



## **APL Poker Tour**

### **Terms and Conditions**

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#### **1. Poker Tour Details**

1.1 Full House Group Australia ABN 93 460 731 887 (which operates APL and the APLPT) will appoint a Major Events Director who will be present for the duration of each Poker Tour. The Major Events Director may appoint one or more deputies who may act as on behalf of the Major Events Director.

1.2 Particular Tournaments/Satellites for the APLPT's will be conducted in accordance with the Tournament Schedule and Tournament Structures, including entry-fee, buy-ins and add-ons available at <https://playapl.com/aplpt>

1.3 The Major Events Director reserves the right to alter the start date and/or time of any Tournament or Satellite. All entrants will be given reasonable notice in the event that the start date and/or time of any Tournament is altered.

#### **1.4 Number of Entrants:**

1.4.1 All Tournaments and Satellites will be held with a minimum of five (5) players.

(a) The number of entrants may also include 'Alternates'. Alternates are entrants permitted to enter a Tournament/Satellite with a full starting bank of chips, within a predetermined period after the Tournament/Satellite starts, as other entrants are eliminated or where an additional table is added subsequent to the Tournament commencement.

(b) Management of APLPT reserves the right to cancel a Tournament if the minimum number of entrants as defined in clause 1.4.1 is not achieved by thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of a Tournament.

(c) A tournament cannot be deemed over until the registration period is closed. Management of APLPT reserves the right to pause a tournament in the event that the players remaining are less than required to continue the event, and registration is still open.

1.5 With the exception of clause 1.4.1(b), Full House Group Australia may cancel a Tournament, but will only do so in circumstances beyond Full House Group Australia's reasonable control (for example, forces of nature and action or inaction by a government agency). In the event that a Tournament is cancelled, where practicable, all entrants will be given reasonable prior notice. Full House Group Australia (including its employees, agents and contractors) has no liability for any claim (including without limitation for losses or expenses) relating to a cancellation pursuant to this clause.

#### **2. Conditions of Entry**

2.1 Participation in any of the Tournaments/Satellites for the APL Poker Tour constitutes an acceptance of these Terms and Conditions

- 2.2 Tournaments and Satellites are not open to entrants or other persons excluded from entering the host venue or host venue franchise chains, or if currently suspended or banned from Full House Group Australia.
- 2.3 The Management of Full House Group Australia reserves the right to refuse any application for entry into a particular Tournament for the Poker Tour and the participation of any nominated substitute.
- 2.4 Applications for entry into any of the Tournaments for the Poker Tour will be recorded by Full House Group Australia and may be made as follows:
- 2.4.1 Where available, by completing an on-line application available on Australian Poker League's website (<https://www.PlayAPL.com>); or
- 2.4.2 In advance of, or during the conduct of the Tournament by presenting in person at the Tournament registration booth located in the allocated venue space
- 2.5 Prior to being eligible to participate in any of the Tournaments within the Poker Tour, each entrant must present a valid form of Identification such as drivers licence.
- 2.5.1 Where an entrant is not a valid Member and they are required to become a Member, that entrant must present at least one (1) item of Appropriate Identification from the Primary ID list in accordance with the current FHGA Members Rules.
- 2.5.2 Where certain venues or Casinos require membership before entry into the tournament space, Full House Group Australia will not register a player until the membership card has been provided, or entry approved by the Venue or Casino Management
- 2.5.3 The Major Events Director may waive the requirements of this clause if they determine that the entrant's circumstances are considered to warrant this action.
- 2.6 All entrants may view the Tournament Terms and Conditions prior to registering for a Tournament and all entrants must abide by them, or risk disqualification.
- 2.6.1 A copy of the approved Terms and Conditions will be published on the APL website (<https://playapl.com/about/terms-and-conditions>); and
- 2.6.2 Copies of these Terms and Conditions will be made available throughout the duration of the Tournaments at each APLPT
- 2.7 Each entrant may be requested to provide their Member number and provide valid photo ID:
- 2.7.1 Each time they enter a Tournament; or
- 2.7.2 If requested, when collecting a prize; or
- 2.7.3 If a Tournament lasts for more than one (1) day, at the end of a event day's play and/or at the commencement of play on the next event day.
- 2.8 The buy-in and entry fee, if any, will be refunded in the event that a Tournament does not proceed or where, prior to the commencement of a particular Tournament, it is determined that an entrant is ineligible to enter that Tournament. The buy-in and entry fee may be refunded in the event that an entrant would be playing in more than one (1) event running concurrently.
- 2.9 If an entrant withdraws from a Tournament/Satellite prior to the scheduled Tournament/Satellite date, the buy-in only is refundable or may be transferred to another person in accordance with clause 2.13, providing that person is not

prohibited for any reason in accordance with clause 2.2 and has not already entered that Tournament at the Major Events Director's discretion.

2.10 Entrant withdrawal does not apply to an entry won in a Satellite Tournament, except upon written evidence in a form acceptable to FHGA of:

2.10.1 The death of the entered person. In this case, the amount already paid will be refunded to the entered person's estate upon presentation of proper legal documentation by the estate.

2.10.2 The death of an immediate family member of the entered person, or a hospital stay of the entered person or an immediate family member. In these instances, the buy-in and entry fee will be held by FHGA and transferred to the same Tournament to be held in the subsequent year.

2.10.3 The entry won in a Satellite is won by an entrant already entered into that Tournament. In this instance, if the entrant has bought in directly to the Tournament, they will have the buy-in and entry fee refunded. If they had previously won an entry in a Satellite, any subsequent entries won become transferable in accordance with clause 2.13.

2.10.4 Tickets won in a satellite will not be refunded. They may be transferred to other event/s of same or greater value at the discretion of the Major Events Director.

2.11 The Major Events Director has the discretion to transfer an entrant's buy-in and entry fee to the same or similar Tournament to be held in the subsequent Poker Tour, if an entrant's circumstances are considered to warrant this action.

2.12 The buy-in and entry fee, if any, will not be refunded to an entrant who is disqualified from a particular Tournament and that entrant's Tournament chips will be taken out of play.

2.13 At the discretion of the Major Events Director, an entrant may transfer their entry to a substitute, provided that person is entitled to enter the Tournament in accordance with clause 2.2 and they have not already entered the Tournament. Where a substitute is nominated, entry into the Tournament will be transferred to the substitute and the substitute will act on behalf of the entrant, commencing or continuing play in the entrant's stead and using any applicable bank of Tournament chips allocated to or accumulated by the entrant.

2.14 At the close of the registration period of a Satellite or Tournament (should re-entries be allowed), all entrants will have the option to forfeit their bank of Tournament Chips so as to allow them the ability to re-enter that specific Satellite. If an entrant does elect to forfeit their bank of Tournament Chips, the Major Events Director must be informed prior to that entrant re-entering the Satellite, and their remaining Tournament Chips will be removed from play.

2.15 FHG will handle entrants' personal information in accordance with the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) and FHGA's privacy policy, which is available at <https://playapl.com/about/terms-and-conditions>, unless otherwise provided for in these Terms and Conditions.

2.16 By entering any APLPT Event, entrants thereby provide consent for Full House Group Australia and partnering entities such as venue or casino to use any entrants' names, suburbs, photographs, images and likenesses including live streaming for the purpose of promoting and advertising Full House Group Australia, APL, APLPT and host venues.

### **3. Tournament and Satellite Format**

3.1 All Tournaments and Satellites as detailed in the Tournament Structures as described at clause 1.2 will consist of one or more Rounds/Sessions and/or a Final and will be played on one or more tables; the number of tables being determined by the

number of entries received for a particular Tournament/Satellite.

### 3.2 Multi-Table Satellites

3.2.1 Any remaining prize money will be awarded as a single prize. This may include (or be in the form of) Poker Tour Credits (PTCs)

### 3.3 Raise or Fold Satellites

3.3.1 Raise or Fold satellites are single table satellites where players may only "raise" or "fold". "Calling" is not permitted.

### 3.4 Flips Satellites

3.4.1 Flips Satellites are No Limit Hold'em Satellites, where entrants will qualify for entry into a specific APL Poker Tour Tournament.

3.4.2 One (1) hand will be dealt; all cards face up. Entrants will not be permitted to make decisions.

3.4.3 100% of funds are returned to prize pool.

3.5 Prior to the commencement of the Tournament/Satellite, entrants may be provided with instruction on how to play the game. This instruction may comprise a demonstration by the Dealer and/or participation in a number of 'practice hands'.

3.6 The Major Events Director may, for any particular Tournament/Satellite, determine if there will be any repechage, catch-up or secondary Rounds/Sessions.

### 3.7 Table and Seat Allocation:

3.7.1 The names of all entrants for a particular Tournament/Satellite will be drawn by ballot or randomly generated by computer to determine each entrant's table number and playing position.

3.7.2 The number of entrants allocated to any one (1) table will be at the discretion of the Major Events Director

3.7.3 On a particular table, position 1 is located to the immediate left of the Dealer, with position numbers ascending in a clockwise order.

3.7.4 A draw for the Dealer button will be held at the beginning of each Tournament/Satellite.

3.7.5 Seating assignments may be altered to ensure that entrants who are connected by family or association play at different tables or are separated on the final table.

### 3.8 Wagers:

3.8.1 All wagers will be made with Tournament chips. Tournament chips in the possession of an entrant at the conclusion of a particular Tournament/Satellite will remain the property of Full House Group Australia.

3.8.2 Entrants in a particular Tournament/Satellite will each be allocated the same amount of Tournament chips and will be advised of the actual amount of chips prior to the commencement of the Tournament/Satellite. A starting bank of chips will be placed on the table in front of each designated playing

area.

- 3.8.3 An entrant's bank of chips must remain on the table in full view of all participants, with the highest denomination chip the most prominent, until each session is completed and the winner(s) is determined.
- 3.8.4 A bank of chips will not be supplemented or removed from the table by an entrant during the conduct of tournament play, unless in the form of a re buy or add-on.
- 3.8.5 Where an entrant is re-seated in accordance with clause 4.3, they must transfer their bank of chips so that the chips remain in clear view of the Dealer (or above) and the Tournament/Satellite entrants. Failure to do so may result in the chips being forfeited.

### 3.9 Re-buys and Add-ons:

- 3.9.1 Where a Tournament/Satellite allows re-buys, entrants in that Tournament/Satellite may purchase an additional bank of chips when an entrant's chip bank falls below a predetermined amount. The additional bank of chips will be equivalent to the original starting bank described in the Tournament Structures per clause 1.3.
- 3.9.2 Re-buys will only take place for a predetermined period of time during a Tournament/Satellite.
- 3.9.3 The length of the re-buy period and the number of re-buys and add-ons will be determined by the Major Events Director and announced prior to the commencement of that particular Tournament/Satellite.
- 3.9.4 Where the Tournament/Satellite allows add-ons, all entrants in that particular Tournament/Satellite may purchase an additional bank(s) of chips at the end of the re-buy period for the amount stipulated in Tournament Structures per clause 1.3.
- 3.9.5 If an entrant has exhausted their bank of chips and wishes to re-buy, they must re-buy prior to the commencement of the next round of play, or it will be deemed that they have been eliminated from the Tournament/Satellite.

### 3.10 Time to Act:

- 3.10.1 Entrants may request to 'put the clock' on another entrant. Subject to the request being reasonable, the Major Events Director will call "time" and the entrant in question will have thirty (30) seconds to act. If action has not been taken by the time 30 seconds has elapsed, there will be a five (5) second countdown. If an entrant has not acted on their hand by the time the countdown has elapsed, the hand will be dead if a previous bet has been placed; checked if no previous bet has been made. All wagers made by that entrant will remain in the pot(s). The Major Events Director may also call "time" on an entrant, if deemed necessary.
- 3.10.2 If the Major Events Director determines that an entrant is deliberately being slow to act on more than one (1) occasion in the same Tournament/Satellite, that entrant may be given a maximum of ten (10) seconds to act for all subsequent hands until no longer deemed necessary by the Major Events Director.

### 3.11 General:

- 3.11.1 At the Major Event Director's discretion, any Tournament/Satellite can have 'hand-for-hand' play introduced and removed where deemed appropriate.
- 3.11.2 When dealing 'hand-for-hand' on a "money bubble" that exceeds 50 players remaining (or at the discretion of the Major Events Director):
- (a) Clock is paused and no additional time will be added back onto the clock. 2 minutes will be removed for each hand that is played out. ie; 8 hands will have 16 minutes removed from the clock and into the next level/s where required,
- 3.11.3 When dealing 'hand-for-hand' on a "money bubble" that has less than 50 players remaining (or at the discretion of the Major Events Director):
- (a) Clock may continue to run and no additional time will be added back onto the clock,
- 3.11.4 At the Major Event Director's discretion, Dealers may deal 'round-for-round' when the number of entrants remaining exceeds places paid by two (2).
- 3.11.5 All cards will be turned face-up once an entrant is 'all-in' and all action is complete (provided that player must be present).
- 3.11.6 In the event of a split pot; where there is an odd chip, the odd chip will be broken down to the lowest denomination chip in play on the table at that time. If, after the odd chip has been broken down, an amount remains that cannot be equally divided, that remaining amount will go to the high hand. If there are two (2) or more high or low hands of the same value:
- (a) In Flop games; the remaining amount will go to the nearest active hand to the left of the button.
- (b) In Hi-Lo split games; the pot will be split as evenly as possible.
- 3.11.7 A hand may be ruled retrievable by the Major Events Director.
- 3.11.8 When it is time to 'colour-up' chips (remove the smallest denomination chips from the table), the chips will be 'raced-off' with a maximum of one chip going to any one entrant. The chip race always starts in the No 1 Seat. An entrant cannot be 'raced-out' of a Tournament/Satellite. In the event that an entrant loses the 'race off' and has no chips remaining, they will be given one chip of the smallest denomination in play, so that they can continue to play.
- 3.11.9 All Chip ups and/or race offs will be done while players are present. Unless under direct supervision and direction of the Major Events Director or Deputies.
- 3.11.10 An entrant who wants to make a phone call must step away from the table. Should an entrant step away from the table during a hand, that hand is dead.
- a) use of smart phones (or similar devices) is permitted at the table (excluding phone calls as per 3.12.7) provided the player is not involved in a live hand.
- 3.11.11 Unless being re-seated in accordance with clause 4.3, an entrant must be

at the table by the time the Dealer has completed the initial deal, or their hand is dead. This includes a situation where the unseated player is "allin". Floor staff should be called before an unattended "allin" is mucked immediately after a break in the Tournament.

3.11.12 There will be no foreign chips or foreign objects allowed on the table except for a maximum of one (1) card protector per entrant. The card protector size must be significantly smaller than the size of a playing card.

3.11.13 When new betting limits are announced, the limits apply from the next hand. A hand begins when the Dealer "riffles" for the first time for a manual shuffle.

3.11.14 On any Final Table, the use of audio headphones, MP3 players or other similar electronic devices will only be permitted at the discretion of the Major Events Director.

3.11.15 In the event that Tournament play extends beyond a reasonable time during a gaming day, the Major Events Director may elect to suspend the Tournament/Satellite and continue it the next gaming day or at a time to be agreed.

3.11.16 When only two (2) entrants remain in a Tournament/Satellite, the button will be on the small blind. The button will be adjusted so that no entrant will pay the big blind twice in succession.

3.11.17 The use of "Allin buttons" by dealers is seen as an additional method of highlighting a player's "Allin" bet. Failure to use an "Allin button" will see play continue and the "Allin" bet stand.

3.11.18 "Deal making" on Final Tables (ie re-distributing advertised prize monies) is permitted, however a Major Events Director (or deputy) must be present during discussions, and all players must agree to the terms of deal for it to be finalised and approved. FHGA reserves the right to deem any deal unfair or unsuitable and therefore void.

#### **4. Elimination**

4.1 Once an entrant has lost their bank of chips and exhausted all opportunities to re buy or add-on (as applicable) and is subsequently eliminated from a Tournament/Satellite, they will not be permitted to re-enter that particular Tournament/Satellite.

4.2 As entrants are eliminated from the Tournament/Satellite, the number of tables may be reduced at the discretion of the Major Events Director.

4.3 To maintain balanced tables throughout the duration of a Tournament/Satellite, entrants may be re-seated at the discretion of the Major Events Director. Unless deemed otherwise by the Major Events Director, the following procedure will be applied:

4.3.1 A difference of two (2) entrants between Tournament/Satellite tables is acceptable. During the final stages of a particular Tournament/Satellite a difference of two (2) entrants will be balanced as soon as is practicable.

4.3.2 On any table which is three (3) or more entrants short, creating a difference of three (3), play will be suspended until that table has been balanced.

4.3.3 For all games except Stud, tables will be balanced by moving the entrant who is due to post the Big Blind next to the “worst available seat” on the second table – ie closest to the Big Blind position

4.3.4 Entrants must promptly move to the table as requested or risk incurring a penalty as described in clause 7.2.

4.3.5 Where an entrant is re-seated, they will assume all rights and responsibilities of their new position. An entrant moving to a new table is eligible to be dealt a hand in any position, except if they are seated in between the button and the small blind.

4.3.6 Should there be the need to create a new table – the “next to pay Big Blind” on each table will be randomly allocated a seat on the new table

4.4 In the event of more than one (1) entrant being eliminated from a Tournament/Satellite during the same round of play on the same table, places will be allocated relative to the size of the eliminated entrants’ respective Tournament chip banks prior to the commencement of that particular round of play.

4.5 In the event of two (2) entrants being eliminated from two (2) separate tables on a corresponding round of play; those entrants will be equal in placing regardless of their Tournament chip bank at the commencement of that particular round of play.

## **5. Tournament/Satellite Winner**

5.1 The winner(s) for a Tournament/Satellite will be the last entrant(s) remaining in that particular Tournament/Satellite after all other entrants have been eliminated.

## **6. Prize Pool**

6.1 FHGA may add value to a prize pool in the form of cash, goods, PTCs or services.

6.2 The Tournament prize pool will consist of all buy-ins together with any re-buys and add-ons (less any admin fees).

6.3 Entrants in a particular Tournament will be advised of the actual prize pool break at the completion of the registration period for the Tournament.

6.4 Prize winners of any cash tournament who are entitled to a cash prize in excess of \$5,000 will be paid up to \$5,000 cash on the day (subject to the discretion of the Major Events Director) with the remainder electronically transferred from Full House Group Australia to the player’s nominated bank account within five (5) business days. All prizes owing under \$5,000 will be paid in cash on the day of the Event. The ability to have the entire amount transferred electronically remains at the discretion of the Major Events Director (or deputies).

## **7. Conduct of Play**

7.1 The Major Events Director may penalise any entrant who fails to comply with these Terms and Conditions, or whose behaviour is assessed as being detrimental to the integrity or the proper conduct of the Tournament/Satellite, including, but not limited to the following examples:

7.1.1 Abuse of FHGA employees and/or contractors, either digitally, verbally or physically;

7.1.2 Abuse of other entrants, either digitally, verbally or physically;

7.1.3 An entrant showing their cards or verbally advising the content of their hand to another entrant(s) when the betting round is not complete;



- 7.1.4 Exposing hole card(s) with action pending;
- 7.1.5 Causing card(s) to go off the table;
- 7.1.6 Advising another entrant how to play a hand;
- 7.1.7 Soft-play occurs;
- 7.1.8 Deliberately miscalling a hand;
- 7.1.9 Sitting in the wrong seat (see clause 3.8);
- 7.1.10 Collusion;
- 7.1.11 Intentionally avoiding payment of a blind when moving from a broken table;
- 7.1.12 Discussion of the particular round of play prior to action being complete by any entrant on the table whether still in the round of play or not;
- 7.1.13 One (1) entrant to a hand rule – no seeking advice from other entrants or bystanders;
- 7.1.14 Acting out of turn;
- 7.1.15 Concealing hole cards from another entrant(s);
- 7.1.16 Concealing chips from another entrant(s);
- 7.1.17 Showing signs of intoxication, or being assessed by FHG and/or the host venue as such;
- 7.1.18 During a Tournament/Satellite, displaying a sponsor's logo that has not been previously advised in accordance with clause 7.8; and
- 7.1.19 Use of a mobile device while involved in a live hand at the table to:
  - (a) Make or receive telephone calls; or
  - (b) Send or receive text messages; or
  - (c) Send or receive emails; or
  - (d) Browse the Internet; or
  - (e) Communicate with another person in any way using that particular device.

7.2 Penalties imposed may be as follows:

- 7.2.1 Exclusion from the table for one (1) or more rounds of play (blinds, antes and/or forced bets to be forfeited); or
- 7.2.2 Time penalties of five (5), ten (10), twenty (20) or forty (40) minutes away from the table may also be used (blinds, antes and/or forced bets to be forfeited); or
- 7.2.3 Disqualification from Tournament/Satellite.

7.3 The Major Events Director reserves the right to read any unexposed hands to determine whether or not collusion has occurred.

7.4 If, at the commencement of a Tournament/Satellite, an entrant does not take their allotted seat at the specified times as nominated by the Major Events Director, and is not disqualified:

- 7.4.1 All antes, blinds and forced bets will be deducted from the set amount of an entrant's Tournament chips for each round of betting until they take their allotted seat. The entrant's position at the table will still be dealt in and retain all rights as if they were present at the table; and
- 7.4.2 In accordance with clause 2.14, the entrant may nominate, in person, a substitute to take their allotted seat during any Tournament/Satellite. This decision is subject to the approval of the Major Events Director or deputies.
- 7.5 During a particular Tournament/Satellite, any entrant who is absent from play will have all antes, blinds and forced bets deducted from the set amount of their Tournament chips for each round of betting until they return. The entrant's position at the table will still be dealt in during the absence and retain all rights as if they were present at the table.
- 7.6 FHGA reserves the right to ban any means of advertising including apparel which contains obscene images or words or is otherwise deemed inappropriate by FHGA.
- 7.7 Prior to the commencement of any Tournament/Satellite which contains a televised/streamed component, an entrant must provide in writing, the details of any sponsorship arrangements they may have to the Major Events Director. Entrants who have had their entry paid for by another party will be deemed to be sponsored by that party unless they advise the Major Events Director otherwise, in writing, prior to the commencement of the Tournament/Satellite. Entrants may not change their sponsorship arrangements once a Tournament/Satellite has commenced, unless approved at the discretion of the Major Events Director. Any entrant, who during a Tournament/Satellite displays a sponsor's logo that has not been previously advised, may be subject to the penalties detailed in clause 7.2.
- 7.8 All Tournaments/Satellites will be conducted by the Major Events Director and/or their deputies in accordance with these Terms and Conditions and the APL Poker Rules. In the event of any inconsistency between these Terms and Conditions and the APL Poker Rules, the APL Poker Rules shall prevail.
- 7.9 In the event of a dispute relating to any Tournament/Satellite, the decision of the Major Events Director shall be final.
- 7.10 To the maximum extent permitted by law and without affecting any rights which cannot be excluded under Consumer law within each jurisdiction and the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth), FHGA (including the Major Events Director) shall not be liable for any losses whatsoever that may arise from any decision of the Major Events Director under clauses 7.9 and 7.10.