



## FAQs

March 27, 2026

### Tournament Questions

Q: I'm new to tournaments, what should I expect?

A: This will be a fairly small tournament with some first time tournament players. We are expecting 80 players max. We will be playing by NMJL rules, but we want everyone to have fun. We will be doing 60 minute rounds, so you won't be too rushed. You will rotate tables after each round like a typical tournament, so you will be playing at 5 different tables with different people for the main tournament on Saturday.

Q: Is the tournament appropriate for new players?

A: The rounds are timed and we will be doing 60 minute rounds. Play is a little faster, so just practice "tournament style" play leading up to the tournament. The biggest thing to practice is timing. Start playing 4 games in an hour.

Q: Will there be a beginners table?

A: No, all players will be randomly assigned tables.

Q: How many rounds will there be at the tournament?

A: The main tournament on Saturday consists of five (5) rounds, each lasting 60 minutes. Each round includes four (4) games. Three (3) rounds before lunch and two (2) rounds after. The mini tournament on Friday night will be 3 rounds, each lasting an hour.

Q: When you play your games at this tournament do you play for money when you play that hand?

A: We do not play for money, but for points equal to the amount on the card (+10 points for a pure hand, +10 points if you draw your own tile for MJ). All points are tallied after each round and at the end of the tournament the top scoring players will win money.

Q: Do you play by NMJL rules?

A: Yes. We play by NMJL rules so it is a little more strict than "fun" play. There will also be some special tournament rules which will be emailed out before the tournament.

Q: Are spectators allowed at the tournament?

A: No, as we don't have room and it can also be distracting to the players.

### **General Questions**

Q: Should I bring my 2026 NMJL card?

A: Yes, that will be required to play.

Q: We contacted the Hampton Inn Black Mountain for the reduced rate but it expired?

A: Please reserve a hotel room quickly as the block of room rate expires a few weeks before the tournament.

Q: When does the tournament end?

A: We anticipate the tournament ending between 3:30 to 4 pm.

Q: Do you have a cancellation policy?

A: No refunds for cancellations after Oct. 25 this will be considered a donation to BMBC.