



## 2011 World Series of Poker® Europe Official Tournament Rules

Hôtel Majestic Barrière / Le Croisette Casino Barrière - Cannes, France

### SECTION I – TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION AND ENTRY

- 1) As used herein, “Barrière” means Lucien Barrière Group Properties, Inc. and its parent, affiliates and subsidiaries including, but not limited to, Barrière casino, Inc, dba Barrière Casino. Lucien Barrière Group reserves the right to refuse anyone entry into the Tournament, in its sole and absolute discretion.
- 2) Presentation - These general terms and conditions apply to all persons registering for a Poker tournament organized by a Barrière casino. Registrations are done online at the website [www.barrierepoker.fr](http://www.barrierepoker.fr) or in the organizing casino.
- 3) Entry into the World Series of Poker Europe (herein “WSOPE” refers to all events from October 7, 2011 through October 20, 2011) is limited to persons 18 years of age and older, with proof of age, that Lucien Barrière Group, acting in its sole and absolute discretion, deems appropriate.
- 4) Conditions - All registrations on this site or in a casino to participate in a poker tournament are restricted to natural persons of legal age not subject to any measures of exclusion. In consequence the following are excluded from participating in tournaments: minors including those declared legally emancipated, persons prohibited from gambling, persons subject to a measure of exclusion by casino management or a voluntary restriction.
  - i. All registrations online or in a casino are limited to one person per tournament. Registrations to participate in a poker tournament are nominative and as such are strictly personal and non-transferable.
  - ii. Registration implies payment of organization and registration fees in advance either online or at the organizing casino. All uses of a bank card in the name of a company or a "corporate" card for such payments are strictly prohibited. All payments made on the website are fully secured through a SSL terminal by the bank Société Générale. All payments are made in euros.
  - iii. The registration will be validated by the organizing casino on the day of the tournament. Upon the day of the tournament, the person registered must come to the casino with a valid ID document. The casino will then issue a document containing civil status data and the address provided when registering online. The casino will then check the identity to ensure that it is consistent with the civil status data indicated in the document and that the person in question is not subject to any of the measures listed above in rule 4.
  - iv. After this verification procedure, if the registration is valid, the casino will issue the registered player a receipt representing an admission card to participate in the tournament on condition that the player signs the document duly completed issued by and returned to the casino thereafter.
- 5) Rejection of participation for non-compliance with measures of prohibition - The casino will retain the organization and registration fees of all persons having registered with payment online for a poker tournament when subject to measures of prohibition listed in rule 4 as a penalty charge for the prejudice incurred.
- 6) Third parties are not permitted to use the WSOPE trademark rights and intellectual property in relation to a satellite tournament unless first approved by Caesars Interactive Entertainment. To receive more information regarding the use of WSOPE trademarks and intellectual property, please contact Daniel Vogel by email at [dvogel@caesars.com](mailto:dvogel@caesars.com).
- 7) Barrière Casino may limit the number of entries into any WSOPE event and may award entries into any event through any means it deems appropriate. Barrière intends to award a limited number of entries through satellite tournaments, third-party marketing arrangements and or other promotional activities in its sole and absolute discretion. Barrière will add the required entry fee(s) to the prize pool.
- 8) Participants are responsible for payment of any and all taxes, licenses, registrations and other fees associated with tournament registration.
- 9) Participants must show their current valid picture identification acceptable to Barrière at Registration. If a participant is not a French citizen, a current passport, is required.
- 10) Participants are responsible for checking their tournament entry receipts before they leave the registration window. All changes must be made before the start of any event.
- 11) Registration will remain open for all events at the tournament director's discretion.
- 12) Late registrants for any event will be subject to the following rules in addition to all other rules. A late registrant is defined as a player that registers for an event after the tournament has officially started. Any player registering after the tournament has officially started will either begin play at the start of the subsequent level or be randomly seated at tables where players have already been eliminated. All late registrants will start the tournament with a full chip stack. In games with blinds, a player who enters during the first round of play will receive no penalty so long as the blinds have not passed their starting position. Players who enter after the first round of blinds must wait until their first opportunity to post to begin play.

- 13) Any player registering for multiple events and who make Day Two, subsequent days or the final table of a particular event, may transfer his or her buy-in for the subsequent event to another event, or may also receive a refund, upon request, provided that the transfer or refund is approved and initiated prior to the beginning of the event from which a transfer or refund is being requested.
- 14) Any player who has not taken a hand by the end of registration will not have their chips removed from play and will not be entitled to a refund. In special circumstances, the tournament director may remove a player's chips from play and grant him/her a refund or transfer to another flight after the tournament has officially started.
- 15) Employees of Caesars Entertainment, Barrière and their parent, subsidiaries, affiliates, owned, operated or managed properties, contractors hired for the operation of the WSOPE or parent companies and immediate family members of such employees are not eligible to play in any WSOPE events, unless approved in advance by Barrière. Immediate Family is defined as: spouse, children and any relative or other person residing in the employee's place of residence.
- 16) Individuals who are excluded from casino facilities, either through a government program or by their own request, are not eligible.
- 17) Each participant must certify their own eligibility.
- 18) No substitutes, transfers or assisted play will be permitted. Barrière reserves the right to accommodate players based on special needs.
- 19) Cancellation by the player - Only a cancellation of a registration when the organizing casino has been notified in writing 15 days before the beginning of the tournament will qualify for the refunding of organization and registration fees. Any other cancellations of a registration after this date (i.e. 15 days before the beginning of the tournament) or in the case of failure to come to the casino to obtain a participation, the casino will retain, except in cases of force majeure, the organization and registration fees as a penalty charge for the prejudice incurred. However, in the event of a case of force majeure that is duly justified, occurring before the remittance of the tournament participation receipt, the organizer will refund the player the registration and organization fees.
  - I. The player who shall be qualified for a poker tournament following another tournament qualification in a Barrière casino may request to be refunded for organization and registration fees for the poker tournament for which he or she was qualified provided that these were already paid. The winnings of a qualifying tournament cannot be claimed in cash by the winners. If a player is unable to participate in the tournament for which he or she has qualified, the tournament director may propose postponing his or her qualification for one or more tournament's according to the amount of the commitment. However, in the event of a duly justified case of force majeure, occurring before receipt of the participation receipt for the tournament in which the player has qualified, the organizer will refund the registration and organization fees to the beneficiary.
- 20) Player acknowledges that the WSOPE will be recorded and published in and through various mediums and media and that such publication shall include, but shall not be limited to, publication of a players "hole cards" and other elements of strategic information. When and immediately upon request of Barrière personnel, WSOPE Participants shall be required to display hole cards. Any Participant who delays or refuses to display said hole cards or otherwise interferes with said request shall be subject to penalties in accordance with rule No's 39, 102, and 103.
- 21) Conduct of the tournament - The Texas Hold'em Poker tournaments in Cash Games for which registrations are made will be governed by regulations in force for this type of tournament. These rules are completed and further specified by the rules of the tournament to which all participants adhere.
- 22) The rights of personal portrayal of the participant (personality rights) - All participants in an tournament organized by a subsidiary of the Lucien Barrière Group authorize its subsidiary or any person it designates to act in its place, to photograph and film them during the tournament and grant Groupe Lucien Barrière and all of its subsidiaries the right to use, directly or otherwise, their sound, image and name for all purposes including notably advertising and commercial purposes and events related to the activities of said companies . The rights transferred over the image include the right of reproduction, adaptation and communication to the public of their image on any medium including notably books, newspapers, magazines, brochures, catalogues, guides, agenda, displays, postcard collections, photocopies, and in any electronic or video form including notably on CD-Rom, CD-I, CD-photo, DVD, internet, intranet or any other media existing now or in the future and through any process existing now or in the future. Use of these aforementioned rights may be exercised directly by the subsidiary organizing the tournament or by Groupe Lucien Barrière SAS and/or indirectly by the company to which the subsidiary organizing the tournament has appointed to act in its place or to transfer said benefits notably by sale, lease, exchange or loan. This authorization is granted without valuable consideration both in France and in other countries for a period of five years from the date of the signature by the participant of the participation bulletin.
- 23) Personal data protection provisions - Information collected through the registration process are automatically processed for the tournament registration participation. Information thus collected is destined for companies of the Groupe Lucien Barrière. Subject to consent granted by participants or in the absence of objection formulated on their part, companies of the Groupe Lucien Barrière or their partners may provide participants with information about their offers and services. In compliance with the French personal data protection act (loi Informatique et libertés), participants have a right to access, correct, and delete information concerning them and a right to prevent being sent commercial canvassing messages from companies of the Groupe Lucien Barrière. Please send any such requests to: Groupe Lucien Barrière, Direction Marketing, 35 bd des Capucines 75002 Paris or by e-mail to [webmaster@lucienbarriere.com](mailto:webmaster@lucienbarriere.com).
- 24) Disputes - For any disputes arising in connection with the interpretation of these terms and conditions and their consequences, the parties undertake to reach in priority an out-of-court settlement. If an out-of-court settlement cannot be reached, the dispute or litigation shall be submitted with courts of competent jurisdiction.

## **SECTION II – TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING**

- 25) Modifications - Tournament dates and times may be modified or cancelled by the casino director up to 72 hours before the beginning of the tournament.
  - I. The Casino reserves the right to modify at any time all or part of these general terms and conditions. In such cases, persons registered shall not be entitled to request any damages or compensation.
- 26) WSOPE Tournament times are approximate. Barrière reserves the right to change WSOPE Tournament times in its sole and absolute discretion.

- 27) Barrière may cancel, modify, relocate or reschedule the WSOPE or any individual event within the WSOPE for any reason with prior notification to the appropriate gaming regulators, to the extent such is required.
- 28) Barrière is not responsible for electronic transmission errors or delays resulting in omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operations or transmission, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to or alterations of entry materials, or for technical, hardware, software, or telephone failures of any kind, lost or unavailable connections, fraud, incomplete, garbled, or delayed computer transmissions, whether caused by Barrière users, or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the promotion or by any technical or human error that may occur in the processing of submissions, any of which may limit, restrict, or prevent a participant's ability to participate in the Tournament.
- 29) Barrière is not responsible for injuries or losses arising or resulting from participation in the WSOPE and is not liable for any acts or omissions by employees, whether negligent or willful, in the conduct of the WSOPE, and is not liable in the event of any equipment or software malfunction. This includes, but is not limited to, any loss of any Tournament chips players leave at playing tables during Tournament play, except during authorized breaks.
- 30) If for any reason the Tournament is not capable of running as planned, including infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes within or beyond the control of Barrière that corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of this Tournament, Barrière reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Tournament.

### **SECTION III – PRIZING AND SEATING**

- 31) Prizes and entries are non-transferable. Prize structures depend on the number of entrants and type of event.
- 32) Winners are responsible for payment of any and all taxes, licenses, registrations and other fees associated with Tournament prizes.
- 33) Winners must show their current valid picture identification (driver's license, passport, etc.) acceptable to Barrière in order to collect prizes. If a participant is not a French citizen, a current passport, consular identification or alien registration card is required.
- 34) Entrants will be assigned to a table and seat through a random computer or manual selection.
- 35) A random seating draw for an event will be determined based on expected participation. Tournament management reserves the right to allow additional table seating beyond expected capacity. In the event tables are added to a tournament beyond the anticipated random draw, those players assigned to the additional tables will be the first to break.
- 36) If the participant is not present at the start of the tournament, all forced antes and blind bets will be removed from an absent player's stack accordingly. After five minutes has elapsed, if there is only one player present at the table, the button will advance one position every two minutes, and the player will be awarded the small blind and the big blind. This process will continue until a second player begins playing at the table. If player shows up and still has chips remaining, he or she may play his or her chips.
- 37) Barrière reserves the right to cancel, change or modify the WSOPE at any time, for any reason, subject to all applicable regulatory approval, provided that such modification shall not, as of the date of such modification, materially alter or change any participant's prize already awarded.
- 38) Non-value tournament chips are used for the tournament and are the exclusive property of Lucien Barrière Group and may not be removed from the Tournament area or the assigned event. Players found to be transferring chips from one event to another or from one player to another will be subject to penalty in accordance with Rule No. 39.

### **SECTION IV – PLAYER CONDUCT AND TOURNAMENT INTEGRITY**

- 39)
  - a) The competitive integrity of all Tournament play at the World Series of Poker Europe is paramount. All participants must adhere to the spirit and letter of the Official Rules of the WSOPE which forbid play or any action that is illegal, unethical or constitutes cheating or collusion in any form.
    - i) Cheating is defined as any act a person engages in to break the established rules of play to gain an advantage.
    - ii) Cheating includes, but is not limited to, acts such as: collusion; chip stealing; transferring non-value Tournament chips from one event to another; card marking; card substitution; or the use of any kind of cheating device.
    - iii) Collusion is defined as any agreement amongst two (2) or more players to engage in illegal or unethical acts against other players.
    - iv) Collusion includes, but is not limited to, acts such as: chip dumping; soft play; sharing card information with another player; sending or receiving signals from or to another player; the use of electronic communication with the intent to facilitate collusion; and any other act that Barrière and WSOPE deem inappropriate.
  - b) All participants are entitled to expect civility and courtesy from one another at every Tournament table and throughout the tournament area. Any individual who encounters behavior that is not civil or courteous -- or is abusive in any way -- is encouraged to immediately contact a tournament official. This shall include, but is not limited to, any player whose personal hygiene has become disruptive to the other players seated at their table. The determination as to whether an individual's personal hygiene is disruptive to other players shall be determined by the tournament staff which may, in its discretion, implement sanctions upon any such player who refuses to remedy the situation in a manner satisfactory to Barrière.
  - c) Barrière will penalize any act that, in the sole and absolute discretion of Lucien Barrière Group, is inconsistent with the official rules or best interests of the tournament.

- d) Anyone found to have engaged in or attempted to engage in any act that tournament officials believe in their sole and absolute discretion compromises or could compromise the competitive integrity of the WSOPE will be subject to sanctions imposed by Lucien Barrière Group. The nature and extent of the sanctions imposed shall be in the sole and absolute discretion of Lucien Barrière Group and may include, but shall not be limited to the following:
- FORFEITURE OF CHIPS
  - FORFEITURE OF PRIZE MONEY
  - EJECTION FROM THE TOURNAMENT
  - LOSS OF PRIVILEGE TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE WSOP EVENTS
  - EXCLUSION FROM ENTERING THE PREMISES OF ALL DESIGNATED AFFILIATES OF LUCIEN BARRIERE GROUP.
- e) Any and all violations of this Code of Player Conduct may be publicly disclosed in an effort to deter future violations and to assist other poker tournaments in identifying players who engage in play or any action that is illegal, unethical, or constitutes cheating or collusion in any form.
- 40) In addition to that authorized in Rule 39, Lucien Barrière Group may impose penalties of any kind or nature upon any person who gives, makes, issues, authorizes or endorses any statement or action having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interest of the tournament as determined by Lucien Barrière Group, acting in its sole and absolute discretion. This may include, but shall not be limited to, expulsion from the event and property, forfeiture of a player's entry fee(s) and/or loss of the right to participate in this and/or any other tournament conducted by Lucien Barrière Group. Additionally, Lucien Barrière Group may in its sole and absolute discretion impose penalties of any kind or nature upon any person who, in Lucien Barrière Group view engages in inappropriate conduct during tournament play.
- 41) Lucien Barrière Group, in its sole and absolute discretion, may also disqualify any person from receiving any prize based upon fraud, dishonesty, violation of promotional rules or other misconduct while on the property, for acts otherwise occurring in relation to the World Series of Poker Europe, or as otherwise reasonable or necessary for Lucien Barrière Group to comply with applicable statutes and regulations. Lucien Barrière Group also reserves the right to exclude any individual(s) acting in a disruptive or inappropriate manner or counter to the best interests of the Tournament.
- 42) Any attempt by any person to deliberately damage, corrupt or undermine the operation of the WSOPE tournament may be a violation of criminal and civil laws. Should such an attempt be made, Lucien Barrière Group reserves the right to seek damages from any such person to the fullest extent of the law.
- 43) All decisions regarding the interpretation of World Series of Poker Europe Rules, player eligibility, scheduling and staging of the tournament, and penalties for misconduct lie solely with Lucien Barrière Group, whose decisions are final.
- 44) Lucien Barrière Group employees will use reasonable efforts to consider the best interests of the tournament and fairness as the top priority in the decision-making process, with the understanding that "best interests of the tournament and fairness" shall be determined by Lucien Barrière Group, acting in its sole and absolute discretion. Unusual circumstances can, on occasion, dictate that the technical interpretation of the rules be balanced against the interest of fairness. Lucien Barrière Group decisions are final and can not be appealed and shall not give rise to any claim for monetary damages, as each participant understands that, while poker is primarily and largely a game of skill, the outcome of any particular hand or event is dependent on many factors, including but not limited to the cards dealt, the cards retained and the actions of other participants.
- 45) Lucien Barrière Group prohibits the use of obscene or foul language in any public area of the casino at any time. Any player who uses such language or makes a foul, profane, obscene or vulgar statement, or speaks abusively or in an intimidating manner to another player, a dealer or a tournament staff member, will be penalized. These penalties will be levied based on Rules 39, 102 and 103.
- 46) Excessive celebration through extended theatrics, inappropriate behavior, or physical actions, gestures, or conduct will be subject to penalty. Any player that engages a member of the tournament staff during the celebration or utilizes any property of Lucien Barrière Group will be penalized in accordance with Rules No. 39, 102, and 103. Lucien Barrière Group property includes but is not limited to chairs, tournament tables, and stanchions.
- 47) Player or staff abuse will not be tolerated. A player will incur a penalty up to and including disqualification for any abuse towards another player or staff member, and the player could be asked to leave the property. Repeated etiquette violations such as touching another player's cards or chips, delay of game and excessive chatter will result in penalties.
- 48) The WSOPE is subject to all applicable laws and regulations, including gaming, and all aspects of the WSOPE are subject to the approval of appropriate regulatory authorities.
- 49) Tournament Rules and any and all changes in the rules and event descriptions for the WSOPE October 7, 2011, through October 20, 2011 in Cannes, France, will be available at the tournament facilities in the Hôtel Majestic Barrière and Le Croisette Casino Barrière as well as on the internet at <http://www.wsop.com/2011/WSOPE>.
- 50) Where a situation arises that is not covered by these rules, Lucien Barrière Group shall have the sole authority to render a judgment, including the imposition of a penalty, in accordance with the best interests of the tournament and the maintenance of its integrity and public confidence.

## **SECTION V – PLAYER LIKENESS AND IMAGE**

- 51) Prior to entering and playing in the tournament, each participant must execute a Player Release Form. Failure to do so may, at the option of Lucien Barrière Group acting in its sole and absolute discretion, subject the player to immediate disqualification at any point in the tournament. If the player is disqualified he or she shall forfeit all entry fees paid and not be entitled to receive any tournament prize monies or any other prize.

- 52) For all tournaments taped for television, participants may wear apparel with multiple logos, patches or promotional language. Lucien Barrière Group reserves the right at all times to impose a ban on any apparel deemed objectionable by Lucien Barrière Group, in its sole and absolute discretion.
- 53) The following are deemed acceptable sizes and placements for events taped for television.
- a) Primary Garment (front and/or back) one each side acceptable. No individual logo, patch or block of promotional language is to be larger than 12 square inches.
  - b) Primary Garment (sleeves or shoulder) – one on each left/right side is acceptable. No individual logo, patch or block of promotional language is to be larger than 9 square inches.
    - i) No single company name, brand, or affiliated and similar name or brand is to be represented more than once on any individual article of clothing.
  - c) Hats may be worn at tables intended for television taping but may not display any logo or promotional language, except for those logoed items sold to the general public through traditional commercial retail outlets. Temporary tattoos, adhesive strips for the skin, and “band-aids” with logos or promotional language are not permitted at any time.
    - ii) At the start of each television taping day, no more than three (3) players at the Final Table – and all other tables featured for television coverage – will be allowed to wear apparel with logos, patches or promotional language from the same entity.
    - iii) Should there be more than three (3) players representing the same entity at the start of a televised final or feature table – and those players can not agree which player will remove or cover their logos for the common entity – a WSOPE official will draw high-card prior to the start of play to determine which players will be allowed to wear the logos of the common entity. After the draw of the high-card, the affected player(s) must either cover the relevant logo(s) or change their apparel.
    - iv) Under no circumstances may players seated at televised final or feature add logos, patches or promotional language to their apparel after the beginning of that day’s session of play.
  - d) Under no circumstances will Lucien Barrière Group permit any Participant to wear any logo, slogan or promotional language of any organization (or any parent, affiliate or subsidiary of any organization) that Lucien Barrière Group, acting in its sole discretion, determines:
    - v) Contains any false, unsubstantiated, or unwarranted claims for any product or service, or make any testimonials that Barrière, in its sole and absolute discretion, considers unethical;
    - vi) Advertises any non-prescription or non “over the counter” drug, tobacco product, handgun or handgun ammunition;
    - vii) Contains any material constituting or relating to a lottery, a contest of any kind in which the public is unfairly treated or any enterprise, service or product that abets, assists or promotes illegal gambling;
    - viii) Contains any material that is defamatory, obscene, profane, vulgar, repulsive or offensive, either in theme or in treatment or that describes or depicts repellently any internal bodily functions or symptomatic results of internal conditions, or refers to matters that are not considered socially acceptable topics;
    - ix) Advertises any pornographic products;
    - x) Includes any element of intellectual property without the owner’s consent to such use or that may give rise to any claim of infringement, misappropriation, or other form of unfair competition;
    - xi) Disparages or libels any person or product;
    - xii) Is engaged in (or is alleged to have been engaged in) conduct that Barrière deems inappropriate, or which Barrière determines could or does negatively impact the business or privileged license of Lucien Barrière Group, its parent or any of its affiliates.;
    - xiii) Are or might be injurious or prejudicial to the interests of the WSOPE or Lucien Barrière Group or is otherwise contrary to honest advertising and reputable business in general. This includes but is not limited to the name or logo of any person or entity that uses or has used the trademarks, trade names or logos of Barrière or its affiliated companies without written authorization from an authorized officer of Lucien Barrière Group;
    - xiv) Barrière reserves the right at all times to impose a ban on any apparel deemed objectionable by Lucien Barrière Group, in its sole and absolute discretion.
  - e) The WSOPE reserves the right to refuse entry or continued participation in an event to any player who does not comply with the aforementioned apparel rules
- 54) Players may not cover or conceal their facial identity. Tournament officials must be able to distinguish the identity of each player at all times and may instruct players to remove any material that inhibits their identification or is a distraction to other players or tournament officials. Players may wear sunglasses and sweat shirts with hoods, but may be asked to remove them if they cannot be identified by tournament officials.

## **SECTION VI – POKER RULES**

- 55) Floor People: The Tournament Director, Managers, and Supervisors are to consider the best interest of the game and fairness as the top priority in the decision-making process. Unusual circumstances can on occasion dictate that decisions in the interest of fairness take priority over the technical rules. The Tournament Director reserves the right to overrule any floor decision.
- 56) The host property reserves the right to cancel or alter any event at its sole discretion in the best interest of the casino or its players.
- 57) Official Language: English or French only will be enforced at all WSOPE tables during Tournament play. Players who violate this rule are subject to penalty in accordance with Rule No. 102.
- 58) Official Terminology of Tournament Poker: Official terms are simple, unmistakable, time-honored declarations like: bet, call, fold, check, all-in, pot (in pot-limit only), and complete. Regional terms may also meet this standard. The use of non-standard language is at player's risk because it may result in a ruling other than what the player intended. It is the responsibility of players to make their intentions clear. See rules 59 and 90.
- 59) Non-Standard and Unclear Betting: Players use unofficial betting terms and gestures at their own risk. These may be interpreted to mean other than what the player intended. Also, whenever the size of a declared bet can have multiple meanings, it will be ruled as the lesser value. For example, "I bet five." If it is unclear whether "five" means 500 or 5,000, the bet stands as 500.
- 60) Conditional statements of future action are strongly discouraged; they may be binding and/or subject to penalty in accordance with Rule No. 102. For example, "if-then" statements such as "if you bet, then I will raise."
- 61) Communication: All cell phones and other voice-enabled and "ringing" electronic devices must be turned off during tournament play. Players not involved in a hand (cards in muck) shall be permitted to text/email at the table, but shall not be permitted to text/email any other player at the table. If the host property, acting in its sole and absolute discretion, believes a player is communicating with another player at the table, both parties will be immediately disqualified from the tournament and face imposition of additional penalties as described in Rule 39. All players desiring to talk on a cell phone must be at least one table length away from their assigned table during all said communication. Those individuals who talk on a cell phone not at least one table length away from their assigned table shall be subject to a penalty to be determined by Tournament Staff. No cell phones or other electronic communication device can be placed on a poker table.
- 62) Approved Electronic Devices: Players are allowed to use as approved electronic devices iPods, MP3 and other music players or noise-reduction headsets during tournament play until they have reached the money in any tournament, so long as the approved electronic devices are not used to collude or cheat in any way. Once players are in the money in any tournament, all approved electronic devices must be removed. An announcement will be made to players once they have reached the money to remove all such electronic devices. Failure to do so will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification, in accordance with Rule No's. 102 and 103.
- 63) Random Correct Seating: Tournament and satellite seats will be randomly assigned. A player who started the tournament in the wrong seat with the correct chip stack amount will be moved to the correct seat and will take their current total chip stack with them. Players who start the tournament in the wrong seat in a shootout or heads-up event will be handled on a case by case basis. Tournament staff reserves the right to relocate players from their assigned seat to accommodate players based on special needs, and to balance tables at the start of the Tournament.
- 64) Breaking Order: The breaking order for an event will be posted at the close of registration for that event. The table to which a player is moved will be specified by a predetermined procedure. Players going from a broken table to fill in seats assume the rights and responsibilities of the position. They can get the big blind, the small blind or the button. The only place they cannot get a hand is between the small blind and the button. The host property reserves the right to alter the breaking order due to unusual circumstances.
- 65) Balancing Tables: Play will halt at any table that is at least three players short. In fields greater than 20 tables, players will be moved from the closest table next to break to the short table. Once a Tournament is below 20 tables, players will be moved from the next table in the breaking order that is at full capacity to the short table. Players moving from a full table to a short table assume the same rights and responsibilities of the position as outlined in Rule No. 64.
- In flop and mixed events when balancing tables, the player who will be the big blind next will be moved from the big blind to the worst position, including taking a single big blind. Worst position is never the small blind. In stud only events, players will be moved by position (the last seat to open up at the short table is the seat to be filled).
  - When the Tournament reaches 12 tables, the remaining tables will be balanced within 1 player until the final table is reached. There will be a re-draw for seat assignments when play reaches 3 tables, again at 2 tables, and for the final table seat assignments for events that have 100 or more participants. For events with less than 100 participants but more than 50, there will be a re-draw at 2 tables and again for final table seat assignments.
  - In non-bracelet events, tables will be balanced by moving players from the next closest table. Tables will be balanced within 1 player, and redraws will occur between playing days and for the final table.
- 66) Number of Players at Final Table: In nine (9) handed, 10 handed, and Shootout events, the final table will consist of 10 players. The final table of the WSOPE Main Event will consist of nine (9) players. In six-handed events, the final table will consist of seven (7) players.
- 67) Declarations: Cards speak. Verbal declarations as to the content of a player's hand are not binding; however at the host property's discretion, any player deliberately miscalling his hand will be subject to penalty in accordance with Rule No. 102.
- 68) Face up for All-Ins: All cards will be turned face up once a player is all in and all betting action for the hand is complete. If a player accidentally folds/mucks their hand before cards are turned up, the Tournament Staff reserves the right to retrieve the folded/mucked cards if the cards are clearly identifiable.
- 69) Killing Winning Hand: A dealer cannot kill a winning hand that was tabled and was obviously the winning hand. Players are encouraged to assist in reading tabled hands if it appears that an error is about to be made.
- 70) Showdown: At the end of the last round of betting, the player who made the last aggressive betting action in that betting round must show first. If there was no bet in the last round, the player to the left of the button shows first, and so on in a clockwise direction. At showdown, any player at the table may request to see a folded hand from any player who has called all bets on the last round of betting. The winning hand must be shown to

claim the pot. If a player refuses to show their hand and intentionally mucks his or her hand, the player in violation will receive a penalty, in accordance with Rule No. 102.

- 71) Awarding Odd Chips: In flop games, the odd chip(s) will go to the left of the button.
- 72) Side Pots: Each side pot will be split as a separate pot. Pots will not be mixed together before they are split.
- 73) Playing the Board: A player must show both of his or her cards when playing the board to get part of the pot.
- 74) Disputed Pots: The right to dispute a hand ends when a new hand begins. A hand begins with the first riffle.
- 75) Chip race: Race-off is defined as removal of a denomination chip no longer in use. When it is time to color-up chips, they will be raced off with a maximum of one chip going to any player. The chip race will always start at the first player left of the dealer. A player cannot be raced out of a Tournament. In the event that a player has only one chip remaining, the regular race procedure will take place. If that player loses the race, he or she will be given one chip of the smallest denomination still in play. Players found to have lower denomination chips remaining in their stack after the race-off will forfeit those chips unless they are equivalent in value to a chip still in play. Players are encouraged to witness the chip race.
- 76) Deck changes will be on the dealer push or limit changes or as prescribed by the host property. Players may not ask for deck changes unless a card is damaged.
- 77) New Hand and New Limits: When time has elapsed in a round and a new round is announced by a member of the tournament staff, the new limits apply to the next hand. As stated in Rule No. 74, a new hand begins with the first riffle.
- 78) Calling-for-clock: Once a reasonable amount of time, which is no less than two minutes has passed, and a clock is called, a player will be given one (1) minute to act. If action has not been taken by the time the minute has expired, there will be a ten (10) second countdown followed by a declaration or stop watch alarm. If a player has not acted before the declaration or alarm sounds, the hand will be dead. Floor People reserve the right to speed up the amount of time allotted for a clock if it appears that a player is deliberately stalling. Any player intentionally stalling the progress of the game will incur a penalty in accordance with Rule No. 102.
- 79) Rabbit Hunting: In cases where hands are concluded prior to the last card being dealt, the next card to be dealt will not be exposed under any circumstances. This prohibited practice is commonly referred to as "rabbit hunting."
- 80) At Your Seat: A player must be at his or her seat by the time all players have been dealt complete initial hands to have a live hand. Players must be at their seats to call time.
- 81) Action Pending: Players must remain at the table if they still have action pending on a live hand. If a player leaves the table before they have acted on their hand, a penalty, in accordance with Rule No. 102, will be enforced when the player in violation returns to the table.
- 82) Anytime before the end of the last betting round of a hand, folding in turn when facing a check or folding out of turn are both binding folds and may be subject to penalty in accordance with Rule No. 102.
- 83) Dead Button: Tournament play will use the dead button rule. Dead Button is defined as a button that cannot be advanced due to elimination of a player or the seating of a new player into a position between the small blind and the button.
- 84) Dodging Blinds: A player who intentionally dodges his or her blind(s) when moving from a broken table must forfeit both blinds and incur a penalty, in accordance with Rule No. 102.
- 85) Button in Heads Play: In flop games, the small blind is on the button and acts first pre-flop and last on all subsequent rounds. The last card is dealt to the button. When beginning heads-up play, the button may need to be adjusted to ensure no player takes the big blind twice.
- 86) Misdeals: In flop games, exposure of one of the first two cards dealt is a misdeal. Players may be dealt two consecutive cards on the button. The following situations may also be cause for a misdeal but are not limited to: a) two or more extra cards have been dealt, b) two or more boxed cards, c) the first card was dealt to the wrong position d) cards have been dealt to an empty seat or a player not entitled to a hand or e) a player has been dealt out who is entitled to a hand provided substantial action has not occurred. Substantial action is considered: three folds, three checks, or any two actions consisting of a check/bet/call/fold except for two folds or two checks.
- 87) Four-Card Flop: If the flop contains four (rather than three) cards, whether exposed or not, the dealer shall scramble the four cards face down. A tournament official will be called to randomly select one card to be used as the next burn card and the remaining three cards will become the flop.
- 88) Verbal Declarations / Action in Turn: Verbal declarations in turn regarding wagers are binding. Players must act in turn at all times. Action out of turn will be binding if the action to that player has not changed. A check, call or fold is not considered action changing. If a player acts out of turn and the action changes, the person who acted out of turn may change their action by calling, raising or folding and may have their chips returned. Players may not intentionally act out of turn to influence play before them. Violators will receive a penalty in accordance with Rule No. 102.
- 89) All chips put into the pot in turn stay in the pot. If a player has raised and his or her hand is killed before the raise is called, the player may be entitled to the raise back, but will forfeit the amount of the call. Any chips put into the pot out of turn fall under the action "may or may not be binding" Rule No. 88.
- 90) Method of Raising: In no-limit or pot-limit, a raise must be made by a.) Placing double the full amount of the previous bet into the pot in one or more continuous motion(s) without going back toward the player's stack or b.) Verbally declaring the full amount prior to the initial placement of chips into the pot or c.) Verbally declaring "raise" prior to the placement of the amount to call into the pot and then completing the action with one additional motion back to the player's stack. It is the player's responsibility to make their intentions clear.
- 91) Raises: A raise must be at least the size of the previous bet on the current betting round. If a player puts in a raise of 50% or more of the previous bet but less than the minimum raise, he must make a full raise. The raise will be exactly the minimum raise allowed (see exception for multiple same-denomination chips in Rule 40). In no-limit and pot limit, an all-in wager of less than a full raise does not reopen the betting to a player who has already acted. (The half-the-size rule for reopening the betting is for limit poker only.)

- 92) **Oversized Chip Betting:** Putting a single oversized chip or multiple same-denomination chips into the pot will be considered a call if the player doesn't announce a raise. For example, pre-flop, blinds are 200-400: A raises to 1,200 total (an 800 raise), B puts out two 1,000 chips without declaring raise. This is just a call because removing one 1,000 chip leaves less than the amount needed to call the 1,200 bet. If a player puts an oversized chip into the pot and says, "Raise," but doesn't state the amount, the raise will be the maximum allowable up to the denomination of that chip. To make a raise with a single oversized chip, a verbal declaration must be made before the chip hits the table surface. After the flop, an initial bet of a single oversized chip without comment will signify a bet equal to the size of the chip.
- 93) **Number of Raises:** There is no cap on the number of raises in no-limit games. In limit events there will be a maximum of one bet and four raises, even if there are only two players remaining in the hand. Once the Tournament becomes heads-up, this rule does not apply. There may be unlimited raises at the heads-up level.
- 94) **Pot Size and Pot Limit Bets:** Players are entitled to be informed of the pot size in pot-limit games only. Dealers will not count the pot in limit and no-limit games. If requested, dealers may spread the pot so that it can be counted by a player. Declaring "I bet the pot" is not a valid bet in no-limit but it does bind a player to making at least the minimum bet.
- 95) **Strings Bets and Raises:** Dealers will be responsible for calling string bets/raises. All players at the table are encouraged to assist in calling a string bet/raise if a dealer fails to identify it. String bets/raises called by a player must be verified by a floor person. A string bet/raise is defined as attempting a bet or raise in multiple movements that include a return to a player's stack without a prior verbal declaration of intent or visual deception intended to induce action out of turn before a player's action is complete.
- 96) **Accepted Action:** Poker is a game of observation. It's the player's responsibility to ensure the accuracy of another player's bet and/or all-in wager regardless of what is stated by the dealer and/or other players at the table. If a player requests a count but receives incorrect information from the dealer or another player at the table, then places said amount into the pot, it is assumed he/she is accepting the action and will be subject to the correct wager and/or all-in amount.
- 97) **Chip stacks Kept Visible and Countable:** Players are entitled to a reasonable estimation of an opponent's chip count; thus chips should be kept in countable stacks. Clean stacks in multiples of 20 are recommended as a standard. Players must keep their higher denomination chips visible and identifiable at all times. Floor People will control the number & denomination of chips in play and may color up at their discretion. Discretionary color ups are to be announced.
- 98) **Chips in Transit:** All chips must be visible at all times. Players may not hold or transport tournament chips in any manner that takes them out of view or out of the tournament area. A player who does so will forfeit the chips and face disqualification. The forfeited chips will be taken out of play.
- 99) **Protect Your Hand:** Players must protect their own hands at all times. If a dealer or player kills or fouls an unprotected hand, the player will have no redress and will not be entitled to his or her money back. If the player initiated a bet or raise and hasn't been called, the uncalled bet or raise will be returned to the player.
- 100) **Dead Hands in Stud:** In stud poker, if a player picks up their upcards while facing action, their hand is dead.
- 101) **Foreign Objects:** There will be no foreign objects on the table except for a maximum of one card cap. Card caps can be no larger than two (2) inches in diameter and no more than one-half (1/2) inch in depth. Players may not place any food or beverages on the poker table with the exception of one (1) capped bottle of water.
- 102) **Penalties:** In its sole and absolute discretion, the host property may impose penalties ranging from a verbal warning, one missed hand away from the table up to disqualification and expulsion from all the host property. Penalties will be invoked in cases of soft-play, abuse or disruptive behavior, and cheating or collusion. A penalty will also be imposed if a player throws a card off the table, forcefully mucks their cards causing one or all cards to turn over, violates the one-player-to-a-hand rule or engages in similar behavior.
- a) Tournament officials can assess a verbal warning, a missed hand, or one-round, two-round, three-round or four-round penalties and disqualification.
  - b) A missed-hand penalty will be assessed as follows: The offender can miss one hand or one to four rounds of hands away from the table. The offender's missed hand is counted as part of the round when a penalty is given.
  - c) Players who receive a missed-hand penalty must remain outside the designated tournament areas for the length of their penalty.
  - d) The player must notify the tournament staff prior to returning to their seat. Repeat infractions are subject to escalating penalties up to disqualification.
  - e) Barrière will maintain a written log of all penalties issued throughout the duration of the WSOPE.
  - f) It should be noted that penalties may not always be imposed in successive manner. Tournament staff in their sole discretion, for example, can disqualify a person for a first offense if action of player is deemed worthy. Or a player, for example, may forego a warning and be assessed a three round penalty. Players should know any conduct deemed penalty-worthy could result in a wide range of discipline for a first offense.
- 103) **Disqualification:** A player who is disqualified shall have his or her chips removed from play and no refund will be provided to that disqualified player. Any player who forfeits play for health or other personal reasons after the start of a tournament will have his or her chips blinded off accordingly.

**Table Talk / Disclosure:** Players are obligated to protect the other players in the tournament at all times. Therefore, whether in a hand or not, players may not:

1. Disclose contents of live or folded hands,
2. Advise or criticize play at any time,
3. Read a hand that hasn't been tabled,
4. Discuss strategy with an outside source.



- The one-player-to-a-hand rule will be enforced.

#### Special Exceptions

- A player is allowed to mention the strength or content of his/her hand if no other player in the hand will have a decision to make.
- In heads-up events or when down to the last two players in a tournament, players may speak freely regarding the contents of their hands.
- The Floor Person reserves the right use his/her judgment to determine if one player intentionally helped another player. Players who violate this rule are subject to penalty in accordance with Rules 39, 102, and 103.

104) Exposing Cards: A player exposing his or her cards with action pending will incur a penalty, but will not have a dead hand. The penalty will begin at the end of the hand. All players at the table are entitled to see the exposed card(s), if requested.

105) Ethical Play: Poker is an individual game. Soft play will result in penalties that may include forfeiture of chips and/or disqualification. Chip dumping will result in disqualification.

106) Etiquette Violations: Repeated etiquette violations will result in the imposition of penalties assessed by the Tournament Staff. Examples include, but are not limited to, unnecessarily touching other players' cards or chips, delay of the game, repeatedly acting out of turn or excessive chatter.

107) End of Day: Ten minutes prior to the end of days play for any event, a random card will be drawn to determine how many additional hands will be played. Playing Cards 3-7 will be used and a random player will be asked to pick a card face down.

108) Hand for Hand: Upon nearing the "Money" (the first level of the prize pool payout), a "Hand-for-Hand" method of determining player placement within the prize pool and the actual amount of prize pool disbursement within that event will be utilized. This will begin by completing the current hand in progress at all tables. Once all hands are complete, the dealer at each table will deal one hand only, then – once the hand is complete – suspend play. This process will continue until enough players have been eliminated to reach the money. During the Hand-for-Hand process, more than one player may be eliminated during the same hand. If two players are eliminated during the same hand at different tables, both players will "tie" for that place finish. If two players are eliminated during the same hand at the same table, the player who began that hand with the highest chip count will receive the higher place finish.