

- No cheating
- No violent acts
- No weapons

Breaking any of the above rules will result in forfeiture of all of your chips and permanent ban from the games at my house.

- Rules of Play
 - o Minimum Bet is at least the big blind (same goes for minimum raise)
 - o Check-Raising is allowed
 - o String betting is NOT allowed.
 - When raising or betting you must make your intentions known. If you want to raise, you must either push the entire raise into the pot at the same time or say the word “raise” before pushing any money into the pot. A raise must be added to the pot all at once with the exception of saying a specific number and then doing the math in chips on the table, or going “all in” and then counting your chips.
 - Reverse string betting is also not permitted. In other words, any chips that go into the middle you have bet, unless you’ve already specified the specific bet amount.
 - o Call means call.
 - If you say the word “Call.” you have called, you may not raise on that round of betting (Specifically discouraged is saying “I’ll call and raise...”)
 - Also be careful of saying “Call?” It doesn’t matter how much the tone goes up at the end, the proper way to phrase that question is “Did you call?”
 - o Splashing the pot is not allowed
 - Please place chips in front of you when betting or calling, so that the amount can be verified. The chips will be swept into the middle after each round of betting, when the pot is determined to “be right”
 - o Playing out of turn is discouraged
 - A bet or call made out of turn is not valid and the player will have to bet or call again when action legitimately gets to them
 - Cards that hit the muck are dead and may not be brought back into play
 - o Keep all cards on the table at all times
 - This includes shuffling and your hole cards
 - This rule isn’t a lack of trust of any of you, it’s simply to keep the game moving and fair – cards that leave the table surface often get skipped or dropped and we all want to be playing with a full deck, riiiiight?

- Folding of cards should be sent to a muck pile in the middle of the table
 - Cards in the muck must always stay in the muck
 - I know you folded four of a kind... so did the rest of us, we'll take your word for it
 - Related to this, please refrain from telling everyone what you had until after the hand is over. It's unlikely, but the junk you claim to have folded could influence the players still in the hand.
- Interpretation of intent may take precedence when the wrong amount is in the pot
 - It may seem contradictory to make this a "rule", but those of you who have played at my house understand when I mean by this
 - Example: Player says "call" and puts too many chips into the pot or forgets to take back their blind – this is obviously meant to be a call and the player will automatically have any extra chips accidentally added returned to their stacks.
 - Second example: Player calls without realizing there has been a second raise, this player will receive the entire call back and have the option to either call the whole bet or fold.
- During a game, a player may leave at any time provided he/she has given 20 minutes warning.
 - After 20 minute clock has expired, that player has 10 minutes to leave the game before they must put in a new 20 minute notice
- Trash talk is allowed (and often encouraged)
 - With the condition being volume – I do have neighbors, and I want to be respectful.
- No books, magazines, laptops, cell phones or other unnecessary distractions at the table.
 - If you want to take a break, that's fine – just step away from the table and your cards will be folded until you return
 - There will be scheduled breaks twice during the tourney, and there is usually a spontaneous break when the bean-dip is ready.

ALL RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE BY THE HOST.

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