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**Playing Card Procedures:**

Procedures for the control over playing cards will be strictly adhered to as per ICM C8-1.

**Main - Rules of Tournament Play:**

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

1. You must be an individual who is nineteen (19) years of age or older at the time of entry in order to be eligible to enter the Tournament. Players must present valid, government-issued photo identification on request. An eligible person who has entered the Tournament is referred to herein as a "Player".
2. The individuals listed below ("Excluded Individuals") are NOT eligible to enter the Tournament. If an Excluded Individual enters the Tournament (whether through fraud, error, or for any other reason) and is subsequently declared a winner, the Excluded Individual will have their name removed from the winners' list and will not be awarded or have the right to be awarded any prize. If the Sponsor becomes aware that a prize has been awarded to an Excluded Individual, the Sponsor has the right to demand that the prize be returned in full and in kind to the Sponsor immediately upon serving the demand on the Excluded Individual. The Sponsor reserves the right to commence legal action against an Excluded Individual for the return of any prize awarded to that person.
  - (i) any individual participating in a voluntary self-exclusion program that applies to Casino Niagara (the "Site");
  - (ii) any individual who has been restricted from access to the Site or from playing casino games as a condition of a court order;
  - (iii) any individual who has been restricted from access to the Site or from playing casino games by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (the "AGCO");
  - (iv) any individual who is an employee, an officer, a member of the board of directors, an Executive Director, an executive, a representative, an agent, or a partner of any one of the following: the Sponsor, the Falls Management Company or Falls Management Group L.P., any promotional or advertising agencies involved in this Tournament, and any persons domiciled with any of the foregoing individuals;
  - (v) any individual who is an executive or staff member of any trade union that represents or negotiates on behalf of employees employed at the Site;
  - (vi) any individual who is an employee of a supplier that is registered under Ontario's Gaming Control Act who repairs or maintains gaming equipment at the Site;
  - (vii) any individual who is a member or employee of the AGCO; or
  - (viii) any individual who is an officer, member of the board of directors, or employee of the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation ("OLG") who is registered as a CAT1 gaming assistant.
3. Void where prohibited by law.
4. Entries are limited to one (1) entry per Players Advantage account and are non-transferable.
5. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, Niagara Casinos 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. Should the Tournament Director determine in his/her sole discretion that a Player is unable to complete tournament play, such Player's chips shall be removed from play and Player's tournament prize money entitlement, if any, shall be determined at that time.
6. Niagara Casinos 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.
7. Copies of the Rules of Play for Texas Hold'Em Poker will be available at all Tournaments, Main Event and Satellite Tournament areas.
8. All multi-table Tournaments including Super Satellites will follow a Big Blind Ante format where:
  - a. Players in the Big Blind position must post the Ante first; followed by the Big Blind
  - b. Antes never reduce

9. The tournament chips are for the sole use of that Player to participate in the Tournaments, Main Event, Super Satellite 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 Tournaments, Main Event, Super Satellite or Satellite Tournament area. No tipping of FV Niagara Casinos' Associates with tournament chips will be permitted. All tournament chips must be returned at the end of each session.
10. At the conclusion of play for each day, active Players shall carry over any remaining chips to subsequent days of play Chips shall be verified by the Player and placed into a card bag. Card bags will include the Player's printed name and Players Advantage Club ("PAC") number and shall be sealed and signed by the Player. Niagara Casinos does not assume responsibility for this process.
11. The prize purse is based on participation and all prizes should be claimed preferably within ninety (90) days of the tournament date.
12. All Players must report to the tournament registration desk no later than the beginning of the tenth (10th) round. Failure to do so may result in forfeiting your entry at the discretion of the Tournament Official.
13. Entries will be available for purchase until the beginning of the tenth (10th) round or until the set maximum is reached.
14. Table and seat positions will be randomly selected for each tournament and if deemed appropriate by the Tournament Director. Alternates will be assigned a table and seat as Players are eliminated from the tournament. If an alternate Player is not present at the time called, chips will be introduced and 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.
15. Bets or chip counts may be announced or posted throughout the tournament. These announcements or postings are for the use of the spectators only and have no bearing on the actual tournament play.
16. The Blinds are placed by the two (2) players clockwise from the Dealer button (Small Blind then Big Blind). The Player following the Big Blind will bet first. If a registered Player is not present at the start of the Round, in a timely manner 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.
17. 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.
18. 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 however, a player cannot be eliminated as a result of a split pot. A split pot containing a single chip of the lowest denomination in play will be awarded to the all-in player regardless of seat position.
19. When Players are asked to move tables, they will be removed from the Big Blind position.
20. Players going from a broken table to fill in seats assume the responsibilities of the position. They can get any seat including the big or small blind or button. The only place they cannot be dealt a hand is between the small blind and the button.
21. Every Player must be dealt a hand even if the chips in their possession are insufficient to place a minimum bet.
22. Once a reasonable amount of time passes and a clock is called for, a Player will be given up to twenty-five (25) seconds to make a decision. If action is not taken before time expires, there will be a five (5) second countdown. If the Player has not acted by the end of the countdown, the hand is dead. A tie goes to the Player. At the Tournament Directors discretion, the time allowed under this rule may be reduced.
23. During the five thousand (\$5,000) main event (the "Main Event"), a thirty (30) second Action Clock will be implemented into play at or around the time that all remaining entrants are in a guaranteed prize awarded position.
  - The action clock will be controlled by the Dealer.
  - The Dealer will ensure a full thirty (30) second allotment is made available to each Player.
  - When a bet or raise has been made, the Dealer will first count the bet or raise size,



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- announce the amount, and then start the clock for the next action. If a Player calls the bet, the Dealer will reset the clock to begin the next Player's action.
- The Dealer will advise Players when the action clock reaches ten (10) seconds.
  - To begin play in the action clock portion of the tournament, each Player will receive four (4) time extension chips. Each time extension chip is worth a thirty (30) second addition to a Player's action.
  - Players should keep all remaining time extension chips with them throughout the duration of the tournament once the action clock has been implemented into play.
  - Upon reaching the final three (3) tables of the Main Event, each remaining Player will reset to a maximum of six (6) thirty (30) time extension chips.
  - Upon reaching the final table of the Main Event, each remaining Player will reset to a maximum of eight (8) thirty (30) second time extension chips.
  - Time extension chips are to be treated with the same level of importance as Tournament Chips. In case the field reaches the conclusion of a day's play during the action clock portion of the tournament but before the final three (3) tables are reached, all remaining Players will place any unused time extension chips in their chip bag to return with the following day.
  - Players are required to keep remaining time extension chips visible at all times.
  - If a Player wishes to use a time extension chip, the Player is to pass the time extension chip forward to the dealer in exchange for an additional thirty (30) seconds to be added to their action clock.
  - In case the action clock expires for a Player with remaining time extension chips, the Player's action clock will be automatically extended an additional thirty (30) seconds before the dealer collects the time extension chip(s) used. Collection will take place at the end of the Player's action. If a Player's action clock expires and the player does not have any time extension chips remaining, he or she will be (a) forced to check if there is no bet pending, or (b) fold if facing a bet or a raise.
  - The action clock will never be paused unless there is an extreme situation that Management deems suitable for play to be halted.
24. 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.
  25. At scheduled colour-ups, chips will be raced off, starting in seat one (1) with a maximum of one (1) chip awarded to a Player. Players cannot be raced out of an event: a Player losing their remaining chip(s) in a race will receive one (1) chip of the lowest denomination still in play. Players must have their chips fully visible and are encouraged to witness the chip race. If after the race, a Player still has chips of a removal denomination, they will be exchanged for current denominations only at equal value. Chips of removed denominations that do not fully total at least the smallest denomination still in play will be removed without compensation.
  26. In the event of multiple Players being eliminated during the same hand when prizing is to be decided by the order of elimination, the value of both prizes will be added together, and then equally divided between the participants. However, if both Players are on the same table, the Player with the most chips at the start of the hand would receive the largest prize.
  27. A dead button will be utilized when a player is eliminated from the tournament during the hand prior to becoming the button/Dealer position.
  28. In heads up play, the small blind is on the button and acts first pre-flop and last on all other betting rounds. The last card is dealt to the button. When beginning heads-up play, the button may need to be adjusted to ensure no Player has the big blind twice in a row.
  29. Players cannot request a deck change.
  30. All cards will be turned face up once a Player is All-In and all action is complete.
  31. A raise must be at least the size of the largest previous bet or raise of the current betting round. Is a Player raises fifty (50) percent or more of the previous bet but less than the minimum raise, they must make a full raise. The raise will be exactly the minimum raise allowed.
  32. A raise must be made by A) placing the full amount in the pot in one (1) motion; or B) verbally declaring the full amount prior to the initial placement of chips into the pot; or C) verbally declaring "raise" prior to pushing out the exact amount to call into the pot and then completing the action with one (1) additional motion. Under option C, if other than the exact amount to call, but less than a minimum raise is first put out, it will be ruled a minimum raise. It is the Player's responsibility to make their intentions clear.
  33. A Player must be at his seat when the last card is dealt on the initial deal in order to have a live hand. A player not then at his seat is dealt in, he may not look at his cards, and the hand is immediately killed after the initial deal. "At your seat" means within reach of your chair. This rule is not intended to encourage players being out of their seats while in a hand.
  34. A Player with a live hand must remain at the table if any further betting action remains in the hand. Leaving the table is incompatible with a Player's duty to protect their hand and follow the action, and is subject to penalty.
  35. Anytime when facing a bet or blind, placing a single oversized chip in the pot is a call if a raise is not first verbally declared. To raise with an oversized chip, the raise must be declared before the chip hits the table surface. If the raise is declared (but no amount), the raise is the maximum allowed for that chip. When not facing a bet, placing an oversized chip in the pot without declaration is a bet of the maximum for the chip.
  36. 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.
  37. Any placed wager that receives no action will complete the hand in play; no further cards will be shown.
  38. Live cards at Showdown – pushing on-tabled cards forward face down does not automatically kill them; a Player may change their mind and table their cards if they remain one hundred (100) percent identifiable. However, the cards are at risk of being killed by the Dealer when the Player pushes them into the muck pile.
  39. Dealers cannot muck a winning hand that has been turned face up.
  40. 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.
  41. 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.
  42. All electronic devices may not be used while in a hand on the tournament tables. Penalties will be strictly enforced if it is believed that the device has been used in any way up to and including disqualification of the tournament.
  43. 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.
  44. The official Tournament language is English. Conversing in any other language will not be permitted unless translated through a Casino Associate.
  45. The Tournament Director will determine breaks.
  46. All Players participating in the Fallsview Poker Classic-WPT Event must sign a photo/information release form from both WPT and Fallsview Casino Resort.

