

## **Tournament Conditions**

### **Heads Up Tournament Poker**

#### **(a) Tournament Structure**

The tournament is limited to a maximum of 32 players.

The tournament shall consist of one event utilising up to sixteen tables with a maximum of two players on each table.

In the event there are an odd number of players entered into the Tournament, upon the random draw being done to designate seats, these odd players will be granted a bye and will move directly to Round 2.

The Tournament will be set up so that there will 16 players on one side of the draw and 16 on the other side. Both sides will play down to 1 player each and then these players shall play each other in the final round to determine the overall winner.

Each Heads Up round will consist of a possible three matches utilising the 'best of three' method to determine which player advances to the next round. As each of the matches' winners are determined the chips will be divided back into half and equal amounts (i.e. the starting stack for that round) are returned to each player to continue that round until the winner of the round is determined. Each subsequent match within a round will restart at the initial Blind level for that round. Once a winner is determined on the individual table, play will cease on that table until all play is finished at which point a redraw of seats will occur and the next round shall commence.

There will be a designated 10 minute break between rounds.

The first round will involve 16 matches (32 players), the second round will involve 8 matches (16 players), the third round will involve 4 matches (8 players), the fourth round/semi finals will involve 2 matches (4 players), and the fifth round/grand final will consist of 1 match (2 players).

The final table shall consist of 2 players and will be played until there is only one player remaining. That player shall be declared the overall tournament winner.

#### **(b) Tournament Chips-**

Each player shall be issued with \$5,000 in non-value tournament chips prior to the start of the Tournament.

The order of wagering will be in accordance with the Star City Poker Rules.

#### **(c) Allocation of wagering areas**

Allocation of wagering/seat positions will be done by a manual or electronic system prior to the commencement of each tournament. In the case of a draw, numbered cards corresponding to the table seat positions will be drawn at the Buy-In desk prior to the commencement of the tournament. The Tournament Supervisor will select a player and draw a numbered card. The selected player will be allocated the table seat position drawn.

Before the commencement of each round the dealer will establish ownership of the Dealer button through via a draw of cards. After shuffling and cutting the cards, the

dealer will deal one card face up to the player on the dealer's left and then one to the player on the dealer's right. The player with the highest value card shall receive the button and be the designated player for the first round of play. Should both players receive cards of the same value, the draw shall continue until a winner is decided.

**(d) Wagers**

The game shall commence as a \$25/\$50 blind.

There is no maximum limit to the size or number of raises permitted in each round of play. The minimum raise must not be lower than the table minimum and must not be less than any previous bet or raise in the betting round, except where a player goes all-in.

The Tournament Supervisor shall increase the blinds at his/her discretion, providing all players are advised prior to the round of play in which the blinds are to be increased and no wagers have been placed or cards dealt prior to the announcement. Blind levels will run for 15 minutes or at the discretion of the Poker supervisor. Blind levels will run for 20 minutes in the Semi-finals and the Final. Any increase to the blinds will follow the order, as set out below, though may not necessarily progress to the maximum:

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
Chips: 5000	Chips:10000	Chips:20000	Chips:40000	Chips:80000
Blinds	Blinds	Blinds	Blinds	Blinds
15 min levels	15 min levels	15 min levels	20 min levels	20 min levels
25/50	50/100	100/200	200/400	400/800
50/100	100/200	200/400	400/800	800/1600
75/150	150/300	300/600	600/1200	1200/2400
100/200	200/400	400/800	800/1600	1600/3200
150/300	300/600	600/1200	1200/2400	2400/4800
200/400	400/800	800/1600	1600/3200	3200/6400
300/600	600/1200	1200/2400	2400/4800	4500/9000
500/1000	1000/2000	2000/4000	4000/8000	8000/16000
750/1500	1500/3000	3000/6000	6000/12000	12000/24000
1000/2000	2000/4000	4000/8000	8000/16000	16000/32000
1500/3000	3000/6000	6000/12000	12000/24000	24000/48000

- Blinds will double in value until the conclusion of the each round.

**(e) Time restriction**

The Tournament Supervisor may impose a time restriction on any player deemed to be taking too long to make a decision.

On being advised by the Tournament Supervisor that the time limit is being imposed the player shall then be given 40 seconds to make and act on their decision. A player who fails to make a decision within the 40-second time limit will be required to fold their hand.

**(f) Entry and buy-in**

Cost of participating in the Tournament is \$3200, comprising a buy-in of \$3000 and an entry fee (\$200) payable to the Casino operator (together, **Fees**).

There will be no re-buys or add-ons permitted.

Players must register at the Poker Buy-In desk, and complete an entry form. All Fees must be paid for at the Casino Cashier or the Poker Buy-In desk (if available) at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the tournament or at the Poker Buy-In desk. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Supervisor.

Unless the Tournament is cancelled, entry fees and buy-ins will not be refunded less than 5 days before the commencement of the Tournament, unless at the discretion of the Tournament Supervisor.

**(g) Eligibility for entry**

Only persons entitled to enter the casino and gamble that are Total Star Rewards cardholders or Endeavour Room members are eligible to enter the tournament.

Entry into the tournament is by application only and at the discretion of the Tournament supervisor. Entries are non transferable.

A Poker Tournament entry form is to be completed and submitted with all fees payable to the Casino Cashier or the Poker Buy-In desk at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the tournament.

**(h) Prizes**

Prize money will be paid in full by cheque by the casino operator at the cage following the conclusion of the tournament.

The prize pool for the maximum 64 entries will be guaranteed in value as per the following table.\*

<b>Number of Players</b>	<b>32</b>
1ST PRIZE	38400
2ND PRIZE	24000
3RD PRIZE	16800
4TH PRIZE	16800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96000</b>

Should the number of entries total less than 32 the total value of the prize pool will be the buy-in multiplied by the number of players. The prize pool will be broken down and paid in accordance with the Cash Pay Out Breakdown below.

\*Should the entries for the Tournament total less than 16, Star City reserves the right to cancel the Tournament in accordance with Poker Rule 27.3.4.

The prize pool amounts may be rounded up at the discretion of the Tournament Supervisor

### **Cash Pay Out Breakdown\***

Below are tables showing the percentage payout structures for tournaments with <16 players and >16 players.

Top 4 of the field paid if <16 players

**Table 1: <16 entries percentage of payouts**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
40%	25%	17.5%	17.5%

**Positions Paid <16 entries**

**See Table below for level percentage payouts**

**Table 2: > 16 entries percentage of payouts**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
43.25%	24.75%	16.5%	15.5%

**Positions Paid >16 entries**

\* Cash component of the prize pool only. Prize money will be rounded to the nearest dollar.

The tournament is conducted by the Tournament Supervisor, in accordance with the Rules of Poker endorsed by the Casino Liquor and Gaming Control Authority and these Tournament Conditions. In the event of any inconsistency with these Tournament Conditions, the Rules of Poker will prevail.

Terms and conditions may be altered or amended including prize pool without notice at the discretion of the Tournament supervisor/director.

A disqualified player will not be entitled to any refund of any buy-in or fees paid (As per Poker Rule 27.8.4), and will not be eligible for any part of the prize pool.

The casino operator may refuse any application.