Blackjack Tournament Rules & Regulations

Entry & Buy-In

- **Entry Fee:** $20 per player
- **Starting Chips (Qualifying Rounds):** $1,000 in tournament chips
- **Starting Chips (Final Round):** $2,000 in tournament chips

Golden Tickets

- A **Golden Ticket** may be used in place of the $20 entry fee for **one free entry**.
- **Additional Golden Tickets** must be redeemed **at the time of entry** and each will add **$100** to the player's starting chip stack.
- A maximum of **10 additional Golden Tickets** may be used, allowing a player to start with up to **$2,000 in chips** in the qualifying round.

Tournament Format

- **Qualifying Rounds**
  - Each player must play each hand up to **10 hands** of Blackjack.
  - Objective: Accumulate enough chip total by the end of 10 hands to be on the **Leaderboard**.
  - Players are seated in general order; **no Dealer Button** is used.
  - Players may place their wagers freely before each hand is dealt.
  - Scores are recorded and tracked on a **Leaderboard**.
  - Multiple groups may play sequentially. Each group competes to enter the **Top 7** scores on the leaderboard.
- **Final Round**
  - The **Top 7 players** from the qualifying rounds advance to the Final Round.
  - All finalists start with **$2,000 in chips**.
  - Each finalist plays **21 hands**.
  - A **Dealer Button** is introduced:
    - Indicates who places the **first bet**.
    - Betting proceeds **clockwise** from the button.
    - After each hand, the Dealer Button **rotates one seat clockwise**.
    - Cards are dealt starting from the player with the Dealer Button.
  - Final scores determine the tournament winner and rankings.

Gameplay Rules

- Standard Blackjack rules apply with the following modifications:
  - **Blackjack pays 2:1**
  - **No insurance or even money options, No surrender**
  - **Splits and double downs allowed as per house rules**
- Minimum bet: $25
- **No maximum bet limit**
- Players must place bets before cards are dealt.
- If a player runs out of chips before all hands are completed, their score is recorded as **zero**.

Scoring & Leaderboard

- Chip totals after 21 hands determine each player's score.
- Leaderboard is updated after each group finishes.
- Only the **Top 7 scores** qualify for the Final Round.
- In case of a tie for 7th place, a **4-hand playoff** will determine who advances.

Prize Disbursement

The Blackjack Tournament prize pool is seeded with $1,000 contributed by the casino. Entry fees collected from players are added to this amount to form the total prize pool.

At the conclusion of the Final Round, prizes are awarded based on final rankings as follows:

- 1st Place – 50% of the total prize pool
- 2nd Place – 30% of the total prize pool
- 3rd Place – 20% of the total prize pool
- 4th-7th Place - $25 Matchplay

Golden Ticket Qualification Criteria

- 678 or 777 on all BJ (LL Style, no side bet required)
- Quads of better on UTH (Don't need a bet on Trips)
- 4 coins on Pot of Gold/Free Bet.
- 5 card flush or better. (no side bet required)
- Repeat number on Roulette. (chip on required for both occurrences) or hit the date with straight up
- Double Dragon or Double Panda or let's go any double animal with a bet on both events!
- 3 points made by the same shooter, shooter gets the ticket.

Conduct & Fair Play

- All decisions by the tournament director are final.
- Players must act in turn and respect betting order.
- Collusion, cheating, or disruptive behavior will result in disqualification.
- The tournament director reserves the right to adjust rules for fairness or logistical reasons.

November 21st
4:00 pm start
5:00 pm close registration
Final starts shortly after last qualifying round approximately 5:30 pm