



## **Easterseals Charity Poker Tournament**

**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

### **Official Rules**

1. The Ameristar Casino Resort Spa Black Hawk (ACBH) will host the Easterseals Charity Poker Tournament (Texas Hold'Em) on Sunday, May 19, 2024. The following rules are in addition to the requirements outlined in 30-1045.08 Conduct of tournament, which are included at the end of this document. Except as changed by these tournament rules, tournament play shall follow the house rules of Ameristar Casino.
2. The initial buy-in for this charity tournament has been set at \$225 per entry.
  - a. \$125 will be the tournament fee (\$25 to dealer, \$100 to Easterseals) and \$100 will be for the prize pool.
  - b. There will be a pre-registration period open to donors of Easterseals via their designated and licensed representative starting on or around February 2, 2024 through May 13, 2024.
  - c. Registration for the charity tournament will be open at Ameristar to the general public during the same period.
  - d. Registration will be conducted first come-first served.
  - e. Employees of Ameristar Casino may not participate in the Easterseals Charity Poker Tournament.
3. Check-In for pre-registered players will open at 08:00AM on May 19, 2024.
4. Tournament play begins promptly at 10:00 AM on Sunday, May 19, 2024, in the Poker Room on casino level 2 near the ascending escalator by the Ameristar front entrance on Richman St and Hwy 119.
  - a. The Tournament shall consist of multiple, timed blind levels increasing in amounts every 20 minutes.
  - b. Scheduled breaks will occur at set times throughout the charity tournament.
  - c. The first break will occur at the conclusion of the first four (4) blind levels.
  - d. Blind levels will be 20 minutes long.
  - e. Casino reserves the right to: add or remove breaks & to modify length and number of blind levels as to best serve the quality of the charity poker tournament.
5. Participants will be randomly assigned a table and seat when they check-in on the morning of the tournament.
6. All participants will play on the provided tables in the Ameristar Poker Room.
  - a. All Poker Tables will be set up with the same card setups that will include the following:
    - i. Two (2) Standard decks of cards (A setup), an automatic shuffler, All-In markers, and an impress with tournament chips for dealers.
  - b. The Tournament will be hosted through the Bravo Tournament Watch software.
  - c. The Tournament blind levels, number of entrants, number of remaining entrants, and total prize pool will be tracked and monitored using the Bravo Poker Watch system.
7. Participants will be directed to their randomly assigned seats upon completing check-in for the charity tournament.
8. Charity Tournament Participants should be present in the Poker Room five (5) minutes prior to the start of the tournament (09:55AM) to receive additional information from an Easterseals representative and the Ameristar Tournament Director.
9. Pre-registered participants will have first priority to all available tournament seats up until 09:30 AM, 30 minutes prior to the start of the charity tournament.
  - a. The pre-registered list will be called down to ensure all participants are given the opportunity to claim their seat.

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- b. If a situation occurs where pre-registered participants are not present and have not claimed their seat by 09:30 AM, alternate registered participants will then be allowed to register and draw for seats in the tournament. Pre-registered participants who do not claim their seat by 09:30AM forfeit their \$225 buy-in fee, which will then become a direct donation to Easterseals Colorado.
10. Each participant will be given a starting stack of tournament chips in the amount of \$10,000. Players are eliminated from the tournament when they lose all of their chips and do not/cannot re-buy.
  - a. If a player busts (loses all their tournament chips) they may re-buy into the tournament for an additional amount of \$125 fee and \$100 donation, as outlined above.
  - b. Participants may re-buy into the tournament multiple times if desired, but re-buys may only occur when a participant has no remaining tournament chips for play.
  - c. Re-buys will be allowed until the end of the first break. Once play has resumed from the first break, all re-buy opportunities will be closed.
  - d. Total prize money will be calculated and announced prior to the next scheduled break and posted on the Bravo Tournament Watch or other publicly available platform within the Poker Room during the remainder of the Tournament.
11. The final round of play will begin when the tournament is down to nine (9) players. The final nine(9) players will be awarded their cash prizes, as part of the tournament payout, as they are eliminated from tournament play. All prizes will be given out in the form of cash and may include additional non-cash prizes awarded by Easterseals.
  - a. Prize structure is a percentage of the pot as follows:
    - i. 9<sup>th</sup> place: 3%
    - ii. 8<sup>th</sup> place: 4%
    - iii. 7<sup>th</sup> place: 5%
    - iv. 6<sup>th</sup> place: 6%
    - v. 5<sup>th</sup> place: 7%
    - vi. 4<sup>th</sup> place: 10%
    - vii. 3<sup>rd</sup> place: 12%
    - viii. 2<sup>nd</sup> place: 20%
    - ix. 1<sup>st</sup> place: 33%
12. The Poker Tournament will be run in accordance with the Tournament Director's Association (TDA) rules.
  - a. The Ameristar Tournament director is responsible for all final decisions made and will make decisions based on fairness and in accordance with TDA rules. All Tournament director decisions are final.
  - b. TDA rules may be presented to any participant as requested.
13. In case of a Shuffler malfunction, the tournament director or another Ameristar team member will be called to the table to trouble shoot and replace the shuffler if required. Dealers will be asked to hand shuffle until the issue is resolved.
14. Final Table participants may agree to a split of any and all remaining prizes amongst finalists but must unanimously agree to the payout structure amongst all remaining players. Should a single participant state in any way their desire to continue playing, no split of the remaining prizes will be allowed.
  - a. The Ameristar Tournament director will request clear and verbalized statements from all remaining tournament participants before announcing the conclusion of the tournament.
15. If any participant at any point is unable to continue playing in the tournament, they should inform the Tournament Director immediately. Their remaining stack may be removed from play, or continuously "blinded out" based on the situation.

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16. Tournament registration opens on or around February 2, 2024 for current Easterseals supporters, with a licensed Easterseals representative. The licensed Easterseals representative will not take requests for registration past May 13, 2024.
17. Tournament registration for the general public opens at Ameristar Casino’s poker room on or around February 2, 2024.
18. Tournament registration is limited due to space and available tables. All entries are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis.
19. Registrant cancellations and no-shows will be considered to be a \$225 direct donation to Easterseals Colorado, with the surrendered spot re-opened for registration.
20. Substitutions, teams, and assisted play are not allowed. One person per Tournament entry.
21. Ameristar Casino Black Hawk (ACBH) reserves the right to cancel, modify or reschedule the Tournament within 48 hours of the event. In the event of a cancellation by Ameristar, guests already enrolled will be contacted, and refunded their \$225 buy-in fee.
22. ACBH reserves the right to modify session times as necessary.
23. ACBH reserves the right to modify, add rules, and alter the format for the Tournament.
24. Entrants must be at least 21 years of age or older to participate in the Tournament.
25. Excluded players may not participate. (E.g. include self-excluded at any Penn Entertainment property, court-ordered exclusion, property exclusion, etc.)
26. ACBH reserves the right to prohibit an individual from participating.
  - a. The full \$225 buy-in will be refunded in this instance.
27. Each contestant’s participation in the Tournament indicates that they agree to abide by the rules of the Tournament and allow ACBH and Easterseals Colorado to publish their name and/or likeness for publicity or promotional purposes without compensation.
28. Any dispute or situation that is not covered by the above rules will be resolved by ACBH management in a manner deemed to be the fairest to all concerned, and the decision will be final and binding for all participants.
29. Ameristar Team Members and family members, and Team Members and family members of Ameristar subsidiaries and affiliates, and its joint venture partners, or other partners, their subsidiaries and affiliates are not eligible to participate in the Tournament. All participants must be able to certify their eligibility.

The following is an EXAMPLE of the potential blind level structure and breaks.

Blind Levels	Time	
\$100-\$200	20 minutes	
\$200-\$400	20 minutes	
\$400-\$800	20 minutes	
\$1000-\$2000	20 minutes	
BREAK	BREAK-30 minutes	
\$2000-\$4000	20 minutes	
\$3000-\$6000	20 minutes	
\$4000-\$8000	20 minutes	
\$5000-\$10000	20 minutes	
\$6000-\$12000	20 minutes	
\$8000-\$16000	20 minutes	
\$10000-\$20000	20 minutes	
BREAK	BREAK- 30 minutes	

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\$15000-\$30000	20 minutes	
\$20000-\$40000	20 minutes	
\$30000-\$60000	20 minutes	
\$40000-\$80000	20 minutes	
\$50000-\$100000	20 minutes	

Blind Levels beyond the posted above levels will double and levels will increase every 15 minutes.

## 30-1045.08 Conduct of tournament.

The following rules shall apply to all poker tournament play and must be included in the printed rules for each tournament: Eff 10/30/2008

(1) Rules must state how many tournament chips players will receive for their entry fee and/or initial buy-in at the start of each tournament event. If the tournament rules allow additional chips to be earned or purchased before the start of the event or during the event, each player shall have the same opportunity to earn or purchase additional chips. Eff 10/30/2008, amended 12/15/17

(2) A player's initial table and seat assignments shall be drawn randomly by means of either an electronic or manual selection process. As tables are combined following player elimination, the new seating assignments for remaining players shall also be drawn randomly by means of either an electronic or manual selection process. Eff 10/30/2008

(3) Players are eliminated from tournament events when they lose all their chips and either do not have the option to, or choose not to, purchase additional chips. Eff 10/30/2008

(4) At the option of the retail licensee, the tournament rules may permit remaining players to unanimously agree among themselves to split the prize(s) between or among themselves without the necessity of continuing tournament play to finality. Eff 10/30/2008

(a) No agreement concerning division of prizes shall be made, or be permitted to be made, with respect to non-cash prizes. Eff 10/30/2008

(b) The retail licensee's tournament director shall not encourage the final players to end tournament play early, and shall ensure that every qualifying player understands that all agreements concerning an early end to the tournament and concerning the division of the prize fund must be both voluntary and unanimous. If the tournament director feels that any player is being coerced or improperly pressured into an agreement with the other players, the tournament director shall not permit an early end to the tournament. Eff 10/30/2008

(c) Upon being satisfied that any agreement concerning division of prizes is voluntary and unanimous among the qualified players, the tournament director shall award the prizes in the manner agreed upon by the players, identifying each recipient with the prize actually awarded. Eff 10/30/2008

(5) The licensee shall have two separate decks of cards available at each table. The color or markings on the backs of the cards of the two decks must be different.

(6) All cards used to play at poker must be dealt out of the hand by the dealer.

(7) The dealer, at least once each hour, shall count the cards in the deck to verify that the deck is complete. The dealer, at least once every two hours, shall change the deck of cards. When the two separate decks of cards at the table have been used, the licensee shall replace the used decks with a new set of two separate decks of cards.

(8) If the dealer runs out of cards in a seven-card game, the dealer is to deal all the cards except the last card. The dealer is to then scramble the last card and the four burn cards, cut the deck, burn a card, and deliver the remaining down cards, using the last card if necessary. The dealer may

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not shuffle in any cards which have been discarded or folded by the players. If there are five players remaining without a card, the dealer will not burn so that each player may receive a fresh card. If the dealer determines that by using this procedure, there will still not be enough cards for all the players, the dealer is not to give any of the players a down card. Instead, the dealer is to announce to the table that there are not enough cards to go around and a community card will be used. The dealer will then burn a card and turn a card up in the center of the table. The card plays in each player's hand. The player who falls high on board, using the community card, initiates the action.

(9) All pots are to be awarded by the dealer only. When the dealer has awarded a pot and it has been taken in by that player without a claim made against it, the award stands. No player may make an agreement with any other player regarding the pot. Each game must be played to conclusion and the pot awarded to the actual winning player.

(10) Each player shall be permitted to play only one hand and the player shall make all decisions without advice from any other person. Any communication between a player with a live hand and a spectator about the play of the hand or other players at the table is prohibited.

(11) No player may allow a person to sit in on a tournament game on the player's behalf. No player may wager on another player's hand, nor may any player play other than the player's own hand.

(12) No player may use any device to assist in keeping track of the cards played.

(13) Only tournament chips on the table at the start of a game may be in play for that pot. Concealed chips may not be used in play.

(14) A player may assemble chips in front of the player before acting. A player must be considered to have made a bet if the player pushes assembled chips forward or releases chips into the pot at a sufficient distance from the player to make it obvious that the player intends it as a bet. If the situation is unclear and the player allows the dealer to pull the player's chips into the pot without making an immediate objection, it must be considered a bet by the player.

(15) A verbal statement by a player of "call" or "raise" of a certain amount is binding. The amount placed into the pot must match the verbal statement. If a verbal statement by a player of "call," "raise," "check," or "fold" is in conflict with any hand gesture made by the player, the verbal statement shall be binding.