly league tournaments will consist of the traditional blind structure, however area managers have the right to make variations for invite tournaments in levels and lengths.
- 4) Play continues until there is only one player left.
- 5) Lower valued chips will be "colored-up" when they are no longer needed due to increased blinds. Any amounts not equal to the "colored-up" chip denomination will be rounded up.
- 6) Late arriving players will not be allowed to enter the tournament, **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

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- 7) One player per hand. A player may not ask for advice when it their turn to act. If cards are exposed to one player at any point during a hand, they must be exposed to the whole table. In other words, "Show one, show all." Talking about your hand, including what cards you folded or any other displays of obvious emotion about a hand you are no longer involved with is considered bad table etiquette and is not appreciated.
- 8) Players draw to see who will start the game as the dealer. The dealer position rotates clockwise one player after each hand.
- 9) Dealers must shuffle the deck a minimum of three times and then cut the deck before each hand.
- 10) Players must post their blinds (a mandatory amount put into the pot before each hand is dealt). The small blind is the player seated to the left of the dealer. The big blind is the player seated to the left of the small blind.

- 11) If a card is accidentally dealt face-up, the dealer continues to deal all of the hole cards as usual. The dealer then replaces the improperly dealt card with the first burn card and the improperly dealt card becomes the first burn card. Any additional cards dealt face up will result in a misdeal. If the first card of either blind is accidentally dealt face up, the hand is also considered a misdeal.
- 12) Players will act in a clockwise motion and may not act out of turn. This includes the blinds going all-in "in the dark" over the amount of the big blind. No string bets or pre-flop chopping. If a player is going to bet, place the bet out in front of you and keep it separate from the pot. To avoid confusion, there is no "splashing" of the pot. If a player verbally announces the amount of the raise and then places a different amount into play, the verbal overrides the physical action.
- 13) Only the dealer may handle the chips and any mucked cards involved in a hand. NO EXCEPTIONS! This rule applies especially where there is a side-pot. Players that wish to make change can either make change with other players at the table or the player can request the dealer to make change with the chips in the pot. Remember, the dealer and dealer ONLY can touch the chips in the pot. Once, the proper change has been distributed by the dealer, the dealer should announce the "pot is right" and all players should push their most recent bet into the pot.
- 14) All cards that either touch the muck pile or are gathered by the dealer are dead and will not be in play until the subsequent hand.
- 15) Absent players will be dealt a hand and held responsible for blinds. If player is absent when it is their turn to act, the hand will be folded. If a dealer pre-maturely displays the flop, the turn, or the river before the all players involved in the hand have a turn to act, the burn card remains burned and the exposed card(s) are shuffled back into the deck a total of three times and then exposed once the round of betting concludes.
- 16) Any initial bet on the flop, turn or river must be at least the amount of the big blind. All raises must be at least double the previous bet, with the exception of an all-in. Pre-flop, the initial bet is the big blind. Therefore, the minimum raise would be double the big blind, with the exception of an all-in.
- 17) If a player is all-in on their respective blind but cannot match the full amount of the blind, all remaining players must at least call the big blind to participate in the hand. All participating hands will be turned face-up whenever a player is "all-in" and betting action is complete.
- 18) In regards to the showdown of a hand, the table always plays, meaning if one person announces two pair, when they actually have a flush, the final ruling is a flush. However, once the cards are shuffled for the next hand, the ruling of the previous hand is binding. Both cards in the player's hand must be shown in order to win the hand.

19) If two or more players tie, the pot will be split between the players who tied. If there is an odd chip, it will left in the middle and become a part of the next hand's pot.

20) When players lose all of their chips, they are eliminated and must leave their table. If there is more than one player that is eliminated on the same hand, the player with the highest chip total at the beginning of the hand will be awarded the higher rank or points, if finishing within the top 5 .

21) As players are eliminated, all tables will remain as full or as evenly distributed as possible. When moving players, the tournament director will attempt to place each player in approximately the same position relative the blinds as the previous table.

22) If the small blind is eliminated, the player to the right of the eliminated player will deal and blinds are posted as usual. If the big blind is eliminated , only the big blind will be posted on the following hand and the dealer of the hand would deal twice. The second hand would then include both the small and big blinds.

23) Players new to a table are dealt in the next hand, unless seated in the small blind or dealer position.

24) When only two players remain, the player due to act as the big blind will do so and the other player will assume the dealer position. The dealer will act first prior to the flop and second after the flop.

25) Players who win a non-called pot are not required to show their cards.

26) To avoid collusion, English should be the only language spoken at the table.

27) These rules are subject to change at anytime at sole discretion of Rockin' Sports Pub.

## **Rockin' Sports Pub**

## **Poker Tournament**

**Play in up to 4 games a week (every Monday & Wednesday at 6 and 9 pm) from now thru the end of April to earn points.**

**Points will be awarded in each game as follows:**

- 5 for first place**
- 4 for second place**
- 3 for third place**
- 2 for fourth place**
- 1 for fifth place**

**Players who earn 30 points will qualify for semi-finals.**

**Eight semifinal games will be played in the first two weeks of May, with the winner of each semi-final game earning one of eight seats at the final table.**

**Final game will be played the third week of May.**

**Winner will win a seat at Main Event in Las Vegas next summer, plus \$500 in cash to help with travel expenses.**

**Valid ID required.**

**For a complete list of rules, see or tournament director or visit our website [www.rockinsportspub.com](http://www.rockinsportspub.com).**

# RULE CLARIFICATION:

If you are not here when the game begins, you **WILL NOT** be dealt in the hand. **DO NOT** ask the tournament director to blind you out until you get here. This is a violation of the original stated rules. If you ask the tournament director to do so, you will be eliminated from the entire tournament.

If you are here on time and at any point during the game you need to leave the table, you can at that point be blinded out until you return. Your hand will be folded and blinded out for up to 30 minutes.

## RSP policy on "soft play"

Soft play is against the official rules of the WSOP and play here is conducted to the best of our ability according to WSOP official rules. We urge our players to play according to the rules, and to play every hand to the best of their ability and not commit soft play.

However, RSP management cannot be expected to watch every hand that everybody plays and then make some judgement call as to whether or not the hand was played the way it "should have been" played. In poker people make dumb calls, and dumb folds (and raises) all the time, and in some cases they win by doing so. It's all part of the game. RSP management will not be responsible for judging the motives behind what someone chooses to do with their cards.

That being said, anyone who makes a statement, heard by two or more witnesses, to the effect that they are committing soft play or that they are playing in any fashion in order to help out or hurt another player, will be disqualified from play at RSP for a period of two months.