

# Welcome to Boulder Poker Tournaments!

Since you are new to our league and likely to have questions, we hope the following general information will be helpful.

We play *No Limit Texas Hold 'em* in a tournament format (see the second page for more details on the structure of the tournament). The top 20 players receive points for playing according to how they finished. The point system is detailed below. Points are accumulated throughout the month and the top 48 players will be invited to the Monthly Invitational where they can compete for their share of a \$500 prize pool. Please note that players never have to pay to play. Our tournaments are “no stakes” poker, meaning there is never a buy-in. Players are not even required to buy drinks or food in the venues they play in. The amount of the monthly prizes varies depending upon the number of venues and the revenue the league earns each month.

## Our Point System works this way:

We give points for making the final table as follows:

- First Place: 500
- Second: 400
- Third: 300
- Fourth: 250
- Fifth: 200
- Sixth: 175
- Seventh: 150
- Eighth: 125
- Ninth: 100
- Tenth: 75
- 11<sup>th</sup>: 50
- 12<sup>th</sup>: 45
- 13<sup>th</sup>: 40
- 14<sup>th</sup>: 35
- 15<sup>th</sup>: 30
- 16<sup>th</sup>: 25
- 17<sup>th</sup>: 20
- 18<sup>th</sup>: 15
- 19<sup>th</sup>: 10
- 20<sup>th</sup>: 5

By the way, you can find lots of timely or topical information in the “*Announcements*” section of our main page at [www.boulderpokertournaments.com](http://www.boulderpokertournaments.com)

## Invitational Tournaments:

There's only one way to get invited to our monthly invitational tournaments where we're giving away \$500 for our final table (the last 8 players).

- **Via points:** The top 48 players will be invited to the Monthly Invitational Tournament. You can qualify at any venue. Points are acquired per the point system shown above. The more points you earn, the more chips you will play with. Chips at the Monthly Invitational will range from 5,000 to 50,000, depending upon how many points you acquire.

Blinds are normally 15 minutes long and our tournaments last from 2-3 hours (if you're winning, of course). Players start with 5000 chips. Players who are seated and ready to play when the tournament director says "Shuffle Up & Deal" will receive 1,000 extra chips as a way of saying thanks for your assistance in getting the tournament underway.

### **Tournament Structure:**

- Players start with 5,000 chips.
- Normally, our blinds are 15 minutes long, with breaks after the first and second hour of the tournament.
- The blinds begin at 25/50 (your chip stack starts at 100 times the big blind).
- At most established venues, we run four tournaments a night (six hours of poker). About an hour and 15 minutes after the first *main event* begins, we start a *consolation game* if there were 20 players at the main event tournament. Five available players are required before the consolation game can begin. Then, after the second main event tournament, we have a second consolation game (same 20 player restriction for the main event).
- At our newer venues (with fewer players), blinds are typically 20 minutes long until late in the game when they are shortened to 15 minutes in order to end the tournament on time.
- Main Events have a \$20 bar tab prize for the winner.
- Consolation Games have a \$10 bar tab prize for the winner.
- Registration, sign-up and sign-out is all done at the venue on the night of the tournament. Players only need to register once. Players will sign-up nightly for each tournament they wish to play in. If you make the final table, you will need to sign out in order to receive points. ***Please note that both first and last names must be printed neatly on sign-up and sign-out forms in order to receive points.*** The reason is purely administrative: we don't have the ability to tell from a signature or a first name who the player really is, and to be fair to everybody, we need both names printed neatly.