



KB KINGS POKER COMPANY
OFFICIAL TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER
RULES AND REGULATIONS
2019

Preface

The preferred game of KB Kings Poker Company is no-limit Texas Hold'em. The rules contained herein are promulgated to provide players with a guide to the governance of the game at all nightly and annual tournaments. These rules are subject to change at the sole discretion of the KB Kings Poker Company.

KB Kings Poker Company, its employees, and dealers, are the official judges and hosts of KB Kings Poker, qualifying tournaments, and the annual Tournament of Royalty. The decisions of the KB Kings Poker Company, regarding tournament play, are final.

The KB Kings Poker Company may amend these rules with or without notice as may be necessary to ensure proper operations of its games. All decisions and rulings regarding the play, operation and awarding of prizes, made by the staff of the KB Kings Poker Company are final.

As with our legal system a player's ignorance of these rules is no excuse to exempt a player from being required to adhere to the rules and regulations of the game. Therefore, players are encouraged to read and become familiar with these rules and regulations.

The KB Kings Poker Company staff shall be the sole arbitrator of these rules and regulations. Players are not permitted to interpret the rules, this responsibility remains with the KB Kings Poker Company dealers, supervisors, pit bosses and management.

All players playing in any KB Kings Poker Company sanctioned event as a condition of accepting entry into the event agree to release and hold harmless the KB Kings Poker Company, its staff, and its sponsors for the use of any pictures both still and moving which may be use by the KB Kings Poker Company, its staff, in commercials or other telecasts or advertising. Playing in the tournament constitutes a complete irrevocable waiver of any right to refuse consent.

Tournament Rules

1. Starting Chips for KB Kings Poker Company Events –

- Nightly Tournaments – Each player will receive \$1,500 or \$2,500 in starting chips depending on the number of players.
 - ◆ Players will receive a percentage of the points available based on which place they finish.
 - ◆ Here is how we're calculating points from for this year. For each player at the game we'll add 10 points to the “point pool”.
 - n = number of players
 - p = number of points per player (this will be at a constant 10 all year)
 - f = finish
 - Here's the equation: $\text{points} = \frac{np}{f+1}$ then divide that by $(f+1)$

Example: 10 player game

$$\text{points} = \frac{10 \times 10}{10+1} = \frac{100}{11} = 9.09$$

Place and points:

$$10/(1+1) = 5$$

$$10/(2+1) = 3.33$$

$$10/(3+1) = 2.5$$

$$2$$

$$1.67$$

$$1.43$$

$$1.25$$

$$1.11$$

$$1$$

$$0.91$$

- ◆ KB Kings Poker Company will keep track of all the points earned per player and use these points to decided who qualifies for both the Quarterly Qualifiers and the Tournament of Royalty.
- ◆ Top 27 overall point-earners during each quarter qualify for that quarters' “Quarterly Qualifier”.
 1. January 1st – March 31st
 2. April 1st – June 30th
 3. July 1st – September 30th
 4. October 1st – December 31st
- ◆ Top 34 overall point-earners qualify for the Tournament of Royalty
- Tournament of Royalty – Each player will receive \$1,000 in starting chips per nightly qualification certificate won, not to exceed \$5,000. Thus, starting chips will vary among players ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000.
 - ◆ Tournament of Royalty Date/Location – Generally, this tournament is played in

January. However, the date, time and location are subject to change. It is the duty of the players to check the KB Kings Poker Company website for updates and announcements. KB Kings Poker Company reserves the right to cancel, reschedule, or relocate this tournament at any time.

- ◆ Top five (5) finishers finish “in the money” and win a cash prize.
- ◆ Cash prize payout scale, and amount, to the top 5 winners is subject to change and will be set by the senior management of KB Kings Poker Company prior to the beginning of the Tournament.

2. **No “Re-Buys” or Add-ons**

3. **Minimum Age to Play** – The KB Kings Poker Company minimum age shall be the minimum age required at the venue hosting the game. If the venue has no minimum age, the KB Kings Poker Company will use a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age.

4. **Sign-up and Standby** – The beginning of each nightly qualifying tournament will be determined by establishment based on which time would best suit their patrons. Sign-up begins thirty (30) minutes before selected start time, (**sign-up must be in person**) and ends thirty (45) minutes after the first hand is dealt.

- The Sign-up Sheet for nightly tournaments is controlled by the KB Kings Event Operator. The order of seating shall be:

- ◆ Players on the sign-up sheet in the order in which they signed-up until all active tables are full and
- ◆ a wait/standby list will be established starting with the first player on the list not seated through the last player on the list not yet seated.

The list shall remain open for expansion only until the list is completely called or thirty (30) minutes after the scheduled start time (e.g. 7:30 p.m. for a 7:00 p.m. start time.) If a dealer who is scheduled to deal does not deal due the insufficient player count to open his or her table, he or she will be placed on the list ahead of wait list number one (1). In addition, KB Kings Poker Company dealers are afforded the courtesy of joining the wait at the end of the list provided the list has not been completed even if the time for regular players to join the wait list has closed. Senior KB Kings Poker Company management or their designee may allow addition to the list for a period of time beyond that stated above, when in their sole and absolute judgment circumstances make such a decision in the best interests of the KB Kings Poker Company and/or the venue.

5. **Side Pots** – Each side pot will be split as a separate pot. Pots **shall not** be mixed together before they are split. Rationale: There may be odd chips in the side pots and by rule the odd chips must go to same person. Odd chips must be awarded to the player who is closest after the button not on the button. Example: If there are four players in the pot at showdown and all players equal stake in the pot of 1475 with the current minimum chip value of 25 in play, the pot would be split 375, 375, 375 and 350 starting with the player to the immediate left of the dealer button.

6. **Dead Button** – Tournament play will use the dead button rule. Dead Button is defined as a button that can advance to a position vacated by a player being knocked out of the tournament on the previous hand.

7. **Dead Small Blind** – Tournament play will use the dead small blind rule. Dead Small Blind is defined as the position of the previous big blind having been vacated by that big blind being

knocked out of the tournament on the previous hand.

8. **Dead Big Blind** – There never is a Dead Big Blind.
9. **Nightly Tournament Blind Structure** – Players start with either \$1,500 or \$2,500 in chips and the following blind structure is applicable (20 minutes):
 - 1) 25 / 50 for 20 minutes
 - 2) 50 / 100 for 20 minutes
 - 3) 100 / 200 for 20 minutes
 - 1st break (mandatory)
 - 4) 200 / 400 for 20 minutes
 - 5) 300 / 600 for 20 minutes
 - 6) 400 / 800 for 20 minutes
 - 2nd break (optional)
 - 7) 500 / 1,000 for 10 minutes
 - 8) 600 / 1,200 for 10 minutes
 - 9) 700 / 1,400 for 10 minutes
 - 3rd break (optional)
 - 10) 800 / 1,600 for 7 minutes *Ante: 400
 - 11) 1,000 / 2,000 for 7 minutes *Ante: 400
 - 12) 2,000 / 4,000 for 7 minutes *Ante: 500

Please Note: Supervisor or Pit Boss may adjust blind levels to meet the needs of the game

10. **Right to Impose Penalties** – The management and staff of the KB Kings Poker Company in its sole and complete discretion may impose penalties that include verbal warning and missed-hand (or rail) penalties. A missed hand penalty will be assessed as follows: The offender will miss hands for a period of time in multiples of five (5) minutes, a minimum of 10 minutes. The tournament staff may assess penalties of from 10 to 40 minute or disqualification. Repeat infractions may subject the offender to escalating penalties. A player disqualified will have his chips racked according to the KB Kings Poker Company rules for racking chips.
11. **When at least one player is “All-in”** – All players’ starting hands must be turned face-up once a player is all in and all betting action is completed without exception.
12. **Players Obligation to other Tournament Players** – In tournament play, each player plays against the entire field and has an obligation to protect other players in the tournament. Therefore, whether in a hand or not, players may not a) disclose contents of live or folded hands, b) read a hand that hasn’t been tabled or c) criticize play before the action is complete. The one-player-to-a-hand rule will be enforced. Players violating this rule are to subject to penalty.
13. **Raises** – a raise must be made by a) placing the full amount in the pot in one 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 placement of the amount of the call into the pot and then completing the action with one additional motion. The minimum raise permitted is the greater of the big blind or last raise or bet except that all-in bets are permitted any time a person is entitled to raise or bet.
14. **English-only** – At all KB Kings Poker Company Tournaments English shall be the only permissible language. This rule also includes American Sign Language. Rationale: American

Sign Language is like a foreign language to most players who unfortunately do not understand it. While it is unlikely that anyone would use this language to cheat, we have no way to know for sure so to keep the playing field even, no “signing” during a hand. Violations of this rule may subject the player to penalties up to and including disqualification.

15. **Use of a card protector** – Players may use an object to cap or protect their cards. The object shall not be longer than 2 1/2 inches in length and 1 inch in width and must not completely cover or obscure the player’s cards. Alternatively, a circular object may have a diameter not to exceed 2 3/4 inches provided is placed on the back half of the cards. Rationale: Every player’s cards must be visible to the other players and the dealer at all times.
16. **Procedure for Raising of the Blinds** – When time has elapsed in a round and a new round is announced, the new limits apply to the next hand. A hand begins with the first shuffle/riffle. Even if a player has posted his or her blind it has no impact on the raising to the next blind level.
17. **Players Chips must be visible at all times** – Every players chips must be visible at all times. Players must keep their high denomination chips must be in front of lower denomination chips. Players may not place chips in purse or pants when moving tables or such chips may be forfeit and other sanctions may be imposed.
18. **Verbal declarations as to the content of a player’s hand are not binding** – For example, a player declaring he has two pair red queens and black queens does not negate the fact the player has quad queens, however, the KB Kings Poker Company reserves the right to penalize any player deliberately miscalling his hand.
19. **Rabbit Hunting** – In all cases where hands are concluded prior to the last card being dealt, the next card to be dealt will not be exposed under any circumstances. This practice, known as “rabbit hunting,” is forbidden.
20. **Dodging of blinds is an infraction of these rules** – A player attempting to dodge his or her blind(s) when moving from a broken table may incur a penalty.
21. **Players entering the tournament after the tournament has started** – When a player enters the tournament after the initial seating from a wait list, the player assumes the responsibilities of the seat entered except for entry “on the button”, “between the button and small blind” “entry into the small blind”. If the player enters from a position on the wait list the player must wait until the button passes the player’s position to receive a hand. This rule does not apply to players moving as a result of tables breaking or being combined.
22. **Breaking tables** – The KB Kings Poker Company dealer, supervisor or pit boss will determine the order in which to break tables. Any time while multiple tables are live in the tournament and a table is reduced to four or fewer players, play will stop until tables are consolidated. Players going from a broken table to fill in seats assume the rights and responsibilities of the position they are moved into. They can get the big blind, the small blind or the button. The only place a player can not get a hand is between the small blind and the button.
23. **KB Kings Poker Company Tournaments are No Limit** – For Texas Hold ‘em Tournaments: There is no cap on the number of raises in KB Kings Poker Company tournaments. A raise must be at least the size of the previous raise, unless a player goes all-in for less.
24. **Killing an unprotected hand** – If a dealer kills an unprotected hand, the player shall have no redress and will not be entitled to his or her money back. An exception would be if a player raised and his or her raise has not been called yet, he or she would be entitled to receive his or

her raise back. If a dealer inadvertently kills a protected hand the tournament director may attempt to rectify the situation or in his or her absolute discretion, however, the player shall have no other recourse. The tournament director shall take the action in the best interests of the overall conduct of the tournament. The judgment of the tournament director in this instance is not subject to appeal.

25. **Killing a winning hand** – A dealer cannot kill a winning hand that was turned face up and was obviously the winning hand. Players are encouraged to assist in reading tabled hands if it appears that an error is about to be made.
26. **Once a pot(s) is/are awarded** – Generally there will be no redress if the pot was incorrectly awarded, unless there is compelling evidence of the error and of the appropriate correction and in the sole and absolute judgment of the KB Kings Poker Company official that a failure to correct the error would significantly jeopardize the fairness of the tournament. The intent of this rule is to prohibit correcting errors after action has taken place on the next or subsequent hand. If a dealer mucks one or more hands, which, should correctly split a pot or a side pot, there will be no remedy available if action has taken place on the next hand. If the next hand has not started the highest tournament official shall be called to rule and that official may or may not address the error. If the pot has been awarded, any correction shall come from the dealer's tray and not from the player(s) who was (were) partially or totally awarded the incorrect pot amounts unless doing so will significantly jeopardize the fairness of the tournament. Occasionally, in the best interests of game and fairness, the highest tournament official may in their sole absolute judgment make a ruling contrary to this general rule.
27. **Cancellation of Tournament Events** – The KB Kings Poker Company reserves the right to cancel or alter any event as its sole and absolute discretion in the best interest of the KB Kings Poker Company, its establishments or its players.
28. **Poker is an individual game** – Soft play will result in penalties that may include forfeiture of chips and/or disqualification. Soft play is defined as not attempting to win the maximum chips possible to keep another in the tournament. Chip dumping will result in disqualification.
29. **Size of the Pot** – Players may ask the size of the pot. The dealer will not count the pot, but will arrange it in a fashion to permit the player the opportunity to count it. If a player bet pot in a limit or no limit game, such term has no meaning and therefore the player will be required to correctly announce his wager. If the dealer determines that a player is having too much trouble counting the pot, the dealer may in his discretion tell to the player what is in the pot, solely to speed play up. There is no penalty for a misstated pot amount by the dealer.
30. **Button positioning for Heads-up play** – When heads up the small blind is always on the button and acts first on the first betting round (pre-flop). When beginning heads-up play, the button may need to be adjusted to ensure no player gets the big blind two hands in a row.
31. **Order to show hands after betting is complete** – After betting is complete for the hand, the player who made the last aggressive bet in any round of betting, in order to win the pot, shall show first. Thereafter, moving clockwise, each player in the hand shows his or her cards to be eligible to win the pot. If the original big blind was the only bet made during the hand, in order to win the pot, players must show their hands in clockwise order starting with the small blind position. No player is required to show if he or she doesn't wish to win the pot. This rule does not apply when at least one player is all-in. When at least one player is all-in, all players must show their hands after all betting is complete. This is to prevent possible collusion.
32. **Requirement to remain at the table** – Players are required to remain at the table if they still

have action pending on the current hand.

33. **Requirement to win a pot when at least one other player is still in the hand** – To win a contested pot all players must expose both hole cards face-up. All players must show both cards when playing the board to receive part of the pot.
34. **Chips placed in the pot during the hand** – All chips put into the pot in stay in the pot. This rule also applies to verbal declarations. If a player has raised and his or her hand is killed before the raise is called, the player may be entitled to the raise back, but will forfeit the amount of the call. Any chips put into the pot out of turn become part of the pot.
35. **String Raises** – Dealers will be responsible for calling string raises. A string raise is essentially a second bet made after a pause to obtain a reaction. If a player begins by dribbling chips out of his or her hand without a verbal declaration, the bet or raise is limited to applicable minimum bet or raise only. The total number of chips in his or her hand is not relevant. If a player announces raise and dribbles his or her chips from the hand without declaring an amount, the raise will be the amount of the minimal permitted raise. KB Kings Poker Company does not have a forward motion rule and thus a player is free to bring-out more chips than he or she wishes to bet. If the dealer determines a player has made a string-raise, the raise will be voided and substituted by a call or lesser raise as applicable.
36. **Verbal bets are binding** – Dealers are responsible for enforcing the verbal is binding betting rules. A common misconception on the part of players is to make no distinction between “Raise 1,700” versus “Raise to 1,700.” For example a player in the small blind declares raise 1,700 when the blinds are 200 and 400. The player puts a total of 1900 into the pot. This is incorrect without announcing the raise is to 1,900, raise 1,700 means 1,700 in addition to current bet which is a total of 2,100 chips. A player avoids this issue by clearly stating “raise to 1,900”. In the former case the dealer must insist the player complete his or her bet to 2,100.
37. **Players must act in turn at all times** – Actions out of turn will be judged by the dealer and will be binding unless the dealer inadvertently caused the action out of turn pointing or soliciting the action of turn.
38. **Hand for Hand** – Upon nearing the qualification point or prize position the staff may chose to implement a “Hand for Hand” method of determining player placement. If this process is implemented, the dealers will be instructed to deal one hand and wait. After the hand is complete a verbal announcement to commence another hand will be given and so on. If players on different tables go out on the same hand they will be considered to have tied for the position. If the players go out on the same table, the player who started with more chips will have the higher place finish.
39. **Fraud, dishonesty or other misconduct** – The KB Kings Poker Company may disqualify any player from any prize won based upon fraud, dishonesty, or other misconduct in its sole and absolute discretion. Any player(s) determined by the KB Kings Poker Company to be colluding with other players will immediately be disqualified from the event and may be disqualified from subsequent KB Kings Poker Company events.
40. **Right to make decisions or interpretations of the rules** – All decisions regarding the interpretation of the KB Kings Poker Company Rules, scheduling, staging of the tournament and penalties for misconduct lie with the KB Kings Poker Company whose decisions are final.
41. **Disruptive Play or Abusive Behavior or Language** – Any player who directs any profane and/or abusive language at another player, dealer or tournament staff member or who makes any profane and/or abusive comments about another players, dealer or tournament staff member

will be penalized using penalties provided within the scope of these rules up to and including the potential of a disqualification. Dropping the so-called “f-bomb,” “c-bomb” or “n-bomb” as well as derivatives of those offensive terms will subject the offending players to penalties. Players who are disruptive to the game or abusive to other players or their dealer including throwing cards, chips or other bad behavior will, subject to the sole discretion of their dealer, either be warned or immediately disqualified. In either case the dealer will immediately advise the supervisor or pit boss. In addition, the dealer and supervisor/pit boss must file written report with the Director of Gaming within 48-hours for further possible discipline.

42. **Conduct Detrimental to the KB Kings Poker Company** – Any player whose conduct is determined to be or have been detrimental to the KB Kings Poker Company shall be subject to such penalties as determined by the management and staff of the KB Kings Poker Company in their sole and absolute discretion. These penalties may include disqualification, suspension or expulsion from any or all KB Kings Poker Company events.
43. **Straddles** – The KB Kings Poker Company does not permit the use of a straddle bet of any kind, it is possible to call blind, and however, this does not transfer the rights of the big blind.
44. **All-in Blinds bets** – All-in blind bets are legal, however, players who repeatedly go All- in blind on successive hands may be subject to a penalty up to and including expulsion from the event if in the opinion of the pit boss or dealer the conduct is determined to be disruptive to the game.
45. **Use of Cell Phones, IPOD, MP3, etc. and Other Electronic Devices** – All cell phones and other voice enabled devices use is prohibited during play. If a player receives a call he must either immediately end the call or step away from the table. A player stepping away from the table will cause his or her hand to be dead. Text messaging is prohibited during a **live hand**. If a dealer determines a player is text messaging, the dealer will warn the player. A second or continued violation will subject the player to penalties which can include disqualification from the event. **IPOD, MP3 and other music players and noise reduction headsets** usage is allowed provided it does not delay the game. A player distracted by his or her IPOD usage will be warned and then may be subject to a missed hand penalty and/or disqualification. Other electronic device use is prohibited. When the number of players reaches the number of players who will place use of all electronic devices is prohibited. For larger tournaments this prohibition may occur with a few additional players beyond those qualifying for prizes. For events where the qualification number is higher than the group “in the money” an announcement will be made prior to reaching the number. The KB Kings Poker Company senior staff or pit boss will make the appropriate announcement. At certain tournaments a determination may be made to prohibit use of music devices and/or earphones/headphones when in the judgment of the dealer, pit boss or senior KB Kings Poker Company staff member such usage may delay prompt execution of the tournament.
46. **Use of Sun Glasses is generally prohibited** – Wearing sun glasses or other such devices is prohibited when in the judgment of the dealer, pit boss or floor person, such use delays the normal progress of the game. Once any player is prohibited for an event, all such players are thereafter prohibited with exception of persons who are blind or using a seeing eye dog.
47. **Reading** – Players shall not read books, newspapers, magazines or electronic reading devices while playing at KB Kings Poker Company events. It is extremely rude to the other players and staff to read during the play of a KB Kings Poker Company event as well as slowing the game down. Violations of this rule may subject the offender to sanctions up to and including expulsion from the current event. Players will likely be warned for the first offense at an event.

Repeated violation may disqualify the violator from future KB Kings Poker Company events.

48. **Food is allowed on KB Kings Poker Company tables provided** – Food is not held over the table while eating (i.e. a player could eat so long as they turn/step away from the table). At no time is there to be any food placed directly on the playing surface.
49. **Spectators rights or lack thereof.** Spectators are required to refrain from making any comments, expressing any satisfaction, dissatisfaction or otherwise influencing the play of the hand by any player. There is absolutely no right to correct any error(s) on the part of a dealer or player. This constitutes interference with the game and shall not be permitted. Violators may be removed from watching the game on a first or subsequent offense at the sole discretion of the dealer, supervisor or bit boss. *In addition, the KB Kings Poker Company reserves the right to limit or remove spectators at any time for any reason, or without stating a reason, in its sole and absolute discretion.*
50. **Player's Chips** – No player shall touch the chips of another player or dealer's chips at any time before, during, while on break or after the tournament. The only exception shall be in the event a dealer requests the player's assistance in posting the blind of a missing player. Players violating this rule may be subject to penalties including but not limited to: rail penalties, a disqualification from the tournament, a suspension from KB Kings Poker Company for a period or a permanent suspension from all KB Kings Poker Company tournaments at the sole and absolute discretion of the KB Kings Poker Company management. The practice of knocking another player's chip over (even as a joke) is a violation of this rule.
51. **Seating** – No player may change his or her seat relative to any other player on the table. This means players must retain their respective relative seat positions unless moved to another table due to table consolidation or table balancing. Players moving from a broken table may take any available seat, however, once chosen (by sitting or placing chips in position) may not decide to move further away from the button.
52. **Delaying the game intentionally is prohibited** – No player shall intentionally slow the game down to run down the blind clock or otherwise disrupt the normal game flow of any KB Kings Poker Company Tournament. This violates the spirit of a contest where players are expected to act in due haste, taking time only when a hand requires thought prior to decision. Since, this rule deals with intention, which may not always be obvious and because there is the chance that the dealer, pit boss, tournament director or senior management team member may misinterpret a player's intention, a player will be warned on the first occurrence. Thereafter, the dealer, pit boss, tournament director or senior management team member may impose sanctions provided elsewhere in these rules up to and including disqualification from the current event. In the event a player is disqualified on the basis of this rule, a review will be made after the tournament completes by KB Kings Poker Company elite staff who may decide to suspend or revoke the player's privilege of playing KB Kings Poker Company events in future.
53. **Slow Rolling** – Slow Rolling is a player holding back his or her cards until the other player(s) expose their cards, to permit the slow roller the opportunity to muck their hand without showing their cards. Cards should be turned over simultaneously. This is considered bad behavior. Players who slow roll will be subject to penalty at the sole discretion of the dealer and / or pit boss. The penalty can be, at the dealer's discretion, to take the winning pot away from the slow roller, but the pot may not be awarded to another player.
54. **Gambling at KB Kings Poker events is strictly forbidden** – Gambling occurs when three elements are present: (1) risk, (2) chance and (3) reward. The reason the KB Kings Poker Company games are legal is we eliminate risk, players do not put up anything of value,

therefore missing that element, our game is not gambling. If any actions by patrons are interpreted as illegal gambling, we will be acting in the best interests of our clients (bars and restaurants). Any individual found to be attempting to circumvent this rule will be treated as guilty of the offense and subject to suspension or revocation of the privilege of playing in the KB Kings Poker Company.

55. Player Code of Conduct – There are two areas of player conduct covered by this code:

- 1) conduct detrimental to the KB Kings Poker Company and
- 2) conduct that undermines the integrity of the game. The following represents the KB Kings Poker Company requirements for both:

56. Player Conduct – Any player whose conduct is determined to cause any issue with any venue, any employee, dealer or other players shall be subject to sanctions up to and including expulsion from the tournament at which the incident(s) occurs and expulsion for the player(s) from any and all future KB Kings Poker Company events and forfeiture of any prizes to be awarded.

57. Competitive Integrity – The competitive integrity of all Tournament play during KB Kings Poker Company tournaments is extremely important. All participants must adhere to the spirit and letter of the Official Rules of the KB Kings Poker Company which forbid play or any action that is illegal, unethical or constitutes cheating or collusion in any form.

- 1) Cheating is defined as any act a person engages in to break the established rules of play to gain an advantage.
- 2) Cheating includes, but is not limited to, acts such as: collusion; chip stealing; transferring non-value Tournament chips from one event to another; card marking; card substitution; or the use of any kind of cheating device.
- 3) Collusion is defined as any agreement amongst two (2) or more players to engage in illegal or unethical acts against other players.
- 4) Collusion includes, but is not limited to, acts such as: chip dumping; soft play; sharing card information with another player; sending or receiving signals from or to another player; the use of electronic communication with the intent to facilitate collusion; and any other act that the KB Kings Poker Company and its management deem inappropriate.

All participants are entitled to expect civility and courtesy from one another at every Tournament table and throughout the Tournament area. Any individual who encounters behavior that is not civil or courteous -- or is abusive in any way -- is encouraged to immediately contact a Tournament official. This shall include, but is not limited to, any player whose personal hygiene has become disruptive to the other players seated at their table. The determination as to whether an individual's personal hygiene is disruptive to other players shall be determined by the Tournament Staff which may, in its discretion, implement sanctions upon any such player who refuses to remedy the situation in a manner satisfactory to the KB Kings Poker Company.

KB Kings Poker Company will penalize any act that, in the sole and absolute discretion of the KB Kings Poker Company, is inconsistent with the official rules or best interests of the Tournament.

Anyone found to have engaged in or attempted to engage in any act that Tournament officials believe in their sole and absolute discretion compromises or could compromise the competitive

integrity of the KB Kings Poker Company will be subject to sanctions imposed by KB Kings Poker Company management.

The nature and extent of the sanctions imposed shall be in the sole and absolute discretion of the KB Kings Poker Company and its management and may include, but shall not be limited to the following:

- FORFEITURE OF CHIPS
- FORFEITURE OF PRIZE MONEY
- EJECTION FROM THE TOURNAMENT
- LOSS OF PRIVILEGE TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE KB KINGS POKER COMPANY EVENTS

Any and all violations of this Code of Player Conduct may be publicly disclosed in an effort to deter future violations and to assist other poker Tournaments in identifying players who engage in play or any action that is illegal, unethical, or constitutes cheating or collusion in any form.

58. **Penalties & Disqualifications** – These rules permit the imposition of penalties and/or disqualification from KB Kings Poker Company tournaments based upon infractions committed by a player or players. The purpose and use of penalties is not intended to be unnecessarily harsh or punitive, rather, appropriately deter future violations and/or to restore equity to the game. The pit boss, dealer or senior staff member is encouraged to apply rules applying this standard in the best interests of the game.
59. **Rules & Rulings** – The Dealer makes initial ruling and interpretations of the rules at each table. At KB Kings Poker Company events where there is a supervisor or pit boss present, rulings may be appealed to that supervisor or pit boss. Frivolous requests may result in a penalty against the requesting player. Rulings made by the dealer at the table, regarding intent such as whether a player bet “All-in” or called first are **not subject to appeal even if the player and all other players have a common disagreement with the dealer’s ruling**, the dealer’s decision at the table shall be final. Players are prohibited from attempting to provide rules interpretations or ruling or from presenting their “understanding” of the rules even if they are referring to a copy of the KB Kings Poker Company rules. The player has no right to attempt to alter a dealer’s ruling beyond taking an exception and requesting a floor ruling. A player attempting to act as a “floor or table” captain may be disqualified from the current or subsequent tournaments for even a single infraction.
60. **Best Interest of the Game** – The Tournament Staff shall consider the best interest of the game and fairness as the priority in the decision making process. Unusual circumstances may, on occasion, dictate that the technical interpretation of the rules be ignored in the interests of fairness. The decision of the Tournament Director or Pit Boss is final.
61. **Issues not directly addressed in these rules** – Where a situation arises that is not specifically covered by the rules, the KB Kings Poker Company shall have the sole authority to render a judgment, including the imposition of a penalty, in accordance with the best interests of the KB Kings Poker Company Tournament and the maintenance of the integrity of the tournament.