

Tournament Conditions

Event 11 APPT 2009

Heads Up No Limit Hold'em Tournament

Saturday 24th/Sunday 25th @12:30pm-\$1,100 buy-in

(a) Tournament Structure

The tournament is limited to a maximum of **32** players.

The tournament shall consist of one event utilising up to **eight** tables with a maximum of **four** players on each table. Each gaming table shall have two matches held concurrently at either end of the table with a dividing wall placed in the centre of the 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).

Play on **Saturday 24th of April** will consist of the rounds **1, 2 and 3**. Players who emerge victorious from these rounds will return at **1pm on Sunday the 25th of April** to play in the **Semi-Finals** and **Grand Final** of the event.

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 **\$1,100**, comprising a buy-in of **\$1,000** and an entry fee **\$100** 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 and 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 **32** entries will be guaranteed in value as per the following table.*

Number of Players	32
1ST PRIZE	\$13,840
2ND PRIZE	\$7,920
3RD PRIZE	\$5,120
4TH PRIZE	\$5,120
TOTAL	\$32,000

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 less than 16 players and greater than 16 players.

Top 4 of the field paid if less than 16 players

Table 1: less than 16 entries-percentage of payouts

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
40%	25%	17.5%	17.5%

Table 2: greater than 16 entries-percentage of payouts

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
43.25%	24.75%	16%	16%

* 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.

Player conduct – during a round of play

- 1 During a round of play, players must ensure that at all times their chips are arranged so that each chip is clearly visible and its denomination clearly discernible to all players and the Promoter. In relation to the chip(s) carrying the highest denomination of a player's chips that chip must sit in the position relative to the player's other chips that is most prominent from the point of view of other players and the Promoter.
- 2 Players seated at a table at which a round of play has not concluded must not:
 - (a) use or refer to any tool, instrument or artificial aid, including electronic devices, except their own wristwatch, and only insofar as the watch is used only for displaying the time;
 - (b) obtain or seek the advice or assistance of other players, bystanders or the Promoter when making decisions about their play (i.e. "one player to a hand");
 - (c) place foreign chips on the table, other than a maximum of one foreign chip that is being used as a card protector;
 - (d) alter, supplement or tamper with the whole or part of any chips on any table, except pursuant to an authorised re-buy or add-on;
 - (e) disclose or reveal a live or folded hand, or a hand that has not yet been tabled;
 - (f) miscall a hand;
 - (g) weaken or forfeit their own prospects in a round of play in order to benefit themselves or any other player (i.e. "chip dumping");
 - (h) refrain from competing against any other player for the purpose of benefiting any player (ie "soft play");
 - (i) advise, criticise or otherwise comment on play;

- (j) leave their seat while their action is pending;
- (k) fail to perform a compulsory ante, blind or minimum bet;
- (l) attempt to increase table stakes other than as expressly permitted in these Championship Conditions and the Rules; or
- (m) Deliberately hide or conceal chips.

Player conduct – all times during a Tournament

- 3 At all times during a Tournament, players must not carry or otherwise remove any chips from a table unless:
- (a) the player is following the Promoter's express instructions to take a seating position at a different table; or
 - (b) The tournament director (i.e. not merely any representative of the Promoter) expressly authorises the player to do so.
 - (c) Under these circumstances a chip tray (rack) must be used to transfer the chips

Note: All chips used for play during the Tournament are the property of the Promoter.

- 4 At all times during a Tournament, players must not:
- (a) offer unsolicited advice to players participating in a round;
 - (b) ask the dealer to reveal the cards that would have come if a player had decided to play their hand (i.e. "rabbit hunt");
 - (c) behave unlawfully;
 - (d) abuse other players or the Promoter or otherwise behave disruptively, anti-socially or in such a manner as to bring any player, the Promoter or the Tournament into disrepute;
 - (e) engage in collusive activity relating to the Tournament;
 - (f) speak any language other than English during a round of play;
 - (g) display any thing, including advertising material or a thing forming part of their apparel, that the Promoter regards as inappropriate;
 - (h) without limiting paragraph (g) or the Deed, display any logo pursuant to a sponsorship arrangement that has not been notified to the Promoter; or
 - (i) Avoid paying a blind when moving from a broken table.

Investigations and penalties

- 5 The Promoter may undertake any lawful act to investigate whether these Tournament Conditions, the Rules or any law has been contravened by any player or bystander in relation to any Tournament. For the avoidance of doubt, the Promoter may count a player's chips or read any unexposed cards.
- 6 It is a condition of a player's ongoing entitlement (if any) to participate in a Tournament that the player performs all their obligations contained in these Tournament Conditions. Subject to the express provisions of these Tournament Conditions and the Rules, the Promoter may remedy the absence (if any) of a player's ongoing entitlement to participate in a Tournament by imposing a range of penalties on the player, including penalties that have effect retrospectively.
- 7 The penalties that the Promoter may impose pursuant to include immediate disqualification from the Tournament, which includes the forfeiture of all chips, Fees and prizes (or entitlements to them).
- 8 The Promoter may impose penalties from the following range of penalties. The penalised player's blinds, antes and / or forced bets will be forfeited for:
 - (a) one round;
 - (b) 2 rounds;
 - (c) 3 rounds; or
 - (d) 4 rounds.
 - (e) 10 minutes

In each case, the forfeiture remains in effect until the button returns to the same position it was in when the penalty was imposed after the applicable number of rounds has passed.

General

- 9 The conduct of the Tournament will be governed by these Tournament Conditions (as amended), the current edition of the Rules and, where applicable, the laws of New South Wales. In the event of an irreconcilable inconsistency between these Tournament Conditions and the Rules, the Rules will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.
- 10 The Promoter may amend these Tournament Conditions. The Promoter must take reasonable steps to notify applicants / players of material amendments.
- 11 Except insofar as these Tournament Conditions expressly provide otherwise, any decision that the Promoter may or must make in relation to the Tournament, including pursuant to any provision of these Tournament Conditions, will be made by the Promoter at its sole and absolute discretion in every respect

(including timing) and without imposing any obligation on the Promoter to have or provide reasons for the Promoter's conduct in this regard.

- 12 To the extent that circumstances arise for which these Tournament Conditions or the Rules make no provision or in relation to which the relevant provisions of the Tournament Conditions or Rules are unclear, the Promoter may make a decision regarding those circumstances.
- 13 All decisions made by the Promoter are final and binding. No correspondence will be entered into.
- 14 To the maximum extent permitted by law, and without affecting any rights that cannot be excluded by law, the Promoter is not liable for any loss, damage or injury suffered or sustained (including direct or consequential loss or loss arising from negligence) arising directly or indirectly out of or in connection with the conduct of the Tournaments, including the making, substance and merits of any decision of the Promoter.
- 15 Subject to the Deed, by entering a Tournament, each player authorises the Promoter, subsidiary companies or a third party to unconditionally use of the player's name, address, image and likeness (including as embodied or communicated in any photograph, cinematograph film, broadcast or any other medium) for the purpose of promoting and advertising the Promoter, the Promoter's subsidiaries, the Promoter's venues or any third party, without further consideration, notice, review or consent.
- 16 In these Tournament Conditions:
 - (a) all monetary values expressed in this document are expressed in Australian currency;
 - (b) words used in the singular do not exclude the plural, and vice versa; and
 - (c) Italicised notes do not have operative effect.

"The Promoter" of the Tournament is Star City Pty Ltd ABN 25 060 510 410 of 80 Pyrmont Street, Pyrmont NSW 2009