

# FALLSVIEW POKER Classic

## RULES OF TOURNAMENT PLAY

Niagara Casinos Rules of Play for the game of Texas Hold 'Em Poker will be the official rules for the Main Events and Satellite Tournaments subject to the following:

1. Individuals nineteen (19) years of age or older are eligible to enter except Officers, Directors or Employees of Fallsview Casino Resort, Casino Niagara, the Falls Management Company, its Affiliates, Complex Services Inc., the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation or the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario.
2. Entrants must present government issued photo identification on request. Failure to do so may result in termination of play within the round, and/or the tournament, at the discretion of the Tournament Official.
3. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, Fallsview Casino Resort reserves the right to deny any applicant or reject an applicant, once accepted, for any reason which in its sole judgment and discretion, it deems proper.
4. Fallsview Casino Resort reserves the right to cancel or alter the Poker Tournament for any reason. If cancelled, all entrants will be promptly notified and all monies paid shall be returned in a timely fashion, and neither party shall have further liability to the other.
5. Copies of the Rules of Play for Texas Hold'Em Poker will be available at all Main Event and Satellite Tournament areas.
6. The chips are for the sole use of that player to participate in the Main Event or Satellite Tournament. Chips cannot be given or transferred, borrowed or exchanged with another player. Any player that loses all of their non-value chips prior to the completion of the Round is eliminated and will be required to leave the Main Event or Satellite Tournament area. No tipping of Fallsview associates with chips will be permitted. All chips must be returned at the end of each session.
7. The prize purse is based on participation. All prizes will be forfeited, should they not be claimed within 90 days of the tournament date.
8. All entrants must report to the tournament registration desk no later than the end of level 1. Failure to do so may result in forfeiting your entry at the discretion of the tournament official.
9. A computer will randomly select patron table and seat positions for the beginning of each day.
10. The Tournament Director may announce bets or chip counts throughout the tournament. These announcements are for the use of the spectators only and have no bearing on the actual tournament play.
11. The Blinds are placed by the two players clockwise from the Dealer button (Small Blind then Big Blind). The Player following the Big Blind will bet first. If a player is not present at the start of the Round, all antes and blinds will be removed from the absent player's stack, by the Dealer, and added to the pot for the applicable hand. Chips will continue to be removed from a player's stack in their absence until their stack is completely depleted. Every player must be dealt a hand. Once all bets are placed they cannot be changed.
12. Seat one (1) will be to the left of the Dealer and further seat numbers will progress consecutively in a clockwise direction around the table.
13. If there is an extra chip in a tied hand, it will be given to the player closest to the puck/button (Dealer position) in a clockwise rotation.
14. When players are asked to move tables, they will be removed from the Big Blind position and placed on the new table in the Big Blind position or the closest available seat moving in a clockwise rotation that is least advantageous for the player.
15. Every player must be dealt a hand even if the chips in their possession are insufficient to place a minimum bet. The only exception being if a player moving from one table to another enters between the puck and the Blinds, where the player will receive a hand immediately following the Dealer button passing their position.
16. The Dealer or above will be responsible for controlling the betting and the pace of play. If a player continually hinders the pace of play a clock will be used to limit their decision making time in the following manner: a player will be given one minute to make a decision, if action has not been taken by the time the minute is over, the players hand will be forfeited at the completion of a further ten second countdown.
17. All chips must remain in full view of the Table Games Dealer or above at all times in an organized manner by denomination. Niagara Casinos reserves the right to rearrange the chips if the Table Games Supervisor or above deems that player is attempting to hide or disguise the value of Tournament chips in his/her possession.
18. The lowest denomination of chips may be removed from the tables at the end of certain blind levels through a 'chip race'. The 'chip race' may run as follows: All of the 'odd' chips will be placed in front of the players after a cheque change has been completed. The Dealer will remove an appropriate value of the next highest denomination chips from the tray and place on the table (i.e. 8 \$25 chips = 2 \$100; 9 \$25 chips = 3 \$100 chips – round up). For every odd chip each player has they will receive one (1) card, beginning with position one (1). The player with the highest-ranking card (suits count) on board will receive one of the higher denomination chips for that round. The player with the next highest ranking card will receive one of the remaining higher denomination chips for that round. This process continues until all of the higher denomination chips are exhausted. Each player can only win one chip during the chip race. A player having less than the minimum for the following round cannot be eliminated in the chip race. This player will be given one chip of this higher denomination.
19. If prizeing is to be decided by the order of elimination, the value will be added together, and then equally divided between the two participants.
20. A dead button will be utilized when a player is eliminated from the tournament during the hand prior to becoming the button/Dealer position.
21. During heads-up play, the button places the Small Blind. This may require the button to remain in the same position for more than one hand. No player shall post the Big Blind on two (2) consecutive hands.
22. Players cannot request a deck change.
23. All cards will be turned face up once a player is All-In and all action is complete.
24. If a player puts in a raise of 50% or more of the previous bet they will be required to make a full raise of exactly the minimum raise required.
25. If a player is not present at the table by the time all of the other players have received their two card hands, that player's hand will be declared dead.
26. Players must be at the table to initiate any play decision.
27. A higher denomination chip placed into the betting area before the flop is a call. After the flop, a higher denomination chip placed into the betting area by the initial bettor will constitute the size of the bet. If a player states raise and places a higher denomination chip into the betting area, the raise will be the maximum amount allowable up to the amount of that chip.
28. When time has elapsed for a blind level, a new blind level will be announced and the new blinds will apply to the next hand. A hand is considered in play once the Dealer riffles the cards.
29. Any placed wager that receives no action will complete the hand in play; no further cards will be shown.
30. Dealers cannot muck a winning hand that has been turned face up.
31. Players are bound to comply with all Tournament and Casino rules as published or amended. Penalties may be enforced for activities such as but not limited to abuse of any kind, profanity, cards held off the table, exposing live cards, coaching, and verbal disclosure of any cards during a live hand, collusion or suspicious activity between players, or any other behavior deemed inappropriate by the Tournament Director. Penalties may include a verbal warning, being dealt out of the Tournament for a minimum period one hand, as well as up to and including disqualification. A player who is disqualified shall have his chips removed from play.
32. It is the responsibility of the player to bring any problems that may occur during play to the immediate attention of the Table Games Supervisor or above. All disputes must be resolved prior to any player leaving the table.
33. Electronic devices may not be used at the Tournament tables, such as cell phones, blackberrys, pdas, mp3's, etc...
34. For the purpose of Tournament play, the Tournament Director can be a Table Games Floor Supervisor or above. The Tournament Director will make final decisions, with respect to all matters concerning the Tournament, including but not limited to irregularities not in the Approved Rules of Play of Texas Hold'Em Poker or listed herein.
35. The official Tournament language is English. Conversing in any other language will not be permitted unless translated through a Casino Host.
36. All hands involved in a "showdown" situation are considered live hands and cannot be folded or mucked; they will be turned face up in order to determine a winner prior to the pot being awarded.
37. The Tournament Director will determine breaks.