

CARD GAME TOURNAMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

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OFFICE USE ONLY

CHECK NO.: _____

CHECK AMOUNT: _____

REFUND: _____

PERMIT FEE: \$10.00

NOTE: Applications MUST be received by the Division at least 10 business days prior to start of tournament.

AN INCOMPLETE OR IMPROPERLY COMPLETED APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED

Type or print legibly using blue ink.

ACCOUNT NUMBER

ESTABLISHMENT NAME

OPERATOR: HOLDER OF OPERATOR LICENSE

FEDERAL TAX ID NO.

ESTABLISHMENT MAILING ADDRESS

ESTABLISHMENT PHONE NUMBER

Location of Tournament		Number of Tournament Tables	
Dates of Tournament		Amount of Entry or Reentry Fees Charged (may not exceed \$2,500)	\$
Type of Card Games to be Played		Amount of Cash Prizes or Value of Seat in Higher Level Tournament	\$

<p>Is this a Charitable Tournament? If yes, attach separate sheet with name and address of each designated charity. NOTE: 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. NOTE: 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 COMPLETE COPY OF YOUR TOURNAMENT RULES WITH THIS APPLICATION

RULES MUST BE POSTED AND INCLUDE:
→ FACE VALUE OF CHIPS TO BE USED
→ RULES GOVERNING THE PROHIBITION OF CREDIT GAMBLING

STAPLE PAYMENT

Do not send cash

I CERTIFY THAT THIS INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME OF PERSON SIGNING

DATE



SELECTED MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE EXCERPTS

(To obtain a complete copy of the rules and statutes, send \$10.00 by check only, made out to "Gambling Control Division" to the address shown on the front of this form.)

Mont. Code Ann. § 23-5-317 Tournaments. (1) Subject to the department's approval, a licensed operator who has a permit for placing at least 1 live card game table on the operator's premise may conduct up to 12 live card game tournaments a year on the operator's premises. Each tournament may be conducted for no more than 5 consecutive days. If an operator conducts more than one tournament a year, at least 7 days must lapse between the conclusion of one tournament and the beginning of the next tournament.

2(a) Before the start of a tournament, the operator shall submit to the department an application for a tournament permit. The permit application must be accompanied by the \$10 fee. The department shall retain the fee for administrative purposes.

(b) If a tournament is to be conducted on the premises of more than one licensed operator, each operator shall submit a permit application and processing fee. The permit is applied toward each operator's annual 12-tournament limit.

(c) A licensed operator may participate in a progressive card game tournament in which the ultimate prize is not awarded until the final round of the tournament is completed.

(d) At least 50% of the total of all entrance fees for any tournament that is represented as a charitable tournament must be paid to a charitable, educational, or recreational nonprofit organization.

(7) A licensed operator may charge a tournament participant an entry fee, which may include a fee to cover expenses incurred in conducting the tournament. A participant who has been eliminated from competition during the tournament may reenter the tournament by paying an additional fee if permitted to do so under tournament rules. A rake-off may not be taken during a tournament card game.

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

(9) The prize for a tournament may be the right to participate in another tournament if the value of a seat in the higher-level tournament is equivalent to the value of the expected top prize for the tournament.

(10) The total amount paid by an individual to enter a tournament, including any additional purchase of chips or other payment during the tournament, may not exceed \$2,500.

(11) 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 ten 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.

(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.