LARGE STAKES CARD GAME TOURNAMENT PERMIT APPLICATION & NOTIFICATION FORM

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OFFICE USE ONLY	
CHECK AMOUNT:	_____
CHECK NUMBER:	_____
NO OF TRNYS:	_____
NO OF CHARITABLE:	_____
APPROVED:	_____
NOT APPROVED:	_____

Please check one of the following:

☐ **ANNUAL PERMIT FEE: $120.00 (for first application)**
☐ **SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT TOURNAMENT NOTIFICATION(S) NO FEE**

_____ – _____ – GOA
GAMBLING OPERATOR ACCOUNT NUMBER

_____ – _____
FEDERAL TAX ID

_____
ESTABLISHMENT NAME

_____
ESTABLISHMENT PHONE NUMBER

_____
LOCATION OF TOURNAMENT (ADDRESS)

_____ MT _____
CITY **STATE** **ZIP**

_____
EMAIL ADDRESS

Number of licensed tables		**Number of tournament tables**	
***Date(s) of tournament**		**Total amount of entry and reentry fees charged (may not exceed $1,875)**	**$**
Type of card games to be played		**Estimated amount of all prizes including the amount of any cash prizes or the value of a seat in a higher level tournament**	**$**
Face value of the chips to be used			

Is this a Charitable Tournament? If yes, please provide in the box below the name(s) and address of each charitable, educational, or recreational nonprofit organization(s). NOTE: At least 50% of all entry and reentry fees must be paid to the nonprofit organization(s)	☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**	**Is this a Progressive Tournament?** If yes, please provide in the box below (attach separate sheet, if needed) the name(s) and address of each participating location. NOTE: Each location participating in the progressive tournament must obtain a separate tournament permit.	☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Name:	**Address:**
1 _____	1 _____
2 _____	2 _____

****SUBMIT A COPY OF ANY RULES THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE POKER TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S ASSOCATION RULES****
pokerTDA.com

***NOTE: Applications MUST be received by the Division at least 5 business days prior to start of tournament**

I CERTIFY THAT THIS INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT

_____ _____ _____
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE **PRINTED NAME OF PERSON SIGNING** **DATE**

23-5-312, MCA. Prizes not to exceed $800. (1) A prize for an individual live card game may not exceed the value of $800. Games may not be combined in any manner so as to increase the value of the ultimate prize awarded. Except during a tournament conducted under 23-5-317, all prizes must be awarded immediately upon completion of each hand.

(2) If a licensed operator conducts a promotional game of chance involving a live card game, the prize limit provided for in subsection (1) applies to prizes awarded as a result of the promotional game of chance. History: En. 62-704 by Sec. 4, Ch. 293, L. 1974; R.C.M. 1947, 62-704; amd. Sec. 31, Ch. 642, L. 1989; amd. Sec. 10, Ch. 626, L. 1993; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 64, L. 2013.

23-5-317, MCA. Tournaments – large stakes – small stakes. (1)(a) A licensed operator who has a permit for placing at least one live card game table on the operator's premises may apply to the department for an annual large-stakes live card game tournament permit. A large-stakes tournament permits allows the operator to conduct up to 16 large-stakes tournaments a year on the operator's premises.

(b) The department shall charge an annual fee of $120 for a large-stakes tournament permit. The permit fee may not be prorated and must be retained by the department for administrative purposes.

(c) A large-stakes tournament may not be conducted for more than 5 consecutive days.

(d) The operator shall notify the department at least 5 days before the start of a large-stakes tournament. If a tournament will be conducted on the premises of more than one licensed operator, each operator shall notify the department at least 5 days before the start of the tournament. Except as provided in subsection (1)(f), each large-stakes tournament is counted toward each operator's annual 16-tournament limit.

(e) An operator issued a large-stakes tournament permit may participate with other large-stakes tournament permit holders to conduct a progressive large-stakes tournament in which the ultimate prize is not awarded until the final round of the tournament is completed.

(f) An operator issued a large-stakes tournament permit may conduct up to three charitable large-stakes tournaments a year that are not counted toward the operator's annual 16-tournament limit. The operator shall notify the department of the charitable tournament at least 5 days before the start of the tournament.

(g) An operator may charge an entry fee for a large-stakes tournament, which may include a fee to cover expenses incurred from conducting the tournament. The total amount paid by a participant to enter a large-stakes tournament, including any additional purchase of chips or other payment during the tournament, may not exceed $1,875. A participant in a large-stakes tournament who has been eliminated from competition during the tournament may reenter the tournament by paying an additional fee if the tournament rules allow the participant to reenter the tournament.

(h) The prize for a large-stakes tournament may include the right to participate in another tournament if the value of a seat in the higher-level tournament equals the value of the expected top prize for the tournament.

(2)(a) A licensed operator who has a permit for placing at least one live card game table on the operator's premises may apply to the department for an annual small-stakes live card game tournament permit. A small-stakes tournament permit allows the operator to conduct daily small-stakes tournaments on the operator's premises.

(b) The department shall charge an annual fee of $500 for a small-stakes tournament permit. The permit fee may not be prorated and must be retained by the department for administrative purposes.

(c) An operator may charge an entry fee for a small-stakes tournament, which may include a fee to cover expenses incurred from conducting the tournament. The total amount paid by a participant to enter a small-stakes tournament may not exceed $80. A participant in a small-stakes tournament may not repurchase or add chips or reenter the tournament after elimination.

(d) A small-stakes tournament permit holder may place one additional live card table on the permit holder's premises, which may be used only for a small-stakes tournament. The tournament may be conducted on permitted card tables and the additional tournament card table.

(3) Tournament participants must be provided with a copy of the tournament rules before the start of a large-stakes or small-stakes tournament. A copy of the rules must be posted in a conspicuous location in each area where the tournament is conducted.

(4) Permits for the placement of additional live card game tables as provided in 23-5-306 are not required for:

(a) additional tables authorized under a large-stakes tournament permit; or

(b) an additional small-stakes tournament table authorized under subsection (2)(d).

(5) A person must be present on the premises during a large-stakes or small-stakes tournament to oversee the conduct of the card games and to settle disputes among players. This person may be a dealer licensed under 23-5-308.

(6) Only a dealer licensed under 23-5-308 may deal cards at a large-stakes or small-stakes poker or panguingue tournament.

(7) The face value of the chips used does not govern the value of the pot awarded at the end of the tournament.

(8) At least 50%of the total amount of the entrance fees for any large-stakes or small-stakes tournament that is represented as a charitable tournament must be paid to a charitable, educational, or recreational nonprofit organization.

(9) A rake-off may not be taken during a large-stakes or small-stakes tournament card game.

(10) The provisions of this part and the department rules governing live card games apply to live card games conducted as part of a tournament unless otherwise provided. History: En. Sec. 37, Ch. 647, L. 1991; amd. Sec. 11, Ch. 626, L. 1993; amd. Sec. 5, Ch. 101, L. 2007; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 64, L. 2013.

Card Game Tournaments

23.16.1102 LARGE-STAKES CARD GAME TOURNAMENTS (1) A licensed operator with a permit to operate at least one live card game table on premises may apply to the department for an annual permit to conduct large-stakes card game tournaments. The application must be submitted on Form 14A, the large-stakes card game tournament permit application, which is available from the department. The annual permit fee must accompany the submission of the application. A large-stakes card game tournament permit is effective July 1 through June 30.

(2) A licensed operator who has been issued a large-stakes card game tournament permit may conduct no more than 16 large-stakes poker tournaments during the permit year.

(3) A large-stakes card game tournament may be conducted for no more than five consecutive days.

(4) The only consideration that may be paid by a participant in a large-stakes card game tournament is an entry fee, and if allowed by tournament rules, a fee paid to reenter the tournament after the participant has been eliminated from competition. Under no circumstances may the total amount paid to participate in a large-stakes card game tournament, including all entry and reentry fees, exceed $1,875.

(5) The department must receive notification on Form 14A of each large-stakes card game tournament at least five business days before the start of the tournament. The permit holder may submit the complete notification Form 14A to the department by mail, FAX or e-mail. The notification of a large-stakes card game tournament must state:

(a) permit holder's name and operator's license number;

(b) type of card game to be played;

(c) number of tables to be used during the tournament;

(d) date(s) of the tournament;

(e) amount of entry fee and reentry fees;

(f) description of all prizes, including the amount of any cash prizes;

(g) whether it is a charitable tournament, including identification of all charitable beneficiaries;

(h) whether it is part of a progressive tournament, including identification of all other locations participating in the progressive tournament;

(i) the face value of the chips to be used; and

(j) a copy of all tournament rules not included in the Poker Tournament Directors Association Rules.

(6) The department will mail the licensee a permit for each approved large-stakes card game tournament. The large-stakes card game permit must be conspicuously posted in the same manner as the tournament rules posted as provided for in 23-5-317, MCA.

(7) A large-stakes card game tournament permit holder may conduct a large-stakes card game tournament for charitable purposes.

(a) Any large-stakes card game tournament held for charitable purposes must be publicly identified as a charitable tournament and the beneficiaries of the tournament must be publicly identified before the start of the tournament.

(b) If a large-stakes card game tournament permit holder conducts large-stakes card game tournaments for charitable purposes, the first three charitable tournaments conducted during a permit year will not be deducted from the permit holder's annual 16-tournament limit.

(c) If a large-stakes card game tournament is publicly identified as a charitable tournament, no less than 50% of the total of all entry and reentry fees must be paid to charitable, educational, or recreational nonprofit organization(s).

(8) A large-stakes card game tournament may be part of a progressive card game tournament in which the ultimate prize is not awarded until completion of the final round of the progressive tournament.

(a) The tournament must be publicly identified as being part of a progressive tournament prior to initiation of the tournament.

(b) Each location that participates in the progressive tournament must obtain a large-stakes card game tournament permit.

(c) If the tournament is part of a progressive tournament, prize(s) may include the right to participate in the higher level of tournament play, so long as the value of the higher level tournament is equal to the value of the expected top prize in the tournament. (History: 23-5-115, MCA; IMP, 23-5-317, MCA; NEW, 2013 MAR p. 1606, Eff.10/1/13.)