

“TENNESSEE HOLD ‘EM[®] POKER TOURNAMENTS”

PATENTED SET UP, RULES & BETTING

Tennessee Riverboat (223) : Championship Tournament Variation

Table Tournaments: Minimum 3 Players, 4 - 8 Players (recommended)

Prizes Awarded to Last 2 remaining Players. Player with the higher chip count is declared to be the Winner. If more than 1 player is eliminated, and only one player remains, the tournament ends and the player winning the final hand is awarded the entire tournament pot.

Multi-Table Tournaments: Round 1: Last 3 remaining Players advance to Tournament Round 2. Players carry their Round 1 chip count forward to the next Round. Blinds start at double the start of round 1 Blinds. Example: If Big Blind at start of Round 1 = 100u, BB at start of Round 2 = 200u

Before the start of of any hand, **3 Blinds are placed:**

- Player sitting left of the Dealer (Button) places the ‘Opening Blind’ = 1/4 Big Blind
- Next Player to the left places the ‘Small Blind’ = 1/2 Big Blind
- Third player to the left of the dealer places the ‘Big Blind’.

* Blinds and Bets Double after each series of 6 Hands.

* Dealing & Betting: 5 card Distributions, with a Round of Betting after each Distribution.

* Optional : Dealer / Croupier may “burn” a single card 3 times during each hand.

- 1) Dealer ‘burns’ a single card after betting Round 1, before the “LAUNCH”.
- 2) Dealer ‘burns’ a single card after Discards are revealed, before the “TURN”
- 3) Dealer ‘burns’ a single card after betting Round 4, before the “RIVER”

1st Deal: “HOLE” - 2 individual sole use cards are dealt face down to each player

Betting Round 1: Maximum Raise Round 1 = Big Blind / 1 Raise per Player allowed.

2nd Deal: “LAUNCH” - 2 Community Cards are Dealt

Betting Round 2: Maximum Raise Round 2 = 2 x Big Blind / 2 Raises per Player allowed.

3rd Deal: “BOAT” - 3 more individual sole use cards are dealt to each player (Total 5)

Betting Round 3: Maximum Raise Round 3 = 3 x Big Blind / 3 Raises per Player allowed.

Dealer Calls “MEN OVERBOARD”- Players choose whether to keep all hole 5 cards, or discard 1 or 2 cards. Players who discard only 1 card may NOT use the “RIVER” in their best 5 card hand. Players who do NOT discard, may use NEITHER the “TURN”, NOR the “RIVER” in their best 5 card hand (of 7 permitted cards) at the SHOWDOWN.

Once all players have placed their discards on the table where they are sitting, or stated they will ‘stick’ with all their hole cards:

- A) **Dealer Places “No River” Discs** by players holding 4 Hole Cards,
- B) **Dealer Places “No Turn” & “No River” Discs** by players holding all 5 Hole Cards.
- C) **Dealer calls, “REVEAL”**(Men Overboard) and players turn their discards face up.

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4th Deal: “TURN” - 3rd Community Card is Dealt

Betting Round 4: Maximum Raise Round 4 = 4 x Big Blind / 4 Raises per Player allowed.

5th Deal: “RIVER” - 4th and Final Community Card Dealt

Betting Round 5: Maximum Raise Round 5 = 5 x Big Blind / 5 Raises per Player allowed.

“SHOWDOWN”

Players reveal their Cards. Last player to bet or raise reveals first. Remaining players reveal in a clockwise direction. The Player with the Best Ranking 5 Card Poker Hand wins the Pot. In all Versions, if a Player Chooses to keep 4 Hole Cards in their hand, they may not use the ‘River’ in the ‘Showdown’. If a Player Chooses to keep 5 Hole Cards in their hand, they may use Neither the ‘Turn’, nor ‘River’ in the ‘Showdown’.

Betting and Banking : “O.D.C.” - Overdrawn Chips = Side Pots Eliminated

The patented ODC system gives ‘all-in’ players a last chance to play a hand to completion to get back into the tournament, allowing betting to continue to the end of that hand, eliminating awkward side pots. ODC Loans can provide a significant bonus for winning players, boosting the total tournament pot.

Players pay an entry fee to join a table tournament. This includes the value of chips for that given table, plus the operator’s fee, determined by the ‘House’. Before the start of tournament play, ‘the Banker’ will require players to deposit a refundable fee to cover any ODC drawn upon during the tournament. In electronic versions, the Banker is a digital processor, in a casino or club, a professional Dealer, holds a reserve of chips and directs chip winnings to the hand winner.) For example, the dealer distributes 10,000 units (or multiples thereof) in chips to each player.

When any player does not have enough chips to see or raise betting in a hand, that player may request a chip bonus from the Dealer, or microchip processor in electronic versions, (known as ODC), equivalent to the original chip allotment. Thus, if the initial chip distribution was 10,000u, that player may ‘borrow’ an additional 10,000u to complete that hand. This bonus chip distribution is known as “Overdrawn Chips” (ODC). If a player using ODC loses the hand, then that player is eliminated. ODC chips bet during the previous hand are added to the hand winner’s total, increasing the total tournament pot, and any unused ODC are returned to the Dealer (Banker), who refunds the remaining ODC to that player’s account.

If a player using ODC wins that hand, all ODC ‘loaned’ to that player are returned to the dealer. In electronic versions, the microprocessor automatically reclaims the loaned ODC, and that player continues playing in the Tournament. Players requiring bonus ODC are permitted to borrow ODC in any hand, as long as they begin that hand with a positive chip count.

ODC Notes: In Tournaments and at ‘Sit and Play” Tables, Players pay the Bank to use the ODC Facility. Unused ODC will be refunded by the Bank, or used as credit on that player’s account for future use. Operators’ ODC Charge (may vary): Typically 1% of the value of Chips loaned. Optional: Operators may charge each player for ODC once per each table tournament Round. Optional: Some Operators may allow players to go all-in, but eschew drawing ODC, so the dealer calculates and records the side pot total amount.

TOURNAMENT PLAY : BLINDS & BETS DOUBLE

In table tournaments, Blinds Double after every 6 Hands. Thus, if the Big Blind = 100u, at the start of Hand 7, the Big Blind = 200u, and at the start of Hand 13, the Big Blind = 400u

Real World Casino Tournament Table Etiquette - All chips bet during the hand are placed in front of each player. When any player folds, that player places any chips already bet on top of their folded hand. All folded cards are placed face downward.