

Tournament Conditions

Event 8 2010 Sydney APPT Main Event

\$6,300 No Limit Hold em Poker Tournament

Tuesday 7th December - Flight 1 @ 12:30pm

Wednesday 8th December - Flight 2 @ 12:30pm

Thursday 9th December – Flight 3 @ 12:30pm

(a) Tournament Structure

The tournament is limited to a maximum of **750 players**, subject to change at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

The tournament shall consist of three Day 1 Flights utilising up to **twenty-five tables** with a maximum of **ten players** on each table per flight.

A decision on the number of tables being utilised will be made at the start of each flight by the Tournament Director. Once all the available seats have been allocated on these tables, then every player who enters the tournament prior to the end of the 4th level will be considered an alternate.

Any player that is considered an alternate will be seated with a full starting stack when their seat becomes available.

Should a player be eliminated from the first flight they are not eligible to buy in to the second or third flight, as per standard freeze-out tournament conditions.

The Tournament Supervisor will move players to facilitate the balancing and/or breaking of tables to ensure the efficient running of the tournament.

Tables will be balanced in order to maximize the number of players and to regulate approximate even numbers of players on each table as player and table numbers reduce.

The method of balancing tables will be: a player who is closest to the left of the big blind on a table with more players will fill the seat closest to the left of the big blind on a table with fewer players in order to even out player numbers.

As players are eliminated (lose all their chips) from the tournament, the Tournament Supervisor will break tables from play in order to maximize the number of players at each table.

Tables will be broken in a pre-set order, with those players being assigned to empty seats at other tables as needed to ensure reasonable balancing.

Players seated on the new table assume all responsibilities of that position and shall be dealt in immediately. The only variation to this shall be if a new player to a table takes up a position between the small blind and the button, in this case they must wait until the button has passed.

Play will extend to a maximum of **7** levels on Day 1 though this may change dependant on numbers. With up to 15 minutes remaining of the final level of Day 1 a random draw will take place to determine the number of remaining hands for the day (ranging from 2-4 hands). At the completion of play all remaining players shall have their chips counted and placed in secure bags for their return on Day 2. The same shall apply on Day 2 should the finishing time be designated as the end point rather than a specific number of players.

The final table shall consist of up to 9 players and will be played until there is only one player remaining. That player shall be declared the overall tournament winner.

At the discretion of the Tournament Director, play may be paused when play reaches the final table with play carried over to the following day if required.

(b) Tournament Chips

Each player shall be issued with **\$30,000** 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.

Any player removing tournament chips from the table will be disqualified from the tournament and excluded from any further tournaments at Star City.

(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.

A player who has not taken their seat by the end of the sixth round will be disqualified and their remaining chips will be removed from play.

(d) Wagers

The game shall commence as a **\$50/\$100** 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 be in increments of **60 minutes** on Day 1 and moving to **75 minute** levels from the beginning of **Day 2** and continuing as such for the remainder of the Tournament or at the discretion of the Tournament Supervisor. Any increase to the blinds will follow the order, as set out below, though may not necessarily progress to the maximum.

Level	Small Blind	Big Blind	Ante
1	50	100	
2	100	200	
3	100	200	25
4	150	300	25
5	200	400	50
6	300	600	50
7	400	800	75
8	500	1000	100
9	600	1200	100
10	800	1600	200
11	1000	2000	200
12	1200	2400	300
13	1500	3000	300
14	2000	4000	400
15	2500	5000	500
16	3000	6000	500
17	4000	8000	500
18	5000	10000	1000
19	6000	12000	1000
20	8000	16000	2000
21	10000	20000	2000
22	12000	24000	3000
23	15000	30000	3000
24	20000	40000	4000
25	25000	50000	5000
26	30000	60000	5000
27	40000	80000	5000
28	50000	100000	10000
29	60000	120000	10000
30	80000	160000	20000
31	100000	200000	20000

Note:

- Play will be for a maximum of **7** levels on Day 1.
- Play will commence 10 handed on Day 1, move to 9 handed as soon as practicable and to 8 handed for the final 10 tables, breaking to a final table of 9.

- Redraws will be conducted at the end of Days 1, 2 and 3 and with two and one table(s) remaining.
- For the end of Day 2 and 3 redraws, the top chip stacks will be allocated to separate tables according to the number of tables left, i.e. 5 tables left in the redraw, then top 5 chip stacks are allocated to separate tables.
- There is a 50 big blind ratio to average stack for the final table if required

(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 70 seconds to make and act on their decision. A player who fails to make a decision within the 70 second time limit will be required to fold their hand.

(f) Entry and Buy-in

Cost of participating in the tournament is **\$6,300**, comprising a buy-in of **\$6,000** and an entry fee of **\$300**, 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 Poker Buy-In desk at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the tournament. 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 Sovereign 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 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, in accordance with the cash payout breakdown detailed below:

Cash Payout Breakdown*

Payout Percentages below are a guideline pertaining to expected numbers. Any total above or below those mentioned below will be applied to a similar percentage breakdown ensuring that the top 11.5-12% of the field is paid.

Ranking	No. of players	Ranking	No. of players	Ranking	No. of players	Ranking	No. of players	Ranking	No. of players
	350-374		375-399		400-434		435-469		470-499
1st	25.25%	1st	25.00%	1st	25.00%	1st	24.75%	1st	24.50%
2nd	16.15%	2nd	16.05%	2nd	16.00%	2nd	15.50%	2nd	15.50%
3rd	9.25%	3rd	9.00%	3rd	9.00%	3rd	8.95%	3rd	8.75%
4th	7.00%	4th	7.00%	4th	6.85%	4th	6.75%	4th	6.75%
5th	5.50%	5th	5.50%	5th	5.35%	5th	5.30%	5th	5.30%
6th	4.50%	6th	4.50%	6th	4.30%	6th	4.25%	6th	4.25%
7th	3.80%	7th	3.50%	7th	3.40%	7th	3.25%	7th	3.25%
8th	2.75%	8th	2.75%	8th	2.65%	8th	2.55%	8th	2.50%
9th	2.00%	9th	2.00%	9th	1.90%	9th	1.90%	9th	1.80%
10th-12th	1.30%	10th-12th	1.30%	10th-12th	1.25%	10th-12th	1.25%	10th-12th	1.20%
13th-16th	1.00%	13th-16th	1.00%	13th-16th	1.00%	13th-16th	1.00%	13th-16th	0.90%
17th-24th	0.70%	17th-24th	0.70%	17th-20th	0.70%	17th-20th	0.70%	17th-20th	0.70%
25th-32nd	0.60%	25th-32nd	0.55%	21st-24th	0.60%	21st-24th	0.60%	21st-24th	0.60%
33rd-40th	0.50%	33rd-40th	0.45%	25th-28th	0.55%	25th-32nd	0.50%	25th-32nd	0.50%
41st-44th	0.45%	41st-48th	0.40%	29th-32nd	0.50%	33rd-40th	0.45%	33rd-40th	0.45%
				33rd-40th	0.45%	41st-48th	0.40%	41st-48th	0.40%
				41st-52nd	0.40%	49th-56th	0.35%	49th-60th	0.35%

If the maximum **750** participants enter the Tournament, the available prize pool will be guaranteed in value as per the following table.

Number of Players	750
1ST PRIZE	\$1,102,500
2ND PRIZE	\$787,500
3RD PRIZE	\$472,500
4TH PRIZE	\$351,000
5TH PRIZE	\$225,000
6 TH PRIZE	\$157,500
7 TH PRIZE	\$112,500
8 TH PRIZE	\$90,000
9 TH PRIZE	\$67,500
10 TH to 12TH PRIZE	\$45,000
13TH to 16TH PRIZE	\$33,750
17TH to 24TH PRIZE	\$24,750
25TH to 32ND PRIZE	\$20,250
33RD to 40TH PRIZE	\$15,750
41ST to 48TH PRIZE	\$13,500
49TH to 56TH PRIZE	\$13,500
57TH to 64TH PRIZE	\$11,250
65TH to 72ND PRIZE	\$9,000
TOTAL VALUE	\$4,500,000

Should the number of entries total less than **750**, the total value of the prize pool will be the buy-in multiplied by the number of players. In these circumstances, the cash component of the prize pool will be broken down and paid in accordance with the Cash Payout Breakdown set out above.

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

*Should the entries for the tournament total less than 88, Star City reserves the right to cancel the tournament in accordance with Poker Rule 27.3.4.

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.

Tournament Conditions may be altered or amended including prize pool without notice at the discretion of the Tournament Supervisor/Director in accordance with clause 10.

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 In the event that there are less than 750 participants, the Promoter may amend these Tournament Conditions to enable the Tournament to proceed. Such amendments are limited to:
 - (a) The number of players per table; and/or
 - (b) The cash payout breakdown as set out in paragraph (h) (**prizes**).

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.
 - (d) "**The Promoter**" of the Tournament is Star City Pty Ltd ABN 25 060 510 410 of 80 Pymont Street, Pymont NSW 2009