**$50,000 Chip Chip Hooray Blackjack Tournament Rules**

**Tournament Dates:**

July 7, 2023 (Registration); July 8, 2023 (Registration, Qualifying Rounds, Semi-Final Round and Final Round)

**Registration:**

Friday, July 7 between 6pm and 8pm in front of REMIX Lounge across from the tournament area in Pit 4, and Saturday, July 8 between 10am and Noon.

**One-Time-Bet Promo Chip Prize Breakdown:**

1st - $10,000 + Trophy

2nd - $8,000

3rd - $6,000

4th - $4,000

5h - $2,000

6th – 25th - $1,000 each

**Who can participate?**

Must be a True Rewards® member. Team members of Golden Entertainment, Inc.; Arizona Charlie’s Decatur; Arizona Charlie’s Boulder; The STRAT Hotel, Casino & Tower; Aquarius Casino Resort; Edgewater Casino Resort and Golden Casino Group team members, its successors and assignees of sponsors, its advertising agencies and promotional companies involved in this event are not eligible.

1. Maximum of one (1) entry per person.
2. Blackjack will be played with six (6) decks. All rounds will consist of ten (10) hands.
3. Tournament will consist of two (2) qualifying rounds, a semi-final round and a final round.
4. Each player will play in two (2) qualifying rounds. The chip scores for each round will be added together for that player’s final chip score.
5. **The Qualifying Rounds will be held on Saturday, July 8 beginning at 11am. The top twenty-five (25) chip leaders after two (2) qualifying rounds will advance to the Semi-Final round at 4:45pm. At 5:15pm one (1) chip leader from each semi-final table will advance to the final table.**
6. Each table in the tournament will consist of five (5) players.
7. **$100 HOT ACE Rule**: Participants can buy a HOT ACE card for $100 in cash or live chips, no markers. ($100 prepay – non-refundable if not used during the round).
	* HOT ACE can be purchased at the tournament registration table prior to the start of the following round.
	* Once the first hand of the round has been dealt, HOT ACE cards will no longer be available for purchase for that round.
	* Only one HOT ACE card can be used per round by participant.
	* HOT ACE card must be visible on the table next to the player’s chips at the start of the round.
	* HOT ACE card must be used at the beginning of a hand to replace the first card of that hand.
	* The HOT ACE card will be counted as an ace valued card.
	* You can double down on the HOT ACE.
	* The HOT ACE card will be the player’s first card and the dealer will skip them when dealing the player’s first card. The dealer will then deal the second card to all players including those using the HOT ACE.
	* The participant must declare the use of the HOT ACE card during the betting sequence. The participant will announce the use of the HOT ACE card by placing it in front of their betting area. The participant will then place their wager in the betting circle.
	* After the hand is completed, the dealer will retain the “HOT ACE,” win, lose or push.
	* HOT ACE is only good for the round of purchase and cannot carry over to different rounds.
	* Failure to use the HOT ACE card during the round will result in the HOT ACE card being voided. No refunds for non-use of HOT ACE. All unused HOT ACE cards must be turned into tournament staff immediately following that round.
	* The HOT ACE card can be used in all rounds, including the final round.
8. **Each player will receive $10,000 in tournament chips at the beginning of each round.**
9. All tournament chips must remain in full view of the tournament judges at all times and stacked in denominational order. Tournament chips may not be exchanged, borrowed or loaned between players. Failure to follow these rules may result in the disqualification and forfeiture of any prize money.
10. A rotating marker will be used indicating “1st base.” Player with the “high card” will be 1st base in hand 1.
11. The marker will move one position to the right after each hand is dealt.
12. In the semi-final and final round, if all remaining players at the table bust out during the same hand, two (2) more hands will be played, with all players who busted out starting with $1,000 in tournament chips.
13. All bets must be in multiples of $100 with a minimum bet of $100. No maximum wager.
14. Blackjack pays 2-1.
15. Even money bets are allowed. No insurance required on blackjack.
16. Players may play only one hand at a time and must play in the betting circle located directly in front of them.
17. When it is a player’s turn to bet, he/she will have approximately 30 seconds to bet, otherwise a $100 minimum bet will automatically be placed.
18. If a dealer deals cards out of order, and no one has acted upon their hand, all hands are dead, unless there is action and then it is up to the tournament officials’ ruling.
19. If a player has less than the minimum bet remaining, the player will automatically be eliminated from play.
20. All chips must be counted before round results become official.
21. The official tournament language is English and conversing in any other language will not be permitted.
22. Communication, either verbal or visual (e.g. signaling) will not be permitted between players and spectators. This may result in disqualification and forfeiture of any prize money.
23. No written or mechanical aids will be permitted.
24. The use of cell phones, smartphones, personal data assistants (“PDAs”) or other mobile devices (e.g., iPads, Kindles, calculators) during tournament play is prohibited.
25. All players must report to his/her assigned seat five (5) minutes before the session starts.
26. **If a player is late to the table, the first card will be dealt five (5) minutes after the round has started. The late player will lose the table minimum bet for three (3) hands and if not present by the start of the 4th hand the player will receive a chip score of zero (0) for that round.**
27. Tournament participants will not be allowed to discuss betting strategy with other participants during the play. IT IS THE PLAYER’S RESPONSIBILITY TO COMMUNICATE HIS/HER ACTION TO THE DEALER.
28. Playoffs will be for advancement purposes only. In the event of a tie (after the qualifying rounds) each player will be given a total of $1,000 in tournament chips and the playoff will begin. Three (3) hands will be played. The player with the most chips will advance. If all players at the table bust out on the same hand, each player will be given $500 in tournament chips and will be dealt one more hand.
29. Any player who violates the official rules or becomes offensive to other players may be disqualified and subject to forfeiture of any prize money.
30. Participant must be 21 years or older and have a True Rewards card.
31. All prize money is paid in one-time-bet promo chips. Promo chips must be picked up from the cage within seven (7) days of the end of the tournament or they are forfeited.
32. Spectators who draw attention to or comment on play or bets will be asked to leave the area of play.
33. The STRAT tournament committee will not accept any private arrangements between tournament players, or the interchanging of sessions and/or seats. Tournament players may not arrange for substitute players.
34. All disputes must be handled at the tournament table before the players leave the table.
35. In the event of a dispute, the decision of the tournament committee will be final.
36. The STRAT’s house rules will prevail over any situation not covered in the tournament rules.
37. The STRAT reserves the right to change, alter or cancel tournament or tournament rules without notice.
38. NO SMOKING OR VAPING WILL BE PERMITTED AT TABLES DURING TOURNAMENT PLAY.
39. Management reserves the right to make all final decisions regarding interpretation of rules and eligibility determinations for any promotion, subject to applicable laws and regulations.
40. These are the official tournament rules. Any rule relating to this blackjack tournament may be changed, modified, or cancelled by management at any time without notice, subject to applicable laws and regulations.
41. Management reserves all rights to resolve any dispute or situation not covered by the official tournament rules and management’s decision shall be final and binding, subject to applicable laws and regulations.

**Early Bird Drawing Rules**

1. Players who register on Friday, July 7, 2023 will receive one drawing ticket.
2. Drawing will be held at 8pm on Friday, July 7 and five (5) winners will be drawn.
3. Each winner will receive a Hot Ace Card to be used during the qualifying rounds of the tournament on Saturday, July 8, 2023.
4. Entries must be legible.
5. Drawing drum will be emptied after the drawing.
6. Winners need not be present to win.
7. Team members of Golden Entertainment, Inc.; Arizona Charlie’s Decatur; Arizona Charlie’s Boulder; The STRAT Hotel, Casino & Tower; Aquarius Casino Resort; Edgewater Casino Resort and Golden Casino Group team members, its successors and assignees of sponsors, its advertising agencies and promotional companies involved in this event are not eligible.