

# OREGON TOURNAMENT POKER

## Special Rules CELL PHONES/TABLETS

Cell phones and tablets are not allowed to be used at the table. (If you MUST answer or talk on your phone, keep it short, otherwise PLEASE step away from the table.)

If you are on the phone when the cards are dealt your cards will be mucked NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

This also goes for texting or playing games on your phone.

## CUTTING THE CARDS

The cards must be cut, no tapping the top of the deck. Cut card must be used.

## TABACCO

No Tobacco of any kind is allowed at the poker table

## General Rules

Players draw to see who will start the game as the Dealer. Dealer responsibility rotates clockwise one player after each hand.

Option: Players May pick 1 player to deal for the table.

Dealer must shuffle cards a minimum of 3 times and offer the cut to his right.

Players must post their blinds in front of them. (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. After all pre flop bets are made all chip are pushed into the middle of the table.

If a card is dealt face-up by accident, (See *Misdeals* below), the Dealer continues to deal all of the hole cards as usual. The Dealer then replaces the improperly dealt card with a new one and the improperly dealt card becomes the first burn card.

Dealer is the only player allowed to touch chips in the pot. Players should make change with other players between hands. If necessary, the player may state his intended action (call, raise) and dealer may make change for the player from the pot.

Please verbally announce your betting action, If “raise” in not called, then any bet will be considered “Just a call”....The bet is 100 and someone, without saying raise, puts in a 500 chip, that will be considered a call, not a raise.

A Verbal statement denoting your action is binding. If you verbally declare fold, check, bet, call or raise, you are forced to take that action. Rapping the table with your hand is a check. Deliberate action out of turn is not allowed. A player who checks out of turn may not bet or raise on their next turn to act.

All raises must be equal to or greater then the size of the previous bet or raise on that betting round, except for an all-in wager.

A player must show all cards in the hand face-up on the table to win any part of the pot. (Unless everyone has folded).

All folded cards will be collected by the dealer and may not be looked at again.

Higher-denomination chips must be placed where they are easily visible to all other players at the table. All tournament chips must remain visible on the table throughout the event. Chips taken off the table or pocketed will be removed from the event, and a player who is caught doing this may be disqualified.

You must protect your own hand at all times. Your cards may be protected with your hand with a chip, or other object placed on top of them. If you fail to protect your hand, you will have no redress if it becomes fouled or dealer accidentally kills it.

Keep your cards on the poker table and in plain view at all times.

String bets are not allowed... A bet (more typically a raise) in which a player doesn't get all the chips required for the raise into the pot in one motion. Unless he verbally declared the raise, he can be forced to withdraw it and just call. This prevents the unethical play of putting out enough chips to call, seeing what effect that had, and then possibly raising.

Do not splash the pot. (To throw into the pot, rather than placing chips in front of you when betting. This is not allowed because it can obscure the amount of money actually being wagered).

Only one player to a hand.

The cards speak for themselves.

Do not reveal your folded cards either physically or verbally..

Players not in the hand must refrain from influencing the play.

Do not “read” the board possibilities out loud.

If you show cards to another player during or after a deal, any player at the table has the right to see those exposed cards.

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.

Late arriving players will be allowed to start if they arrive before the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> break.

If 2 or more players have the same hand at the showdown, the pot is split equally between them. If the pot cannot be split equally, the odd chip is given to the player left of the dealer still in the hand.

Should Small Blind be eliminated player to the right of missing player will deal and blinds are posted as usual. Should Big Blind be eliminated Small Blind is dead and only the Big Blind is posted (the hand following that hand would be dealt by player to right of missing player and blinds posted as usual).

Immediately inform the Tournament Director when a player is eliminated

As players are eliminated remaining players may be moved to consolidate tables.

When a player is eliminated and a move must be made, the player ‘playing a hand’ in the same position (seat), relative to the button, at the highest populated table must move to the eliminated player’s seat. The move must occur before the next hand is dealt at *any* table.

A moved player will be dealt a hand at the start of the next deal and assume any obligation of the new seat including the posting of the big blind.

Players new to a table play are dealt in to next hand unless seated in the Small Blind or Dealer position.

Absent players will be dealt a hand and held responsible for blinds. If player is absent when it is his/her turn to act the hand will be folded.

When only 2 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.

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

If a player has to leave the tournament early they must turn their chips in to the Tournament Director instead of dumping there chips to other players.

#### **MISDEALS:**

The first, second, or either of the dealers cards has been dealt faceup or exposed.

Two or more cards have been exposed by the dealer.

The button was out of position.

Cards have been dealt to an empty seat or a player not entitled to a hand.

#### **DEAD HANDS:**

Your hand is declared dead if:

You use your phone or tablet during the hand.

You fold or announce that you are folding when facing a bet or raise.

You throw your hand away in a forward motion causing another player to act behind you (even if not facing a bet).

Cards thrown into muck may be ruled dead. However, a hand that is clearly identifiable may be retrieved at tournament directors discretion if doing so is in the best interest of the game. We will make an extra effort to rule a hand retrievable if it was folded as a result of false information given to players.

Cards thrown into another player’s hand are dead, whether they are face up or face down.