

Exhibit A

Blackjack Tournament Rules & Regulations

The Blackjack tournament date and time will be determined and tournament will end when the last hand is dealt in the last round. Each participant will play 3 rounds with 15 hands in each round and will bet with non-negotiable, non-redeemable tournament chips. Chips will be counted at the end of each round and winners will be determined by the total value of chips after the last hand in each round.

Game type:

- Blackjack
- Pre-approved rules for the game of blackjack will be used and enforced.

Prizes:

- There will be either a predetermined prize amount in dollars (equal to at least 80% of the tournament buy-ins), or an amount equal to 80% of the tournament buy-ins. The prize amount will be posted prior to the start of the tournament. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded.

Equipment used:

- Standard blackjack table with chairs
- Non-negotiable, non-redeemable tournament chips with denominations consisting of 100-5,000
- (1) 6 deck shoe and discard rack
- (6) 52 card decks
- (2) 2 cut cards
- Table and seat assignment cards given at the cage
- Player betting button

Rules of Play:

- There is a \$50 entry fee and there is no cash buy-in at the tournament table.
- All players shall report to registration area approximately 15 minutes prior to their assigned table and seat assignment or their session time may be forfeited.
- Random drawings shall determine table and seating assignments.
- There will be a maximum of seven (7) players per table.
- All players shall report to their assigned game 15 minutes prior to the commencement of their play or risk forfeiting their spot.
- Approved rules of blackjack will be used.
- Each contestant will be dealt cards as if playing a standard game of blackjack.
- All Blackjacks will pay 3-2.
- Each round shall consist of 15 hands dealt.

- Players may not be coached or carry on conversations with outside observers during the tournament play. Any player observed being coached or carrying on conversations with outside spectators will be charged a penalty of 1,500.
- Players may only wager one spot during tournament play.
- Players may also play the bonus assigned to their betting position.
- Players **cannot** bet on any another player's betting areas.
- Every player shall play every hand, unless the player is out of chips. Failure to do so shall result in immediate disqualification.
- All players shall be given 10,000 in the form of playing chips at the beginning of each round.
 - a. The minimum bet shall be 100.
 - b. The maximum bet shall be 2,500.
- Bonus bet minimum is 100 and the maximum is 500.
- There is no maximum bet limit during the 15th hand.
- All bets shall be in 100 increments (except for insurance).
- Players will be allowed to use a mystery bet coupon which can be used during the round of play and on any hand.
 - a. Mystery bet coupon is defined as a written bet made on a River coupon and placed face down.
 - b. The player using the mystery bet coupon must have the amount available in their stack to cover the bet. Floor manager will confirm the player has the chips to cover the bet.
 - c. Once all bets have been placed and prior to the cards being dealt the dealer will replace the coupon with the player chips in the betting circle.
 - d. If the player receives a hand they wish to split or double down, the player must have the chips available to do so.
- Call bets are not permitted.
- Bets **may not** be changed or removed after they have been finalized.
- The order in which bets are finalized shall rotate among the players after every hand. A rotating button will be used to indicate the betting order.
- All players' chip stacks shall remain on the table, always separated by color and in full view of other players.
- At their turn, each player shall be given ten (10) seconds, timed by the Floor Manager, in which to make a wager. Any player who fails to bet within ten (10) seconds shall be considered in violation of tournament rules and subject to disqualification. Only one warning shall be given.
- Immediately before the start of the 15th hand, the Floor Manager will count each player's chips in front of all players before the hand is dealt.
- At the end of the 15th hand the Floor Manager will count each player's chips and record the amount in full view of all players. At this time all players will be reassigned a new table and seat number.
- At the end of the 3rd and final round all chips will be counted and recorded and at this time the winners will be announced.
- At the end of each round, all tournament chips shall be returned to the tournament table. If chips are found to be missing from a table, all players at the table may be disqualified from the tournament.
- Players shall have valid ID (i.e. not expired driver's license, passport, or state-issued photo ID card) to receive prize money.

- All discrepancies must be addressed with gaming personnel at the time of occurrence. The Floor Manager's decision is final.
- Any violation of tournament rules, cheating or delaying of the game can lead to dismissal from the tournament.
- The River will clearly videotape or otherwise visually record on a continuous recording (i.e. casino surveillance) with time and date stamp:
 - a. (6) 52-playing card decks
 - b. The shuffling process
 - c. The dealing of all contestants' hands at each table such that the dealt cards are always visible.
 - d. The playing cards must be dealt from a shoe with six (6) decks containing 52 –playing cards.