

# Carmel Lions Club - Texas Hold'em

## Poker Tournament Rules, Regulations, and Waiver

### \*\*ID REQUIRED FOR ENTRANCE INTO THE TOURNAMENT

By participating in this tournament, you agree to abide by the rules and behave in a courteous manner. A violator may be verbally warned, suspended from play for a specified length of time, or disqualified from the tournament. Chips from a disqualified participant will be removed from play.

1. All participants must check-in upon arrival. All players and spectators must agree to the terms of this waiver by providing us with a signed form or acknowledging their acceptance during registration. This waiver binds each participant to the rules set forth in this document. No participant shall be eligible to participate unless they have agreed to this waiver. All players must be 21 years of age or older.
2. This is a cash only game. We do not and will not accept checks, credit cards or debit cards.
3. After you pay your entry fee at check in, you will be provided a receipt with your name on it. You must keep this with you at all times. You must present this paper to the Lion in charge when purchasing the re-buy or add-on. You will not be allowed to purchase a re-buy or add-on if you do not present this receipt to the Lion in charge.
4. Seating will be random. You will be provided with a table number and seat.
5. A change of seat is not allowed, except as assigned by the Lion in charge. If you are seated at the same table with a family member please let the Lion in charge know so you can be moved if you choose.
6. The appropriate starting amount of chips will be provided to you once you have taken your seat. Count your chips prior to the start of play. Once play begins, the number of chips will not be changed.
7. Each player may purchase one rebuy if they are below their original starting chip count before 8:15pm. You must present your receipt to the Lion in charge prior to purchase.
8. Each player may purchase one add-on of chips at any time before 8:15pm. You must present your receipt to the Lion in charge prior to purchase.
9. Blind levels will be raised every 20 minutes.
10. If there is a signal designating the end of a blind level, the new limits apply on the next deal.

11. The lowest denomination of chip in play may be removed from the table when it is no longer needed in the blind or ante structure. The Lion in charge may come by and exchange chips.

12. If you are not present when it becomes your turn to act, your hand is dead. This includes situations in which a live blind is not present to act, since an absent player cannot exercise the option to raise. Absent registered players will be dealt in, and all chips necessary for antes and blinds will be put into the pot.

13. As players are eliminated, the Lion in charge may break down tables and assign the remaining players at such tables to empty seats at other tables to maintain a balanced number of players at each table and ensure fair and even play.

14. When the field is reduced to one final table there will be a seating redraw. There will be a single dealer for the final table.

15. A player who declares all in and loses the pot, then discovers that one or more chips were hidden, is not entitled to benefit from this. That player is eliminated from the tournament if the opponent had sufficient chips to cover the hidden ones. If another deal has not yet started, the Lion in charge may rule the chips belong to the opponent who won that pot, if that obviously would have happened with the chips out in plain view. If the next deal has started, the discovered chips are removed from the tournament.

16. If a player lacks sufficient chips for a blind or a forced bet, the player is entitled to get action on whatever amount of money remains. A player who posts a short blind and wins does not need to make up the blind.

17. All players must leave their seat immediately after being eliminated from the tournament.

18. Showing cards from a live hand during the action injures the rights of other players still competing in an event, who wish to see contestants eliminated. A player may not show any cards during a deal. If a player deliberately shows a card, that hand may be ruled dead and the player penalized.

19. Inappropriate behavior like throwing cards that go off the table may be punished with a penalty such as being dealt out for a length of time. A severe infraction such as abusive or disruptive behavior may be punished by eviction from the tournament.

20. No player may "splash" their chips into the pot when betting, calling or going all in. Players must place their chips in front of them and state their bet. If a player wants to raise, they must state that they are raising. The player must first place their chips in front to cover the called bet and then place the chips for the raised bet and state the amount of the raised bet. If a player "splashes" their chips, those chips are forfeited to the pot. Any issues must be immediately brought to the attention of the Lion in charge.

21. The deck is not changed on request. Decks change only when there is a damaged card.

22. This tournament will use a dealer button. The starting position of the button will be with player 1.

23. Pursuant to Indiana Code 4-32.2-5-14.5 Rules for dealing cards in Texas hold'em poker "The following rules apply when a patron at a charity game night deals the cards in a game of Texas hold'em poker or Omaha poker under section 14(b) of this chapter:

(1) Patrons may take turns dealing, but a patron may not play in a hand for which the patron deals the cards.

(2) The dealer shall submit the deck of cards to be cut to the nearest player to the right of the dealer.

(3) A blank card must be at the bottom of the deck of cards.

(4) The operator or a worker shall deal the cards at the final table of a tournament."

IF A PLAYER IS UNABLE TO SHUFFLE AND DEAL DUE TO A DISABILITY, THEN THE LION IN CHARGE OR THE PLAYER TO THE RIGHT OF THE DEALER MAY SHUFFLE THE CARDS FOR THE DEALER AND LAY OUT THE CARDS FOR THE DEALER TO TURN OVER.

24. The button moves one seat left after each round, and signifies the individual that starts each betting round.

25. The small blind is paid by the person immediately to the left of the button, and the person immediately to left of the small blind pays the big blind. Betting begins with the person immediately to the left of the big blind. THE DEALER MUST MAKE SURE ALL BLINDS ARE IN BEFORE THEY START DEALING.

26. If a down card on the initial hand is dealt face-up, a misdeal is called and the hand is dealt over. If a card flips over while the hand is being dealt, a misdeal is called and the hand is dealt over.

27. The cards speak for themselves. Any player may point out a hand or fact missed by the dealer. If there is a disagreement then the dealer must call for the Lion in charge who will make the final decision. The Lion in charge may ask anyone in the building for an opinion in making their final decision.

28. All hands will be turned face-up whenever a player is all-in and betting action is complete.

29. All cards must be kept in plain view of all players. Players may not hide their cards behind their chips, in their lap or with their hands or arms. If a player is skipped over in betting because their cards were hidden, then that players hand will be considered dead. Players may place a chip or other object on top of their cards when they are involved in the hand but the chip or other object must not damage or mark the cards.

30. If a player is folding their hand, they must state they are folding their hand and place their cards in the middle of the table. Players may not retrieve their cards after they have folded. Players may not hold onto their cards if they have folded.

31. If two (or more) players go broke during the same hand, the player starting the hand with the larger amount of money finishes in the higher tournament place for prizes if applicable.

32. The Carmel Lions Club and the State of Indiana strictly prohibit any side games, private deals, side bets, or redistribution of the prize pool among finalists.

33. Private agreements by remaining players in an event regarding distribution of the prize pool are not condoned. The tournament event is expected to be played until completion. A private agreement that removes all prizes from being at stake in the competition is unethical.

34. The game will end at 11:45pm, no exceptions. If the game is still going on at 11:45pm, then the hands that are currently being played will finish. A chip count will be taken at the end of the hand by the Lion in charge and the placing of the winners will be determined by chip count.

35. There will be a 50/50 high hand side pot. The cost is \$10.00. You must pay entry for this high hand side pot prior to taking your seat at the table. The high hand of the night will receive 50% of what is brought in on this high hand side pot. For example: If 20 players pay the \$10.00 then that is \$200.00. The player with the high hand will receive \$100.00. Only players who have paid the entry for the high hand pot prior to taking their seat are eligible. If you have a hand that you think qualifies as the high hand, you must declare that you have the "High Hand". The dealer will get the Lion in charge who will verify the high hand. This must be done before the table is cleared to start the next hand. The Lion in charge must verify the high hand. If the cards are tossed prior to verification by the Lion in charge then the high hand will not count. It is up to the player to ensure they declare "High Hand" prior to the hand being cleared for the next round. If a player gets the same high hand that is already posted that does not beat the posted high hand. Once a "High Hand" is posted on the board, it must be beaten. There are no ties.

36. The Carmel Lions Club retains the right to cancel any event, or alter it in a manner fair to the players.

37. All decisions by the Lion in charge are final. The Lion in charge may confer with anyone in the building in making a decision.

38. Pull tabs will also be sold at this event. Any individual over the age of 18 in the building may purchase pull tabs. Players may open pull tabs at the table but the player shall not delay the poker game with pull tabs.

39. Players must be 21 years old or older to gamble. If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, crisis counseling and referral services can be accessed by calling 1-800-994-8448.

I, the Player, on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, hereby agree that the Carmel Lions Club and/or their respective parent companies, divisions, subsidiaries, affiliates, agencies, officers, directors, employees, volunteers, managers, agents, servants, publications and stockholders shall have no liability whatsoever, for any injuries, damages, and/or losses incurred in whole or in part in any manner on account of, by reason of, or arising in connection with my participation in the Carmel Lions Club charity poker game or any event related thereto, including, but not limited to the purchase of playing rights, actual play, and any prizes I may be awarded, and the travel to or from any location. Further, no responsibility is accepted for any expenses incurred by me.

I agree and acknowledge that: (a) the Carmel Lions Club is not responsible for and shall not maintain or carry any type of insurance for me; and (b) that nothing relating to my participation in any event or activity at the Carmel Lions Club creates or constitutes an employee, employer, agency, joint venture or partnership relationship with the Carmel Lion Club.

I also grant the Carmel Lions Club and/or professional media personnel permission for me to be photographed and/or interviewed, and the broadcast and distribution of those photographs and/or interviews by print, film, video, and the Carmel Lions Club website.

By registering via this Signup Genius, I do hereby agree and acknowledge that I have read the Poker Tournament Rules and Regulations and agree to be bound by them.