

# LARGE STAKES CARD GAME TOURNAMENT PERMIT APPLICATION & NOTIFICATION FORM

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NO OF TRNYS:	_____
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Please check the following:

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

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

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GAMBLING OPERATOR ACCOUNT NUMBER	FEDERAL TAX ID NO.
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
OPERATOR: HOLDER OF OPERATOR LICENSE	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	ESTABLISHMENT MAILING ADDRESS
EMAIL ADDRESS	<input type="text"/>
	ESTABLISHMENT PHONE NUMBER

Number of Licensed Tables	<input type="text"/>	Number of Tournament Tables	<input type="text"/>
Date(s) of Tournament	<input type="text"/>	Amount of Entry or Reentry Fees Charged (may not exceed \$1,875)	\$ <input type="text"/>
Type of Card Games to be Played	<input type="text"/>	Amount of Cash Prizes or Value of Seat in Higher Level Tournament	\$ <input type="text"/>

<p>Is this a Charitable Tournament? If yes, attach separate sheet with name and address of each designated charity. <b>NOTE:</b> At least 50% of all entry and reentry fees must be paid to the charitable entities.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes or <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Is this a Progressive Tournament? If yes, attach separate sheet with name and address of each participating location. <b>NOTE:</b> Each location participating in the progressive tournament must obtain a separate tournament permit.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes or <input type="checkbox"/> No
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SUBMIT A COPY OF ANY RULES THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE POKER TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION RULES

**STAPLE PAYMENT  
HERE**

**DO NOT SEND CASH**

I CERTIFY THAT THIS INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT

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## SELECTED MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE EXCERPTS

**Mont. Code Ann. § 23-5-317 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 permit 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.

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(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.

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(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.

**Mont. Admin. R. 23.16.1101 Card Game Tournaments** . . . (3) The card game tournament application should be received by the department at least five working days before the start of the tournament. The department may process an application received by FAX but shall not issue a permit on such an application until the fee is received by the department. An application may not receive approval if received by the department with less than ten working days before the start of the tournament.

(4) A copy of the tournament rules must be provided to tournament participants and posted as provided for in 23-5-317, MCA.

(5) In a card game tournament involving poker or panguingue, each card game must be conducted by a licensed dealer as required in 23-5-309, MCA. In addition, a designated person, who may be one of the licensed dealers, must be present on the premises to oversee the conduct of the games and settle disputes.

(6) The only consideration that may be paid by a tournament participant is:

(a) an entry fee; and

(b) a fee paid to reenter the tournament after being eliminated from competition, if permitted to do so under tournament rules.

(7) Under no circumstances may the total amount paid by an individual, including entry and reentry fees, exceed \$2,500 for tournament play.

(8) A card game tournament permitted under these rules 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 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.

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(11) An operator's card game tournament permit must be posted and clearly visible to the public. The permit is specific to

an operator and location.

(12) For any card game tournament that is represented 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).

(13) For each card game tournament, the location operator shall maintain for a period of 12 months and must provide to the department upon request a record of all entry fees and reentry fees paid by each participant. In addition, if the tournament was represented as a charitable tournament, the location operator shall also maintain for a period of 12 months, and provide to the department upon request, a record of the distribution of the tournament proceeds.