



## 2015 World Series of Poker Europe®

### General House Rules and Participant conduct

1. The Floor personnel are to consider the best interest of the Tournament and fairness as the top priority in the decision making process. Unusual circumstances can dictate that the interest of fairness take priority over the technical interpretations of the rules.  
Floor decisions are final.
2. We would explicitly like to point out that any form of manipulation / soft-play, touching another player's cards or chips, removal of chips, unreasonable delaying of play, repeated out of turn action, throwing cards off the table or behavior leading to an interruption of the game would be a violation of this Code of Participant Conduct and General House rules and may result in disqualification from the tournament.
3. If irregularities occur in the play the tournament staff should be immediately contacted. Participants may criticize any action until the start of the next hand.
4. Inappropriate behavior and disrespect towards other guests and staff will not be tolerated and will result in removal from the game.
5. For fair and transparency in gameplay, it is very important that participants always announce the action and make their intentions clear to the dealer. Action without verbally announcing can be misunderstood and may be voided. In such cases the floor personnel will use reasonable efforts to consider the best interest of the tournament dictate from the house rules and the fairness.
6. The dealers are instructed to confirm the announced information from the participant and announce the action that contributes to the flow of the game. It is not part of their task to provide bet, raise or all in values unless queried by a participant or verifying a participant's verbal declaration. Dealers are not allowed to provide any further information. Dealers are not permitted to conduct a conversation in the poker room. Dealers cannot adjust incorrect gameplay. Decisions made by the dealer can be reconsidered by the Floor personnel.
7. Official Terminology of Tournament Poker is simple and unmistakable declarations like bet, raise, call, fold, check, and all-in. The use of non-standard language is at participants' risk because it may result in a ruling other than what the participant intended. It is the responsibility of the participant to make their intentions clear.
8. The official tournament languages are German and English. Using other languages may result in a game exclusion.

9. Electronic devices and print media are not permitted and can be placed neither on the cash game nor on the tournament table. They may be positioned in a participant's pocket, on their lap or on the side table (the poker table includes any part of it including the rail). Only chips and cards may be on the table and if needed one card protector. See also, rule 80.
  - The floor personnel have the right to prevent the use of electronic devices and communication on the tournament table.
10. The immediate surroundings of the gaming tables are a discreet area. Spectators are allowed only with approval of the floor personnel. Keep distance from the poker tables.
11. Participants are obligated to protect the other participants at all times. Therefore, whether in a hand or not, participants may not:
  - Disclose contents of live or folded hands.
  - Advise or criticize play while the action.
  - Read a hand that hasn't been tabled.
  - Discuss strategy with an outside source while involved in a hand.

Special Exceptions:

- A participant is allowed to mention the strength or content of his/her hand if no other participant in the hand will have a decision to make.
  - In heads-up events or when down to the last two participants in a Tournament, participants may speak freely regarding the contents of their hands.
  - The Floor Person reserves the right use his/her judgment to determine if one participant intentionally helped another participant. Participants who violate this rule are subject to penalty.
12. The one-participant-to-a-hand rule will be enforced. All cards turned face up must be shown to the participants. Show one-show all.
  13. Decks will be changed by the Spielbank Berlin employees. Participants may not ask for decks changes.
  14. Rabbit hunting is not allowed. If the hand is completed no further cards will be dealt.
  15. Participants have to inform themselves about the pot size. Dealers will not count the pot. (Except in PLO games)  
The Dealer should always count in the pot (sinking of the tax). In case of need the pot must be counted (calculation of the tax).
    - All placed bets in PLO are part of the pot size. (Even Dead Money or Extra Blind)
  16. Dealers will be responsible for recognizing String Bets/ Raises. (Delayed bets or raises). A string bet is defined as attempting a bet or raise in multiple movements. That may include a return to a participants stack without a prior verbal declaration of intent or visual deception intended to induce action out of turn before a participant's action is complete. All string bets/raises must be verified by floor personnel.
  17. The pot may contain odd chips. If a split pot involves an odd chip, the player seated closest to the left of the button receives the odd chip. If there is a side pot, every side pot would be split separately.

18. If one of the hole cards will be accidentally face up, the participant to whom it belongs will receive a new one card after ending the deal of this hand. The face up card will be removed and burned before the board cards are shown. The participant on the button may receive two cards in a row.
  19. Every card that falls off the poker table is called an exposed card. If the card falls during the deal it will be used as burn card and the participant will get the second card as the last. When the hand ends the deck must be changed.
  20. Misdeal results in re-deal of the hand:
    - The deck is not mix or cut.
    - One of the first two cards in the deck during the deal is faced up.
    - Cards are dealt to a seat not entitled to a hand.
    - A participant entitled to a hand is dealt out.
    - Two or more cards are discovered visible or face up in the deck.
- If substantial actions occurs before the misdeal was discovered then a misdeal cannot be declared and the hand must proceed.
- Substantial action is defined as two actions in turn, at least one of which is bet or call (any actions except two checks or two folds) or any combination of three actions in turn (check, bet, raise, call or fold).
21. Fouled deck: (a deck with minor amounts of cards, defect or marked cards) Play continues until the hand is completed. Then the deck will be changed.
  22. Fault deck: (a deck with greater amounts of cards or identical cards) The hand will be canceled. The participants will receive their exact bets back.
  23. A card discovered face up in the deck is called a boxed card. If a boxed card is discovered in the deck it has to be removed and treated as a non-existent card. Three or more boxed cards will result in the hand being misdealt.
  24. Participants with live hands cannot step away from the table.
  25. It is the responsibility of the participant when raising to make their intentions clear. No-limit and pot-limit Games:
    - A raise must be made by placing the full amount in the pot in one motion.
    - Verbally declaring the full amount prior to the initial placement of chips into the pot.
    - Verbally declaring “raise” prior to the placement of the exact amount to call into the pot and then completing the action with one additional motion.
  26. The raise must be equal to or greater than the size of the previous bet or raise on that betting round. If a participant puts in a raise of 50% or more of the previous bet but less than the minimum raise, the participant will be required to make a full raise.
  27. An all in wager of less than a full raise doesn't reopen the betting to a participant who has already acted. Placing less than the full amount to make a raise but more than a minimum call, without verbally announcing “raise”, will be recognized as a call (with consideration of the 50% regulation). See appendix<sup>2</sup>

28. Methods of Calling: Standard and acceptable forms of calling include: A) verbally declaring “call”; B) pushing out chips equal to a call; C) silently pushing out an oversized chip; or D) silently pushing out multiple chips equal to a call under the multiple-chip betting rule. Silently betting chip(s) relatively tiny to the bet (ex: NLHE blinds 2k-4k. A bets 50k, B then silently puts out a single 1k chip) is non-standard, strongly discouraged, subject to penalty, and will be interpreted at TD’s discretion, including being ruled a full call.
29. Verbal statements in turn are binding. Actions out of turn will be binding if the action to that participant has not changed. A raise or a bet is considered action changing. Chips placed in the pot out of turn must stay in the pot pending the action of the participant in turn. If the action changes the participant acts out of turn may have their chips returned. All participants must act in turn and make their intentions clear.
30. Declarations: Cards speak to determine the winner. Verbal declarations of hand value are not binding at showdown. However, deliberately miscalling a hand may be penalized. Any participant, in the hand or not, should speak up if he or she thinks a mistake is being made in the reading of hands. However at Spielbank’s discretion, any participant deliberately miscalling his or her hand will be subject to penalty.
31. Participants are entitled to an estimation of opponent’s chip stack. It is recommended for participants to build countable stacks of 20 chips. Higher denomination chips must be visible and identifiable at all times. When changing tables chip racks must be used to transport chips. It is not allowed to take the tournament chips out of the poker table.
32. Putting a single oversized chip or multiple same-denomination chips into the pot will be considered a call if the participant doesn’t make his/ her intension clear. If a Participant says “raise” as an oversized chip is placed into the pot, but doesn’t declare the amount, the raise will be the domination of that chip. The participant must announce “raise” prior to the chip landing on the table surface.
33. Previous Bet Chips Not Pulled In: If a participant faces a raise and has chips in front of him not yet pulled in from a prior bet, those chips (and any change due) may affect whether his betting response to the raise is a call or re-raise. Because several possibilities exist, participants are encouraged to verbally declare their bet before putting out new chips on top of chips from a prior bet not yet pulled in.
34. Over-Betting Expecting Change. Betting action should not be used to obtain change. Example: The opening bet is 325 to A and he silently puts out 525 (one 500 and one 25), expecting 200 change. This is a raise to 650 under the multiple chip rule. Putting out more than the intended bet can confuse everyone at the table. All chips pushed out silently are at risk of being counted as part of the bet.
35. Number of Raises:
  - A. There is no cap on the number of raises in no-limit games.
  - B. In limit events there will be a maximum of one bet and four raises, even if there are only two participants remaining in the hand. Once the Tournament becomes heads-up (that is, only two participants remain in the entire Tournament), this rule does not apply. There may be unlimited raises at the heads-up level.

36. A hand is considered folded upon being touched to the burn cards, the board or the discard pile while face down, by either the participant or the dealer. The floor personnel may retrieve a technically mucked hand and declared it live if they believe there is a good cause to do so and the correct hand is clearly retrievable. When facing a bet, a participant who releases their cards with a distinct forward motion will be deemed to have folded their hand. Out of turn folds are binding.
37. It is not advisable to make statements for future actions. All statements may be binding.
38. The participant must table all hole cards in order to get part of the pot, even if playing the board.
39. To protect the integrity of the game, the floor personnel can on demand take a look at the cards of the participants.
40. A hand is considered tabled when all cards are placed face up on the table. Flashing cards, waving them around, holding them up, etc... are not recognized as a tabled hand. Hands will not be read and cannot win the pot until they are tabled.
41. All participants must keep their cards visible at all times. Participants are encouraged to use a card cap, rather than their hands, to protect their cards. This card cap also known as a card protector guarantees that the cards will be easily seen. Participants may at no time hide their cards or disguise them in any way.
42. If a dealer kills an unprotected hand, the participant will have no redress and will not be entitled to his or her money back. In the case that the participant initiated a raise and the raise hasn't been called yet, that participant could be entitled to receive the raise amount back. If the raise has been already called, that participant could be eliminated from the tournament.
43. Participants who show their cards to a participant who has already folded and then fold their cards themselves can be excluded from the game. Dealers seeing this motion are instructed to hold those cards outside of the muck and show them to the entire table when the hand is completed.
44. The right to dispute a hand ends when a new hand begins. A new hand begins with the first riffle. When using a shuffle machine, the new hand will be determined by the dealer pushing the start riffle button.
45. If a participant requests a count but receives incorrect information from the dealer or another participant:
  - If the amount of chips is smaller than the stated amount and accepted wager the calling participant shall only be required to pay the stated chip value.
  - If the amount of chips is larger than the stated amount and accepted wager the calling participant shall only be required to pay the declared chip value.
46. If a participant turns up all his / her cards before the hand is completed, his / her hand will be considered a live hand.
47. The participant who made the last aggressive action (bet or raise) must begin with the showdown. If there is only one participant remaining with cards, they do not have to show a winning hand to collect the pot. If all participants checked on the final round of betting, the showdown proceeds from the left of the dealer/button.

48. An acknowledged all in wager commits a participant's entire stack to the hand, including any hidden chips. However, the all in participant is not allowed to benefit from the hidden chips.
49. A dealer cannot kill a winning hand that was tabled and was obviously the winning hand.
50. Poker is an individual game. Soft play, chip dumping and collusion are not permitted.
51. If the flop contains four cards the dealer shall scramble the cards face down. One of the four cards will be randomly selected and used as the next burn card.
52. During heads-up play, the small blind is on the button and acts first. When beginning heads up play, the button may need to be adjusted to ensure no participant takes the big blind twice in a row.
53. Spielbank Berlin will be publishing the Tournament schedule. Spielbank Berlin reserves the right to change in the short term the tournament schedule or also to modify or cancel the tournament events.
54. Time levels and limits are raised in accordance with the published timetable. In special cases the tournament management can change the schedule.
55. The dealer button begin in the first live seat to the dealer's right or be drawn by the tournament personnel with "high card by suit" ♠, ♥, ♦, ♣. This draw will determine the button position at the beginning of each event and for the entire tournament field.
56. The placement in the tournament will be determined randomly and based on the expected number of participants.
57. The participants may not change their seats or tables unless it is organized by the tournament staff or the management. The tournament staff reserves the right to accommodate participants based on special needs. More tournament tables may be added by the tournament staff.
58. The minimum participants on one tournament table are four. In case the participants are less than four the dealer must immediately contact the tournament staff.
59. A participant must be at his/her seat when the dealer delivers the last card off of the deck to complete the initial deal in order to have a live hand. Dealers are instructed to muck the hands of participants not at their seats immediately after the last card is dealt to the last active participant at the table. In the case of temporary absence of the participant the dealer must deal the cards. A blind and an ante are forced bets and must to be paid by the dealer from the table stack even when the participant is absent.
60. The floor personnel will oversee the count and the value of the tournament chips. The floor personnel and the management reserves the right to make decisions about the exchange of tournament chips in those with a higher value.
61. The number of participants on the tournament tables must be the same. Otherwise the tables have to be balanced. Table balancing means the participant who will be next the big blind will be moved from the tournament table. The participant going from a broken table to the balancing table will be post, in the case that more than one seat is available, on the seat closer to the big blind.

62. After the breaking order the new seating order will be randomly assigned. All participants taking their places on the tournament tables assume the rights and responsibilities of the position (button, small blind, big blind). They will not receive a hand between the small blind and the button.
63. Participants who intentionally dodge their blinds or attempt to delay taking their seat on the new table when moving from a broken table may forfeit their chips.
64. When chips are raced off, each tournament participant can win a maximum of one chip with the next higher value. The chip race will always start at the seat 1. For each non-exchangeable chip the participant will receive one card dealt. The chips will be determined by the ranking of the cards. A participant cannot be raced out of a tournament. A participant losing his remaining chip in a race will get one chip of the lowest denomination still in play. Participants found to have lower denomination chips that do not fully total at least the smallest denomination still in play will forfeit those chips. The participants are encouraged to witness the chip race.
65. All events will be played using a dead button, if the player who would otherwise have been the button is eliminated on the previous hand.
66. Participants must keep their tournament chips fully visible at all times and remove these secure by using chip trays. Failure to do will result in chips being removed from play and participant may be disqualified.
67. Chips racks / trails on the tournament table are not permitted.
68. Once a participant is all in and all betting action for the hand is completed all cards must be turned face up. If a participant accidentally folds their hand before cards are turned up, the floor personnel reserves the right to retrieve the folded cards if the cards are clearly identifiable. A participant who intentionally mucks / folds his / her hand may be penalized.
69. If multiple participants are playing on the side with an all-in participant in the main pot, all side pot participants who make it to the river showdown will be required to show their cards as well as the all-in participant. No participant is allowed to fold a river showdown of the side pot with an all-in participant in the main pot. The dealer is instructed to turn up all hands as live and the hands will retain the ability to collect the pot.
70. Participants wishing to re-buy may not miss a hand.
71. Once a reasonable amount of time has passed and a clock is called, a participant will be given 50 seconds to act. There will be a 10 seconds countdown if an action has not taken place. If a participant has not acted on this hand by the time the countdown is over, the hand will be dead.
  - The floor personnel reserves the right to speed up the amount of time allowed for a clock if it appears that a participant is deliberately stalling.
72. New limits will be announced by the floor personnel or by using a clock. The new level applies to the next hand. A new hand begins with the first riffle regarding when a shuffle master is being used, with the push of the start button to access the deck.

73. Final tables will have the number of participants at a full table for the event, plus one more participant. (ex: 9-handed events seat 10 at the final table, 8-handed stud seats 9, 6-handed seats 7, etc.). No final table should seat more than 10.
74. In order to avoid delays the rules for multiple-day tournaments are as follows:
- The tournament director / floor personnel will stop the clock by the last tournament level for the last 15 minutes.
  - The tournament director / floor personnel will determine how many additional hands will be played beginning with the riffle.
75. Hand-by-hand: In poker tournaments, the order of elimination is the means of determining participant rank. Approaching the point at which prize money will be distributed, the tournament will switch to a hand-by-hand procedure. If two or more participants are eliminated in the same hand at different tables, all participants will tie for that place finish. If the participants are at the same table, the participant who began that hand with the highest chip count will receive the higher place finish.
- Called all-in: during hand-by-hand play, when the dealer has a called all-in at their table, all action remaining on that table must to be stopped including asking the participants to not reveal their hands. This all-in table will wait to finish its hand until all other tables remaining in the tournament have completed that specific hand. In this case, floor personnel will attend the all-in table and instruct them to complete the hand. In the case of multiple tables having called all-ins, they will all be paused and played out one at a time until all tables have completed that specific hand.
  - After Hand-for-Hand begins, the current level will continue through the expiration of the clock. Should the clock / level expire before the procedure is complete, one additional time level will be added with the same limits as the expired level. If Hand-for-Hand concludes during this additional level, the clock will advance to the start of the next level of play. Should the procedure extend beyond the duration of one additional level, play will continue per the structure sheet.
76. Participants at final table: the button will begin in the last seat.
77. Agreements before the “bubble,” for example by a continuous folding to the big blind, are not allowed. (The "bubble" occurs when there is one more participant left to be eliminated before the final table is formed or the point of the tournament when the next participant eliminated will not receive any money.)
78. Heads- up at final table is played with Ante because it is part of the game.
79. Dead Hands and Mucking in Stud: In stud poker, if a participant picks up the up-cards while facing action, the hand is dead. Proper mucking in stud is turning down all up cards and pushing them all forward face down. Up-cards must remain in the order received; reorganization may result in a penalty or a dead hand.
80. Foreign Objects: There will be no foreign objects on the table except for a maximum of one card cap (also known as a card protector). Card caps can be no larger than two (2) inches in diameter and no more than one-half (1/2) inch in depth. Participants may not place any food or beverages on the poker table with the exception of one (1) capped bottle of water.

81. Penalties: In its sole and absolute discretion, Spielbank may impose penalties ranging from a verbal warning, one missed hand away from the table up to disqualification and expulsion from the Casino. 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 participant throws a card off the table, forcefully mucks their cards causing one or all cards to turn over, violates the one-participant-to-a-hand rule or engages in similar behavior. One-participant-to-a-hand means a participant may not receive advice from anyone while in a hand and may not provide advice to any participant while that participant is in a hand.

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. Participants who receive a missed-hand penalty must remain outside the designated Tournament areas for the length of their penalty.

D. The participant must notify the Tournament staff prior to returning to their seat. Repeat infractions are subject to escalating penalties up to disqualification.

E. Spielbank will log all penalties issued throughout the duration of the WSOP Europe.

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 participant is deemed worthy. Or a participant, for example, may forego a warning and be assessed a three round penalty. Participants should know any conduct deemed penalty-worthy could result in a wide range of discipline for a first offense.

82. Disqualification: A participant who is disqualified shall have his or her chips removed from play and no refund will be provided to that disqualified participant. Any participant who forfeits play for health or other personal reasons after the start of a Tournament will have his or her chips blinded off accordingly.

83. 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 participant who registers for an event after the Tournament has officially started. Any participant 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 participants have already been eliminated. All late registrants will start the Tournament with a full chip stack. Participants do not have to post to begin play, but must assume first available starting position at the table.

84. No Show Policy: Any participant who has not taken a hand by the start of the third level will be considered a "no show." These participants will have their chips removed from play and will not be eligible to participate in that event. The buy-ins for "no shows" will be removed from the prize pool and placed on safekeeping in that participant's name in the Registration area after the second level of play.

85. Employees participating in WSOP events.

A) Employees of Caesars Entertainment and its affiliates, Caesars Interactive Entertainment, contractors or vendors hired for the operation of the WSOP, WSOP Staff, or any person that is involved in the management of WSOP and immediate family members of such employees are not eligible to participate in WSOP Bracelet Events unless approved in advance by Management, but shall be permitted to participate in Cash Games and Daily Non-Bracelet Tournaments.

- B) Employees of ESPN, ABC Sports, or any company of The Walt Disney Company, and immediate family members of such employees, are not eligible to participate in any WSOP Events.
- C) Immediate Family is defined as: spouse, children and any relative or other person residing in the employee's place of residence.
- D) Immediate family members of employees of Caesars Entertainment or its affiliates who are not involved with the operation or management of WSOP and meet the guidelines of Caesars Entertainment's Employee Gambling Policy shall be permitted to participate in all WSOP events including: Bracelet Events, Daily Non-Bracelet Tournaments, Satellite Events, and Cash Games.
- E) Employees should refer to their Employee Handbook and request permission from their respective department supervisor prior to participating in any WSOP event.
86. No teams, substitutes, transfers or assisted play will be permitted. Spielbank reserves the right to accommodate participants based on special needs.
87. Participant acknowledges that the WSOP 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 participants' "hole cards" and other elements of strategic information. When and immediately upon request of Spielbank personnel, WSOP 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 penalty.
88. Non-value Tournament chips are used for the Tournament and are the exclusive property of Spielbank and may not be removed from the Tournament area or the assigned event. Participants found to be transferring chips from one event to another or from one participant to another, or removing chips from play for any other reason, including but not limited to, taking tournament chips as souvenirs, will be subject to penalty.
89. Prior to entering and playing in the Tournament, each participant must execute a Participant Release Form. Failure to do so may, at the option of Spielbank acting in its sole and absolute discretion, subject the participant to immediate disqualification at any point in the Tournament. If the participant 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.
90. Logo Policy:
- A. Participants may not at any time wear a logo which promotes online gaming or any company referring to or affiliated with online gaming.
  - B. Spielbank reserves the right at all times to impose a ban on any apparel deemed objectionable by Spielbank, in its sole and absolute discretion.
91. Participants may not cover or conceal their facial identity. Tournament officials must be able to distinguish the identity of each participant at all times and may instruct participants to remove any material that inhibits their identification or is a distraction to other participants or Tournament officials. Participants may wear sunglasses and sweat shirts with hoods, but may be asked to remove them if Tournament officials cannot identify them.

## 92. PARTICIPANT CONDUCT AND TOURNAMENT INTEGRITY

A. The competitive integrity of all Tournament play at the WSOP is paramount. All participants must adhere to the spirit and letter of the Official Rules of the WSOP that 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; introducing chips not intended for an event, into an event, card marking; card substitution; or the use of any kind of cheating device.
- iii. Collusion is defined as any agreement between or among two (2) or more participants to engage in illegal or unethical acts against other participants.
- iv. Chip dumping is defined as any agreement between or among two (2) or more participants for one or more of the participants to bet chips with the intent of increasing another participant's stack.v. Soft play is defined as any agreement between or among two (2) or more participants to not bet or raise each other in order to minimize the number of chips lost by those participants participating in the agreement.
- vi. Collusion includes, but is not limited to, acts such as: chip dumping; soft play; sharing card information with another participant; sending or receiving signals from or to another participant; the use of electronic communication with the intent to facilitate collusion; and any other act that Spielbank deems 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. Participants who violate this rule are subject to penalty.

C. This rule shall include, but is not limited to, any participant whose personal hygiene has become disruptive to the other participants seated at their table. The determination as to whether an individual's personal hygiene is disruptive to other participants shall be determined by the Tournament Staff which may, in its discretion, implement sanctions upon any such participant who refuses to remedy the situation in a manner satisfactory to Spielbank.

D. Spielbank will penalize any act that, in the sole and absolute discretion of Spielbank, is inconsistent with the official rules or best interests of the Tournament.

E. 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 WSOP will be subject to sanctions imposed by Spielbank. The nature and extent of the sanctions imposed shall be in the sole and absolute discretion of Spielbank 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 SPIELBANK AND/OR ALL DESIGNATED AFFILIATES OF SPIELBANK.

F. Any and all violations of this Code of Participant Conduct may be publicly disclosed in an effort to deter future violations and to assist other poker Tournaments in identifying participants who engage in play or any action that is illegal, unethical, or constitutes cheating or collusion in any form.

93. In addition to that authorized in Rule 92, Spielbank 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 Spielbank, 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 participant's entry fee(s) and/or loss of the right to participate in this and/or any other Tournament conducted by Spielbank. Additionally, Spielbank may in its sole and absolute discretion impose penalties of any kind or nature upon any person who, in Spielbank's view engages in inappropriate conduct during Tournament play.
94. Spielbank, 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 WSOP, or as otherwise reasonable or necessary for Spielbank to comply with applicable statutes and regulations. Spielbank 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.
95. Any attempt by any person to deliberately damage, corrupt or undermine the operation of the WSOP Tournament may be a violation of criminal and civil laws. Should such an attempt be made, Spielbank reserves the right to seek damages from any such person to the fullest extent of the law.
96. All decisions regarding the interpretation of WSOP Rules, participant eligibility, scheduling and staging of the Tournament, and penalties for misconduct lie solely with Spielbank, whose decisions are final.
97. Spielbank 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 Spielbank, 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. Spielbank's decisions are final and cannot 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.
98. Spielbank prohibits the use of obscene or foul language in any public area of the casino at any time. Any participant who uses such language or makes a foul, profane, obscene or vulgar statement, or speaks abusively or in an intimidating manner to another participant, a dealer or a Tournament staff member, will be subject to penalty.
99. Any participant who taunts another participant through theatrics or gestures or engages in any form of inappropriate behavior intended to disrupt other participants in the tournament will be subject to penalty.
100. Participant or staff abuse will not be tolerated. A participant will incur a penalty up to and including disqualification for any abuse towards another participant or staff member, and the participant could be asked to leave the property. Repeated etiquette violations, including, but not limited to, touching another participant's cards or chips, body, or clothing, delay of game and excessive chatter will result in penalties.
101. The WSOP is subject to all applicable laws and regulations, including gaming, and all aspects of the WSOP are subject to the approval of appropriate regulatory authorities.
102. Tournament Rules and any and all changes in the rules and event descriptions for the WSOP will be available at the Tournament facilities in the Casino as well as on the internet on the right hand side of this page of [www.wsop.com/2015/wsop/](http://www.wsop.com/2015/wsop/).
103. Where a situation arises that is not covered by these rules, Spielbank 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.