
General Poker Tournaments Terms & Conditions

1 Tournament Details

- 1.1 All tournaments must be conducted in accordance with the following formula:

$(\text{Buy-in} \times \text{Total Number of Entrants}) + \text{Max. Re-buys} + \text{Max. Add-ons} \leq \$500,000$

- 1.2 Entry Fee: From \$0 to \$500 (inclusive of GST)
- 1.3 Buy-in: From \$0 to no more than \$250,000
- 1.4 Re-buys and/or Add-ons: From \$0 to no more than \$50,000
- 1.5 Number of Entrants: A minimum of 2 and a maximum of 1500

2 Conditions of Entry

- 2.1 Only persons entitled to enter the casino and gamble are eligible to enter the tournament.
- 2.2 All applications for entry must be made on the Official Entry Form and/or at the tournament location.
- 2.3 The Tournament Director may, prior to the commencement of a particular tournament, specify eligibility criteria which entrants must satisfy in order to qualify for entry into that tournament.**
- 2.4 The Management of Crown reserves the right to refuse any application for entry into any Tournament and the participation of any nominated substitute in any Tournament.
- 2.5 Entries for a particular tournament will close thirty minutes prior to the scheduled commencement time unless sold out earlier. Entries may be accepted after this time at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- 2.6 At the discretion of the Tournament Director a tournament entrant may transfer his/her entry in to a particular tournament to another person provided that person has not already entered that tournament.

- 2.7 The buy-in and entry fee, if any, will be refunded in the event that a tournament does not proceed **or where, prior to the commencement of a particular tournament it is determined in accordance with clause 2.1 that an entrant is ineligible to enter that tournament.**
- 2.8 If an entrant withdraws from a tournament prior to the scheduled tournament date, the buy-in only is refundable or the entry may be transferred to another person in accordance with Clause 2.5. Entrant withdrawal does not apply to an entry won in a satellite tournament.
- 2.10 The buy-in and entry fee, if any, will not be refunded to an entrant who is disqualified from a particular tournament and that entrant's tournament chips will be taken out of play.
- 2.11 The number of entrants in a tournament may also include 'alternates'. 'Alternates' are entrants permitted to enter a tournament/satellite with a full starting bank of chips, for a predetermined period after the tournament/satellite starts, as other entrants are eliminated or where an additional table is added subsequent to the tournament commencement.
- 2.11 At the discretion of the Tournament Director and subject to additional chip banks being available, for a predetermined period after the tournament/satellite starts some tournaments may allow entrants to re-enter after they have been eliminated. The conditions for re-entry will be announced prior to the commencement of the tournament.
- 2.12 Entrants' personal information collected during a tournament will be handled in accordance with Crown's Privacy Policy (available on request or on Crown's web site) unless otherwise provided for in these terms and conditions.
- 2.13 Crown reserves the right and license to use selected entrants' names, suburbs, photographs, images and likenesses for the purpose of promoting and advertising Crown and the Crown Entertainment Complex.

3 Tournament Format

3.1 All tournaments will consist of one or more rounds and/or a final played on one or more tables. Subject to Clause 2.4, the number of tables will be determined by the number of entries received for each particular tournament.

3.2 Table and Seat Allocation

3.2.1 The names of all entrants for a particular tournament will be drawn by ballot or randomly generated by computer to determine both the entrant's table number and playing position.

3.2.2 The number of entrants allocated to any one table will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

3.2.3 On a particular table, position 1 is located to the immediate left of the Dealer with position numbers ascending in a clockwise order.

3.2.4 A draw for the Dealer button will be held at the beginning of each tournament except for all Stud games.

3.2.5 Seating assignments may be altered to ensure that players who are connected by family or association play at different tables or are separated on the final table.

3.3 Wagers

3.3.1 All wagers will be made with tournament chips. Tournament chips in the possession of an entrant at the conclusion of a particular tournament will remain the property of the Casino Operator.

3.3.2 Entrants in a particular tournament will each be allocated the same amount of tournament chips and will be advised of the actual amount of chips prior to the commencement of the tournament. A starting bank of chips will be placed on the table in front of each designated playing area. For those tournaments where a player has the option to pay alternative buy-in amounts there are two options:

- (a) The relative start banks will be proportional to the buy-in. For example if the players can choose between a \$50 and \$100 buy-in, the start bank for the \$100 buy-in will be exactly twice that provided for the \$50 buy-in.

- (b) Buy-ins can differ forming more than one prize pool. For example if the players can choose between a \$50 and \$75 buy-in, those players choosing the \$75 buy-in are eligible for the \$50 per player prize pool and the \$25 per player prize pool. The player choosing the \$50 buy-in is only eligible for the initial \$50 per player prize pool.

3.3.3 An entrant's chip(s) must remain on the table in full view of all participants, with their higher denomination chip(s) the most prominent, until each session is completed and the winner(s) is determined.

3.3.4 A bank of chips will not be supplemented or removed from the table by an entrant during the conduct of tournament play, unless in the form of a re-buy or add-on.

3.3.5 Where an entrant is re-seated in accordance with clause 4.3, he/she must transfer his/her bank of chips so that the chips remain in clear view of the Dealer and/or the Game Supervisor (or above) and the tournament entrants. Failure to do so may result in the chips being forfeited.

3.4 Re-buys and Add-ons

3.4.1 Where a tournament allows re-buys, all entrants in that particular tournament may, for a predetermined period of time during the tournament, purchase one or more additional bank of chips. Entrants may be charged an entry fee to re-buy. The amount of the entry fee, if any, the amount of the re-buy(s), the number of re-buy(s) and the length of the re-buy period will be determined by the Tournament Director and announced prior to the commencement of the tournament.

- (a) If an entrant has exhausted his/her bank of chips and wishes to re-buy, he/she must re-buy prior to the commencement of the next round of play or it will be deemed that he/she has been eliminated from the tournament.**

3.4.2 Where the tournament allows add-ons, all entrants in that particular tournament may purchase an additional bank(s) of chips at the end of the re-buy period. Entrants may be charged an entry fee to add-on. The amount of the entry fee, if any, and the amount of the add-on will be determined by the Tournament Director and announced prior to the commencement of that tournament.

3.5 Time to Act

3.5.1 Entrants may request to 'put the clock' on another entrant. Subject to the request being reasonable the Tournament Director will call "time" and the entrant in question will have one minute to act. If action has not been taken by the time the minute is over, there will be a 10-second countdown. If a player has not acted on his/her hand by the time the countdown is over, the hand will be dead. All wagers made by that entrant will remain in the pot(s). The Tournament Director may also call "time" on an entrant if deemed necessary.

3.5.2 Tournaments may be scheduled with a predetermined amount of time to act ranging from 5 seconds to 60 seconds and administered by the Dealer.

- (a) An additional time bank of up to 5 minutes may also be allocated to each player. During a hand prior to the time to act is complete a player may elect to use all or a portion of this additional time bank. Once the player has utilized all the time in his/her additional time bank no further time will be allocated.
- (b) Alternatively, additional fixed time extension/s of up to two minutes may also be allocated to each player. During a hand prior to the time to act is complete a player may elect to use a fixed time extension. Once a player has utilized all fixed time extensions no further time will be allocated.
- (c) If an entrant has not acted before this time elapses his/her hand will be dead if there was a previous bet, or will be considered a check if there has been no previous betting for that betting round.

- (d) Counting down the clock will be conducted by the Dealer, tournament management and/or their designee.
- (e) If an entrant wishes to have a bet counted he/she will ask the Dealer "how much"? If the clock has been started the Dealer will ensure the clock is stopped, cut down the bet and count it, announce the amount, call "time" and ensure that the clock is restarted. Entrants are advised if they overuse asking for the clock to be stopped they MAY be denied this privilege.

3.5.3 If the Tournament Director determines that a player is deliberately being slow to act on more than one occasion in the same tournament, that player may be given a maximum of 10 seconds to act for all subsequent hands.

3.6 Betting Limits

- 3.6.1 The betting limits together with the timing of increases in blinds and/or antes will be determined by the Casino Operator and announced to all entrants prior to the commencement of the tournament.
- 3.6.2 In limit games, a single oversize chip will constitute a call if there is no announcement or indication of intent to raise.
- 3.6.3 In No-limit or Pot Ratio games a single oversize chip without an announcement or indication of intent to raise will:
 - (a) In the first betting round constitute a call;
 - (b) In subsequent betting rounds if it is the first bet of that round it will constitute the size of the oversize chip bet or the maximum bet permitted within the betting limits. If it is not the first bet of the round it will constitute a call.
- 3.6.4 In all games if an entrant makes a raise of 50% or more of the previous bet **or raise** without an announcement or indication of intent he/she will be required to make the raise up to the minimum raise permitted. In all games, unless going 'all in', if an entrant makes a raise of less than 50% of the previous bet or raise, without an announcement or indication of intent it will be taken as a call.

- 3.6.5 Where an entrant bets unannounced with two chips of the same denomination and one chip is more than 50% but less than the full amount to call, it is only a call. In this instance 3.6.4 does not apply.
- 3.6.6 In all games if an entrant makes a bet of less than the amount required to call, he/she will be required to make up the difference or fold and surrender the initial bet which then forms part of the pot.
- 3.6.7 In No Limit or Pot Ratio games, if an entrant states raise and bets with an oversize chip, the raise will be the maximum amount allowable up to the size of that chip.
- 3.6.8 In Limit games, there will be a limit of three raises even when two players remain in a hand. Once the tournament is down to two players, there is no limit to the number of raises.
- 3.6.9 In No-limit or Pot Ratio, when raising an entrant must either bet the amount of the raise in one "clean" motion or state the raise amount. By stating the word "raise", an entrant protects his/her right to raise, but the raise must still be completed as per the previous sentence guidelines.
- 3.6.10 Only in pot-limit and half pot games, may a player request the Dealer to inform him/her of the pot size.**
- 3.6.11 Verbal declarations in turn are binding. Verbal declarations or action out of turn may also be binding:
- (a) If an entrant bets, raises or calls out of turn the bet stands.
 - (b) If an entrant who should have acted prior to the out of turn player chooses to bet more than the out-of-turn bet, the player who acted out of turn can either make up the difference to call, or take back his bet and fold, or re-raise.
 - (c) A player that checks out of turn forfeits all rights to bet or raise.

3.7 General

- 3.7.1 Dealers will deal "hand for hand" when the number of entrants remaining exceeds places paid by one and "round for round" generally when the number of entrants remaining exceeds places paid by two.

- 3.7.2 All cards will be turned face-up once an entrant is all-in and all action is complete.
- 3.7.3 In the event of a split pot, **where there is an odd chip**, the odd chip will be broken down to the lowest denomination chip in play on the table at that time. **The odd chip(s) will go to the high hand. If there are two or more high or low hands of the same value:**
- (a) **In flop games, the odd chip(s) will go to the left of the button.**
 - (b) **In stud games, the odd chip(s) will go to the highest card by suit.**
 - (c) **In hi/lo split games the pot will be split as evenly as possible.**
- 3.7.4 A hand may be ruled retrievable by the Tournament Director.
- 3.7.5 When it is time to 'color-up' chips (remove the smallest denomination chips on the table), they will be 'raced off' with a maximum of one chip going to any one player. The chip race always starts in the No 1 Seat. An entrant cannot be raced out of a tournament. In the event that an entrant loses the 'race off' and has no chips remaining, he/she will be given one chip of the smallest denomination in play.
- 3.7.6 Subject to clause 3.7.7, an entrant who wants to **use a mobile phone, text-messaging device or other communication device** must step away from the table. Should an entrant step away from the table during a hand, that hand is dead **and the player will not be considered to be 'at the table'.**
- 3.7.7 Unless being re-seated in accordance with clause 4.3, an entrant must be at the table by the time the Dealer has completed the initial deal or his/her hand is dead. **Forced bets are still payable and if the player is not at the table and will be 'all-in', clause 3.7.2 is not applicable.**
- 3.7.8 There will be no foreign chips allowed on the table except for a maximum of one card protector.
- 3.7.9 When new betting limits are announced, the limits apply to the next hand. A hand has begun upon the Dealer gathering the cards to shuffle.

3.7.10 When one table before the “money” stage of the tournament is reached, i.e. where the number of players remaining equal the number of places being paid, the use of audio headphones, I pods or other similar electronic devices is not permitted.

3.7.11 When only two players remain in a tournament the button will be on the small blind. The button will be adjusted so that no player will pay the big blind twice in succession.

4 Elimination

4.1 Entrants in a particular tournament will be eliminated from that tournament when they have lost their bank of tournament chips and no further re-buys or add-ons are allowed.

4.2 As entrants are eliminated from the tournament the number of tables may be reduced at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

4.3 To maintain balanced tables throughout the duration of the tournament, at the discretion of the Tournament Director entrants may be re-seated. Unless deemed otherwise by the Tournament Director, the following procedure will be applied:

4.3.1 A difference of two entrants between tournament tables is acceptable. During the final stages of a particular tournament a difference of two entrants will be balanced as soon as practicable.

4.3.2 On any table which is three or more players short, creating a difference of three, play will halt until that table has been balanced.

4.3.3 For all games except Stud, tables will be balanced by moving an entrant in the corresponding seat in relation to the second blind from the table to be reduced to the table that requires balancing.

4.3.4 In Stud games, entrants will be high carded on the table to be reduced and the entrant(s) with the highest card will move to the lowest empty seat number on the Table requiring balancing.

4.3.5 Entrants must promptly move to the table as requested or risk incurring a penalty as described in 7.2.

4.3.6 Where an entrant is re-seated he/she will assume all rights and responsibilities of his/her new position. An entrant moving to a new table is eligible to be dealt a hand in any position, except if they are seated in between the button and the small blind.

- 4.4 In the event of more than one entrant departing from a hand on the same table, places will be allocated relative to the size of the eliminated entrants' tournament chip bank prior to commencement of that particular hand.
- 4.5 In the event of two entrants being eliminated from two separate tables on a corresponding hand, those entrants will be equal in placing regardless of their tournament chip bank at the commencement of that particular hand.
- 4.6 Once a player has lost his/her bank of chips and exhausted all opportunities to re-buy or add-on (as applicable) and is subsequently eliminated from a tournament, he/she will not be permitted to re-enter that particular tournament.

5 Tournament Winners

- 5.1 The tournament winner(s) for a tournament will be the last entrant(s) remaining in that particular tournament after all other entrants have been eliminated.

6 Prize Pool

- 6.1 The Casino Operator may add value to a prize pool in the form of cash, goods or services.
- 6.2 A tournament prize pool will consist of all buy-ins together with any re-buys and add-ons.

6.2.1 Cash Tournament Prize Pool

Entrants in a particular tournament will be advised of the actual prize pool break up prior to the commencement of the tournament. As a guide the following placegetters will be paid dependant on total entries.

- (a) 2 to 9 entrants – first place only paid.
- (b) 10 to 19 entrants – top 3 places paid.
- (c) 20 to 49 entrants - top 5 places paid.

- (d) 50 to 124 entrants - final table paid.
- (e) 125 to 224 entrants - final two tables paid.
- (f) 225 or more entrants – approximately top 10% of entrants paid.

6.2.2 Satellite Prize Pool

- (a) Satellites may be scheduled for a variety of reasons including but not limited to - entry into tournaments during the Australian, Victorian and Melbourne Poker Championships, tournament entries or travel packages to other casinos, trips overseas etc. Tournament Details will always be in accordance with section 1 of these terms and conditions and any satellite prize will be detailed on the tournament structure sheet available to all entrants prior to the commencement of the tournament.

7 Conduct of Play

7.1 The Tournament Director may penalize any entrant who fails to comply with these terms and conditions or whose behaviour is assessed as being detrimental to the integrity or the proper conduct of the tournament, including but not limited to the following examples:

- 7.1.1 Abuse of casino employees, either verbally or physically;
- 7.1.2 Abuse of other entrants, either verbally or physically;
- 7.1.3 An entrant showing his/her card(s) or verbally advising the content of his/her hand to another entrant(s) when **all action for that** round is not complete;
- 7.1.4 Exposing hole card(s) with action pending;
- 7.1.5 Causing card(s) to go off the table;
- 7.1.6 Advising another entrant how to play a hand;
- 7.1.7 Soft-play occurs;
- 7.1.8 Deliberately miscalling a hand;
- 7.1.9 Sitting in the wrong seat; (see condition 3.2)
- 7.1.10 Collusion;

- 7.1.11 Intentionally avoiding payment of a blind when moving from a broken table.
 - 7.1.12 Discussion of the particular hand in play prior to action being complete by any player on the table whether in the hand or not;
 - 7.1.13 One player to a hand rule – no seeking advice from other competitors or bystanders;
 - 7.1.14 Acting out of turn;
 - 7.1.15 Concealing hole cards from other entrant(s); and
 - 7.1.16 Concealing chips from other entrants.**
- 7.2 Penalties imposed may be as follows:
- 7.2.1 One round away from the table (blinds, antes and/or forced bets to be forfeited).
 - 7.2.2 **Two rounds** away from the table (blinds, antes and/or forced bets to be forfeited).
 - 7.2.3 **Three rounds** away from the table (blinds, antes and/or forced bets to be forfeited).
 - 7.2.4 **Four rounds** away from the table (blinds, antes and/or forced bets to be forfeited).
 - 7.2.5 **Time penalties may also be used. Penalties may be 5, 10, 20 or 40 minutes** away from the table (blinds, antes and/or forced bets to be forfeited).
 - 7.2.6 Disqualification from tournament.
- 7.3 The Tournament Director reserves the right to read any unexposed hands to determine whether or not collusion has occurred.
- 7.4 If at the commencement of a tournament an entrant does not take his/her allotted seat at the specified times as nominated by the Tournament Director, and is not disqualified:
- 7.4.1 All antes, blinds and forced bets will be deducted from the set amount of an entrant's tournament chips for each round of wagering until he/she takes his/her allotted seat. The entrant's position at the table will still be dealt in and retain all rights as if he/she was present at the table;

- 7.4.2 In accordance with Clause 2.5 the entrant may nominate in person, a substitute to take his/her allotted seat during any tournament.
- 7.5 During a particular tournament, any entrant who is absent from play will have all antes, blinds and forced bets deducted from the set amount of his/her tournament chips for each round of wagering until he/she returns. The entrant's position at the table will still be dealt in during the absence and retains all rights as if he/she was present at the table.
- 7.6 Any entrant who retires during the course of play, **with no intention of returning** may:
- 7.61 Nominate a substitute in accordance with Clause 2.5 or
- 7.6.2 At the time of retirement have the value of his/her chip stack recorded as his/her final result. **Once recorded, the Tournament Director will remove the bank of chips from play.** Subject to Clause 2.5 the player will remain eligible to progress to the next round/session or final as the case may be or if he/she retires from the final remain eligible to be awarded any applicable prize in accordance with Clause 6.
- 7.7 Prior to the commencement of a tournament all entrants may view the tournament terms and conditions and must abide by them or risk disqualification.
- 7.8 The tournament will be conducted by the Tournament Director and/or his/her deputies in accordance with these terms and conditions and the applicable rules of Poker. In the event of any inconsistency the rules of Poker will prevail.
- 7.9 In the event a tournament or satellite has specific Terms and Conditions that are inconsistent with the rules or procedures for Poker, the variation must be announced to all players and the Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation (VCGR) advised prior to commencement of the tournament.
- 7.10 In the event of a dispute relating to any tournament the decision of the Tournament Director is final.

- 7.11 To the maximum extent permitted by law and without affecting any rights which cannot be excluded under the *Fair Trading Act 1999* (Vic) and the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (Cth), Crown (including the Tournament Director) shall not be liable for any losses whatsoever that may arise from any decision of the Tournament Director under clause 7.10.
- 7.12 A casino patron who has a complaint relating to the conduct of gaming or betting in the casino by the casino operator is entitled to have the complaint investigated by the VCGR pursuant to legislative requirements and the Rules of Poker.