



20k Memorial Day Blackjack Tournament

Saturday, May 27, 2023
OFFICIAL RULES

HOW TO ENTER

1. Non-Invited guests may buy-in to the tournament for \$100 cash or chip buy in. Guests may re-buy in as many times as tournament allows.
2. Invited guests are given one free entry and may re-buy into the tournament for \$100 cash or chip buy in as many times as tournament allows.
3. Must be Backstage Pass Member to participate.

TOURNAMENT TIMES/LOCATION

Early Registration: Friday, May 26, 7pm – 9pm | CASINO

Late Registration: Saturday, May 27, 2pm – 6pm *or until the tournament is full* | CASINO PIT 3

Tournament Play: Saturday, May 27, 3pm – 8pm | CASINO PIT 3

TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

Round 1: 1 player advances from each table (16 total players advance to Semi-Final Round)

Session 1, 3pm: 4 Tables, 6 Players ea.

Session 2, 4pm: 4 Tables, 6 Players ea.

Session 3, 5pm: 4 Tables, 6 Players ea.

Session 4, 6pm: 4 Tables, 6 Players ea.

Wild Card Drawing: Begins at approx. 6:55pm - Four (4) Total Wild Card Winners drawn from Round 1

Semi-Final: 20 total players: 1 player advances from each table in round 1 (16 players) and 4 players from Wild Card Drawing (5 total players advance to Final Table)

Semi-Final Session, 7pm: 5 Tables, 4 Players ea.

Final Table: Final Table Session, 8pm: 1 Table, 5 Players

BLACKJACK TOURNAMENT GENERAL RULES

1. All players must present a valid photo ID and Backstage Pass Players Card to register and participate in tournament.
2. Sessions/times, tables, and seat assignments for the 20k Memorial Day Blackjack Tournament will be assigned randomly, space permitting, on a first come first serve basis at the time of registration.
3. A maximum of 96 players may participate.
4. Players should arrive no later than (5) minutes prior to their designated session time for final verification. Players who arrive after their round has started forfeits their position. In the event a player fails to make their scheduled tournament time, Marketing will move player to an available tournament spot. If all tournament sessions are full, player forfeits their spot in tournament and is eliminated.
5. Each player will be issued \$3,000 in tournament chips. Tournament chips have no cash value.
6. All bets must be in increments of at least \$25. There is no maximum bet.
7. Mulligan Vouchers are available for purchase – **Complete details on page 2 of Official Rules.**
8. First base is determined by high card draw. First-base position will rotate clockwise after each hand.
9. "Shoe" per table consists of eight (8) card decks totaling 416 cards per table.
10. All rounds consist of 20 hands.
11. Each player will play a 20-hand round in Round 1. Top chip earner from each table in each Round 1 session will move on to the Semi-Final Round as determined by the total cash equivalent of their tournament chips.
12. Four (4) players will be drawn for the Wild Card Drawing. Wild Card drawn players have 1 (one) minute to present themselves to a Marketing Representative in the tournament area. If drawn player(s) fails to present themselves within the allotted time, Marketing will continue to pull names until 4 wild card winners are presented.
13. Each player will play a 20-hand round in the Semi-Final Round. Top chip earner from each table in Round 2 will move on to the Final Table as determined by the total cash equivalent of their tournament chips.
14. One 20-hand round will determine final payouts at the Final Table.
15. **Coaching is NOT permitted during tournament play.** No form of verbal or visual communication will be permitted between tournament players and spectators/dealers. Guests or players coaching others will be banned from the tournament area.
16. Any tournament play disputes must be brought to the attention of a tournament official **immediately** following discrepancies. Disputes brought to the attention of a tournament official after a hand or session/round will be dismissed.
17. Smoking is NOT permitted at tournament tables.

BLACKJACK TOURNAMENT HOUSE RULES

1. Tournament chips must be in clear view at all times and separated by denomination.
2. Double down on first 2 cards, split any pair, and double down on splits are permitted up to 3 times to make 4 hands.
3. No insurance is offered or taken.
4. "21" received on 3 or more cards pays even money and is paid out immediately.
5. Blackjack pays double – player is paid out immediately.
6. Split any pair up to 3 times except Aces - Split Aces 1 time and receive one card only on each Ace.
7. Doubling down on splits is permitted, except Aces.
8. Chip count will take place after 15th and 19th hands.
9. Players are required to bet in order. The player with the marker bets first; The rest of the players continue one by one clockwise.
A player who bets out of order cannot remove their bet and cannot change that bet.
10. In the event of a tie in any Round/Session, a winner will be selected by high card draw - Aces are high card.
Ties draw again until a winner is found. No suit ranking.
11. Management reserves all rights.

MULLIGANS

Mulligans may be used to discard a players second dealt card on a particular hand. Using a Mulligan allows players to receive a re-deal on their second card on the same hand AFTER all hands are delivered (first 2 cards) to all players. MULLIGANS CAN BE USED TO REPLACE THE SECOND DEALT CARD ONLY. Replacement card is taken from the next card in the shoe.

Round 1: \$100 each Mulligan Voucher. Players have the opportunity to purchase up to two (2) Mulligan Vouchers at tournament early/day-of registration or before the start of Round 1. Player must use the Round 1 Mulligan Voucher(s) in Round 1.

Round 1 Mulligan Vouchers will be voided if not used by the 19th hand of the players Round 1 session.

Semi-Final Round: \$250 each Mulligan Voucher. Round 1 Winners with a position secured in the Semi-Final Round have the opportunity to purchase up to two (2) Mulligan vouchers at the conclusion of Round 1. Wild Card Winners have the opportunity to purchase up to two (2) Mulligan Vouchers at the conclusion of the Wild Card Drawing. Semi-Final participants must use the Semi-Final Mulligan Voucher(s) in the Semi-Final Round.

Semi-Final Mulligan Vouchers will be voided if not used by the 19th hand of the players Semi-Final Round session.

- Mulligans can be purchased via cash or Hard Rock Lake Tahoe live chips.
- Mulligans are non-transferable and have no tournament chip, live chip or cash value.
- Mulligans CANNOT be used on the final 20th hand in any Round.
- No Mulligans are offered at the Final Table.
- Hard Rock Lake Tahoe is not responsible for lost or stolen Mulligan Vouchers.
- Lost or stolen Mulligan Vouchers will NOT be replaced.
- Mulligans must be forfeited after use and may only be used during a players turn.

PRIZE MATRIX

Place	Amount
1 st	\$5,000 Cash/5,000 1x Play Promotional Chips
2 nd	\$4,000 1x Play Promotional Chips
3 rd	\$3,000 1x Play Promotional Chips
4 th	\$2,000 1x Play Promotional Chips
5 th	\$1,000 1x Play Promotional Chips
Total	\$20,000 Cash and Promotional Chips

1. Valid Photo ID and Backstage Pass must be present with winner at time of payout.
2. All Final Table winners will receive "1x play promotional chips". **Must be used same day as issuance.**
3. 1x play promotional chips will be rewarded to winners at the Final Table.
4. Cash winner is required to complete a 1099 payout form and W-9 to receive their cash winnings.
5. Cash winnings will be paid out at the Backstage Pass Cashier Cage. Cash Winner must present a Cash Claim Form to the Cashier Cage to receive their winning. Cash Claim Form is given to the cash winner by a Marketing Representative in the tournament area.

GENERAL RULES

1. **Management reserves all rights.**
2. Guests must be or become a Backstage Pass member to participate. Membership is free.
3. Prizes are non-transferable and non-replaceable.
4. If any act of nature or system issue arises which would prohibit staff from completing the slot tournament safely and/or properly, management reserves all rights to cancel and/or reschedule the tournament for an alternate date.
5. Management reserves all rights.
6. All winners must show their valid picture identification and their Backstage Pass card to claim their prize.
7. Banned/Self-Excluded/Trespassed guests are **NOT** eligible to participate.
8. Employees of Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Lake Tahoe are **NOT** eligible to participate.
9. All applicable federal and state taxes are the sole responsibility of the winner.
10. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Lake Tahoe reserves the right to modify this tournament at any time provided that such modification shall not, as of the date of such modification, materially alter or change any participants' prize previously won.
11. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Lake Tahoe reserves all rights to disqualify any guest who attempts to alter entry forms or obtain entry forms outside the rules of the tournament.
12. All decisions are final, and binding and no correspondence or appeals will be entered into.
13. Buy-ins are non-refundable and non-transferable.
14. In the event of technical failure or damage to the device(s) used for the tournament, irrespective of the cause, another suitable device or method will be used, at the sole discretion of Management.
15. Every participant in the tournament shall be deemed to have acknowledged and accepted these rules by virtue of their participation.
16. Any person transgressing the rules of this tournament will be disqualified.
17. The above clauses are severable from each other, should any clause or part thereof be found to be unenforceable by operation of the law, such clause or part thereof will be severed, and the remaining clauses shall remain in force.