

Tony's Tavern

Texas Holdem House Rules

1. There is no money allowed on the tables at anytime, doing so will result in being eliminated from the tournament, and forfeiture of any points earned that night.
2. All players must be 21 years of age.
3. All players will begin with the same amount of chips and play will continue until only one player remains. Blind are raised at 15 minute intervals throughout the tournament according to the blind structure.
4. Tournament times are set to be at 7 pm and 10 pm, with a break after an hour of play.
5. Each player will begin with 3500 chip count.
6. Late players may be allowed to enter play until the first break has ended. Late players will lose chips according to the time that they arrive. (On Blind List).
7. Player will rotate deal in a clockwise rotation. The dealer will be responsible for all calls on the table. If any questions arise, the tournament director should be contacted immediately.
8. Players are responsible for blinds prior to the cards being dealt.
9. The player immediately to the left of the dealer is the small blind, and the big blind is the player to the immediate left of the small blind.
10. If the player in the small blind is eliminated, the dealer button will move to the empty spot and the player to the right of the phantom player will be responsible for the deal. The blinds will be posted as usual.
11. If the player that is the big blind is eliminated, then the deal will move as normal. The small blind will be dead for that hand. After the hand has been played the blinds will move on as usual. This will make sure that all players post both blinds.

12. New players will be dealt in immediately unless they sit down in the small blind or button position. If this case arises, the player must be skipped until the button passes their position.
13. If a table is reseated and 50% or more of the players are new to the table, then the table must draw for the high card to choose dealer.
14. Absent players are always dealt in, if they are in the blind position, then the dealer should post their blind and fold the player out.
15. If you are not at the table when it is your turn to act, then your hand will be mucked.
16. If a player is accidentally dealt a card face up, then the dealer will continue to deal the hole cards to the other players. The dealer would then replace the seen card with a new card, and the seen card becomes the first burn card. Dealer must ensure that all players at table see the burn card.
17. The burn cards and the muck pile must be kept separate at all times.
18. The dealer is the only player allowed to touch the burn cards and the muck pile. No player should reach in and touch, or turn over any cards within the muck pile.
19. If any player's cards touch the muck pile, they have automatically taken themselves out of the hand, and are not allowed to pull their cards back out.
20. Whenever a player does not have the chips to cover a blind, or a forced bet, then the player is entitled to action on the amount of chips that they possess. The dealer will make a side pot, and be in charge of determining the winner.
21. In order for a player to claim a pot, both hole cards must be shown to all players within the hand. If the player chooses not to show their cards, their hand would be mucked and any winnings forfeited.
22. When a player loses all of their chips, they are eliminated from the tournament, and should leave the table.
23. If two or more players are eliminated on the same hand, the player with the least amount of chips would be considered to have gone out first.
24. Player's chips must remain on the table at all times. The only time a player may remove their chips is if they are being sat at a different table.
25. All raises must be at least two times the big blind. You are allowed to bet more than two times the amount, just not less.

26. All cards must remain on the table at all times. Any time that a player removes their cards from the table, their hand will be mucked without question.
27. You may not ask anyone at the table for advice when playing within a hand.
28. There is no string betting allowed. A player must state their intentions before placing chips in front of them.
29. When raising the player must state raise. If not then the chips will be considered a call and chips returned back to the player at the end of betting.
30. At the end of every betting round, the dealer will move all chips in play to the center of the table.
31. Session play never stops, the only time that play will cease is during a break.
32. Dealer must shuffle cards at least three times.
33. Poker etiquette is expected from all times. No throwing cards, abusive behavior, or disruptive behavior. Any player acting in such a manner will be eliminated from the tournament immediately.
34. Absolutely no gambling is allowed during the tournament. If any player is caught gambling they will be eliminated from the tournament, and not be allowed into the establishment again.
35. Remember players this is free poker, but all your points count.