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Charitable Gaming Directive No. 4.06.01

# Millionaire Party (Poker)

#### BACKGROUND

Millionaire Party Rule 406(5) states in part: "All of the following millionaire party equipment and games are authorized: (e) Card games approved in writing by the bureau." This directive establishes the terms of conduct, and approves all Poker games as millionaire party card games, provided the games are conducted in a manner in which players compete against each other, not against the house.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

- 1. "Gross Profit" as used in the Charitable Gaming Administrative Rules means the total revenue less chip redemptions and prizes.
- 2. "House Rake" means a specified amount of money taken out of every pot by the dealer.
- 3. "Millionaire Party Management" as used in the Charitable Gaming Administrative Rules means the handling of cash, chips, and the completion of game records and financial statement (see 12).
- 4. "Operation" as used in the Charitable Gaming Administrative Rules means those duties other than Millionaire Party Management.
- 5. "Poker" means a class of card games, customarily played in a casino, that share common betting rules and hand rankings.

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 6. The amount of each expense incurred in connection with the conduct of a licensed millionaire party, including but not limited to, worker compensation, location rental, equipment rental, and advertising shall be necessary and reasonable.
- 7. The payment of expenses incurred in connection with the conduct of the licensed gaming event shall be necessary and reasonable, but shall not exceed 50% of the gross profit. This amount does not include the license fee.
- 8. Poker games shall be conducted with equipment that is owned by the millionaire party licensee, donated to the millionaire party licensee, rented from a licensed supplier, or rented from a location owner or lessor under a bureau approved rental contract.
- 9. If more than one millionaire party license is issued for the same date and location, the following provisions shall apply:
  - a. Each millionaire party licensee shall use chips that are clearly distinguishable from the other licensee's chips.
  - b. Each millionaire party licensee shall complete its own set of bureau-provided game records and financial statement.
  - c. Each millionaire party licensee shall deposit its proceeds from the millionaire party into its own financial account.

- d. A millionaire party worker who works at a location where more than one licensed millionaire party is being conducted on the same day may only receive compensation from one millionaire party licensee.
- 10. A location owner or lessor, a shareholder of a privately held corporate owned or leased location, partner, officer, agent, or employee of a location owner or lessor, or a person residing in the same household as a location owner or lessor, shareholder of a privately held corporate owned or leased location, partner, officer, agent or employee of a location owner or lessor shall not do any of the following:
  - a. Participate in the Millionaire Party Management at the location in which he or she owns, leases, represents, or works.
  - b. Be an officer of a qualified organization conducting a licensed gaming event at the location in which he or she owns, leases, represents, or works.
  - c. Participate as a player in any gaming event being conducted under the millionaire party license at the location in which he or she owns, leases, represents, or works.
- 11. A supplier, shareholder of a privately held corporate supplier, partner, officer, agent, or employee of a supplier, or a person residing in the same household as a supplier, shareholder of a privately held corporate supplier, partner, officer, agent, or employee of a supplier shall not do any of the following:
  - a. Participate in the Millionaire Party Management at the location for which the supplier is providing equipment or services.
  - b. Be an officer of a qualified organization conducting a licensed gaming event for which the supplier is providing equipment or services.
  - c. Participate as a player in any gaming event being conducted under the millionaire party license for which the supplier is providing equipment or services.
- 12. Except when dealing the cards, only bona fide members of the qualified organization holding the millionaire party license may perform any of the following Millionaire Party Management duties:
  - a. Counting, distributing, handling, selling, or redeeming chips.
  - b. Receiving, handling, or counting cash.
  - c. Collecting the House Rake.
  - d. Paying out cash prizes.
  - e. Paying millionaire party workers.
  - f. Completing the millionaire party game records and financial statement.
- 13. A person assisting in the operation of a millionaire party shall be an employee or agent of a millionaire party location or a licensed supplier.
- 14. Cards shall not be dealt by a player (does not apply to tournament Poker).

### **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS - TOURNAMENT POKER**

- 15. When conducting tournament Poker, all players shall pay the established buy-in, add-on, and rebuy fees for the same amount of chips.
- 16. The total value of all prizes awarded for tournament Poker shall be based upon a percentage, not to exceed 80%, of the buy-in, add-ons, and rebuys.

#### **PROHIBITIONS**

- 17. Dealers shall not sell chips to players.
- 18. Players shall not sell or redeem chips with another player.
- 19. A player may not receive anything of value other than the cash value of chips remaining from chip purchases and winning pots.
- 20. No alternative prize or anything of value (e.g. entry to a free roll, high hand, bounty, player points, etc.) may be awarded or given to a player.
- 21. A person employed by or an agent of the lessor, location, or licensed supplier shall not play millionaire party games at the location where he or she works or assists.
- 22. A worker or a person employed by or an agent of the lessor, location, or licensed supplier shall not share in a prize, purchase, play, or accept charity game tickets or numeral game tickets offered for sale by the licensee at any time during the day he or she is working or assisting.
- 23. A worker or a person employed by or an agent of the lessor, location, or licensed supplier shall not split a prize with a player or accept tips of any kind.

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- 24. Tournament Poker shall not be conducted in any manner that assigns a cash redemption value to the chips.
- 25. A player may not receive anything of value other than a prize awarded for the placement of finish in tournament Poker.
- 26. There shall be no carryover of prizes from one licensed gaming event to another licensed gaming event.
- 27. There shall be no combining of prizes between licensed gaming events.

### **HOUSE RULES**

- 28. House rules must be in accordance with Millionaire Party Rule 407 and shall also contain the following information:
  - a. The amount of the blinds.
  - b. The bet limit(s).
  - c. The method for collecting the House Rake.
  - d. Tournament buy-in, add-on, and re-buy fees.
  - e. Tournament prize payouts.
  - f. All other information essential to a player's understanding of how the licensee will conduct Poker games.
- 29. House rules must be printed on paper no less than 8 ½ by 11 inches in size and in sufficient number for distribution to all interested parties.
- 30. House rules shall not be in conflict with the act, rules, or directives of the bureau.

## **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

- 31. The millionaire party licensee shall complete all required game forms in the Millionaire Party Game Forms Packet and the Millionaire Party Financial Statement.
- 32. All sales, redemptions, and House Rake transactions shall be completed as they occur in accordance with Charitable Gaming Administrative Rule 432.21414 (1).
- 33. A copy of the house rules shall be retained with the game records.

Signed copy available upon request		
M. Scott Bowen, Commissioner	Date	-