

# Official SHERIDAN'S IRISH POKER - League Rules

*Note: All rules apply to a regular tournament (or game), any side-games, and Venue Championship tournament (or game) unless specifically stated.*

- 1. SHERIDAN'S IRISH POKER rules** - by participating in any SHERIDAN'S IRISH POKER event, you agree to adhere to all SHERIDAN'S IRISH POKER rules and regulations and behave in an appropriate manner. Violators may be warned, suspended from play for a time determined by the Tournament Director, or removed from the tournament. Chips from any player leaving the tournament will be removed from play.
- 2. Age Requirement** - Players must be of Legal Drinking Age (21 years of age) and have valid photo identification at all events.
- 3. Registered Member** - All participants at SHERIDAN'S IRISH POKER events must be registered members. Players may register live at any SHERIDAN'S IRISH POKER event. NOTE: All registered members must be must be of Legal Drinking Age (21 years of age).
- 4. Member numbers** - SHERIDAN'S IRISH POKER Players are assigned a 3 digit member number that is used to track all points earned by that member. Players MUST use their 3 digit member number OR full name when signing in and out at an event in order to receive points.
- 5. Cell phone** - If cell phone use becomes a distraction to the table or interrupts the game, you will be asked to turn it off. Failure to do so will result in the player's removal from the tournament.
- 6. Conduct/Penalty** - Inappropriate behavior may be punished with a penalty starting with a simple warning to being "dealt out" (chips will remain at the table and blinds posted and folded) for a length of time to be determined by the TD, penalty's start at ten minutes and are determined by the TD based on the infraction. A severe infraction such as abusive or disruptive behavior may be result in removal from the tournament. Examples of inappropriate behavior: Verbal or physical threats, chastising opponents play, obscene or profane language, creating a disturbance by arguing, shouting, or making excessive noise, throwing equipment, destroying property, carrying a weapon.
- 7. Etiquette** - The following actions are improper and grounds for penalty: Touching other players cards or chips, rabbit hunting, acting out of turn, splashing the pot, revealing another players hand, interfering with the visibility of cards or chips, making statements or actions that might influence play in an unfair manner.
- 8. Banned players** - Player's may be banned from league play for violating SHERIDAN'S IRISH POKER – League Rules, and/or Rules of Poker for any period of time deemed appropriate by the owners of SHERIDAN'S IRISH POKER.
- 9. NO GAMBLING** - No side bets, No cash bets. Any member found violating this rule will be banned from SHERIDAN'S IRISH POKER indefinitely and shall be removed from the tournament.
- 10. No money on table** - All participants of any SHERIDAN'S IRISH POKER sanctioned event are prohibited from placing any form of currency (other than SHERIDAN'S IRISH POKER poker chips) on a session table, as state law prohibits this. There will be no exceptions to this rule and violators will be asked to leave immediately and shall be disqualified from the tournament.
- 11. Point structure** - All finishers at every SHERIDAN'S IRISH POKER session win points in accordance with the SHERIDAN'S IRISH POKER Point Award Guidelines. All players must sign out with the TD and provide their member number OR full name for verification.
- 12. Tournament (or Game) Winner(s)** – Session winner(s) (top spot only), Venue Championship winners (top 3) and any side-game winners (top spot only) will receive a pre-determined non-cash prize. To be eligible for a session or venue prize, a minimum \$7 must be spent between 6pm AND prior to the final tournament (or game) table, AND receipt for that play session must be turned in to the Tournament Director – please note that this includes venue championships, even though customer reward points are not given during those events.
- 13. Qualifying for Venue Championship** – The top 16 point-getters for each eight week series (as determined by the Point Award Guidelines) will qualify for a special Venue Championship game on a separate date/time from normal tournament play. Venue Championships will be held after every 8 regular tournament (or game) sessions. The length of the series may be increased by Sheridan's Irish Poker and the TD at their discretion, but all players will be notified prior to the start of that series,
- 14. "Chopping the Pot"** – Players cannot "chop the pot" or in any way split prizes or points in a non-venue championship tournament (or game). (see the Point Award Guidelines for additional information) **For the Venue Championship ONLY:** Once the tournament (or game) is down to a final table of 8 or less, if ALL players left in the tournament (or game) can agree to a suitable arrangement for chopping the **FIRST PLACE PRIZE ONLY**, Sheridan's Irish Poker will split up the non-cash prizes according to that arrangement. That arrangement CANNOT allocate anything less than 1/8 of the total prize to any one player, or it will be rejected by the TD. **PLEASE NOTE:** If the final few players agree to split the **FIRST PLACE PRIZE**, the second place prize will go to the last person out before that agreement was made, and the third place prize will go to the second to last person to go out before that arrangement was made. (Example: The final three players agree to "chop" the first place prize, with the player with the most chips taking 1/2 of the prize and the other two players taking 1/4 of the prize each. The 4<sup>th</sup> place player would then get the second place prize, and the 5<sup>th</sup> place player would get the third place prize.) If ANY player, for any reason, refuses to chop the pot, no chopping arrangement can be made between any players. If Sheridan's Irish Poker is unable to split up the prize for any reason (example: the prize is a

television set, which cannot be split), the TD may over-rule any arrangement made by the players in chopping the pot. The TD may over-rule ANY chopping arrangement in the interest of fair-play or if collusion between some players is suspected.

15. **Blind lengths** - SHERIDAN'S IRISH POKER events typically operate under a 20 minute blind lengths. Blinds can be shortened to expedite play. At the discretion of the Tournament Director, events may run longer blinds (up to 40 minutes) to allow for longer play. SHERIDAN'S IRISH POKER reserves the right to adjust blinds as necessary.

16. **Starting stacks** - SHERIDAN'S IRISH POKER events typically start each player with 10,000 in chips, SHERIDAN'S IRISH POKER requires a minimum of a 6,000 starting stack. Players are handicapped for late entry (see Tournament Rules). SHERIDAN'S IRISH POKER reserves the right to adjust starting stacks as necessary.

17. **Self Dealt** - SHERIDAN'S IRISH POKER events are self dealt by the players at the table (see Rules of Poker).





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18. **Changes** - Sponsors / Account Managers and or SHERIDAN'S IRISH POKER Tournament Directors retain the right to cancel any event, or alter it in a manner fair to the players.
19. **Pot ruling** - A ruling regarding a pot may only be made before the next hand starts. Otherwise the results of a hand will stand. The new dealer receiving the cards will start the new hand.
20. **Action interpretation** - Identical actions may have different meaning depending on who did it. The possible intent of the offender will be considered when evaluating the correct action by a TD. Some factors are the players' experience and history.
21. **Minimum players** - There must be 8 players or more for a tournament (or game) to take place. For any side-game, a minimum of 5 players is required to begin play.
22. **Non-player** - A player not involved in the tournament may not sit at a table.
23. **English Only** - Only English will be spoken at the table by the players in the hand during play. This is done ONLY to ensure that players that may speak more than one language do not in any way pass illegal information on their hand or an opponent's hand, or give another player advice while the hand is being played.