

## Presque Isle Downs

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**Date Submitted to the PGCB:** February 26, 2024; **Date Approved by the PGCB:** March 9, 2024

**PGCB Self Exclusions and Exclusions:** Participants will play three hours beginning March 9, 2024 in order to participate in the Spring the Giant Blackjack Tournament. Players who play the three hours will receive a redemption slip from the kiosk which they must take to the Cage to register. The Cage will request from the patron a players club card and valid government-issued photo identification. The Cashier/Player Services Rep will look up the patron in the Pit Boss program (player database) to ensure they are not on the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board self-exclusion or exclusion lists or Presque Isle Downs' management exclusion list. If a potential tournament participant is on the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's self-exclusion or exclusion lists or Presque Isle Downs' management exclusion list, the Cashier/Player Services Rep will not process the tournament registration and immediately contact Security. Eligible patrons can register starting the first day of each round. Players will receive a three-part registration slip/tracking form (refer to **Exhibit BJ-D**) for each entry to present at the tournament table.

Must be 21 or older to enter. No patron will be permitted to participate in a blackjack tournament or receive a prize without providing valid government-issued photo identification. The Cashier/Player Services Rep will enroll the patron in the players club if they are not already a member in order to participate in the Tournament.

#### **Date and Time:**

- Preliminary Rounds: The qualifying three hours of play will begin March 9, 2024. Limited to the first 500 players. Players may earn up to three entries into the Tournament. Play will be available during the following dates and times:
  - 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM
    - April 8, 2024
    - April 10, 2024
    - April 15, 2024
    - April 17, 2024
  - 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
    - April 9, 2024
    - April 11, 2024
    - April 16, 2024
    - April 18, 2024

The top 250 players will advance to the Semi-Final Round. Should there be less than 250 players who qualify, Management will reserve the right to invite VIP players to participate in the Semi-Final.

- Semi-Final Rounds: The 250 Preliminary Round Winners can earn an additional entry into the Semi-Final by playing three hours April 19 – May 9, 2024.

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Play will be available during the following dates and times:

- 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
  - April 29, 2024
  - May 1, 2024
  - May 6, 2024
  - May 8, 2024
  
- 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
  - April 30, 2024
  - May 2, 2024
  - May 7, 2024
  - May 9, 2024

The top 100 finishers will advance to the Final Round.

- Final Round: The 100 Semi-Final Round Winners can earn an additional entry into the Final Round by playing three hours beginning May 10 – 23, 2024.

Play will be available during the following dates and times:

- 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
  - May 20, 2024
  - May 22, 2024
  
- 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
  - May 21, 2024
  - May 23, 2024

**Buy In:** The buy in will be \$0 with the option to give \$10 for a Dealer Appreciation Bonus Fee. The Dealer Appreciation Bonus Fees will not be added into the Prize Pool. Players are permitted to enter up to three times for the Preliminary Round; up to two times for the Semi-Final Round; and up to two times for the Final Round based upon the number of hours played (3 hours for the additional rounds).

**Entry/Administrative Fee:** \$0

**Re-Buy:** No Re-buys

**Re-Entry:**

Preliminary Round: Players can earn up to two additional entries (for a total of three) with each three hours of table play from March 9 – April 18, 2024.

Semi-Final Round: Players can earn up to one additional entry (for a total of two) with three hours of table play from April 19 – May 9, 2024.

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Final Round: Players can earn up to one additional entry (for a total of two) with three hours of table play from May 10 – 23, 2024.

**Dealer Appreciation Bonus Fee:** \$10 - The Dealer Appreciation Bonus Fees will be pooled together with and distributed via an hourly token rate among all dealers. This fee is optional for each entry in all rounds. Any player that opts to pay the Dealer Appreciation Bonus Fee will receive an additional \$5,000 in tournament chips to start each tournament round. A PID logo stamp in the bottom right-hand corner of the registration slip/tracking form will denote entries that elect to opt into the Dealer Appreciation Bonus Fee.

### Prize Pool and Structure:

Prize Pool = \$30,000. The \$30,000 will be provided by the Marketing department. The prize pool will be divided among the winners according to the table below. 100 Players with the highest chip count make it to the final round of 100, with the top 25 winning a cash prize or match play award as shown in the table below.

<u>Finisher:</u>	<u>Prize:</u>	<u>Type:</u>
1	\$10,000	Cash
2	\$5,000	Cash
3	\$3,500	Cash
4	\$2,500	Cash
5	\$2,000	Cash
6	\$1,250	Cash
7-10	\$500	Cash
11-25	\$250	Match Play
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,000</b>	

**Game Type:** Blackjack

### Procedures for Tournament

#### 1. Registration

Players can begin earning entries at 11:00 AM on March 9, 2024 for the Preliminary Round.

- Preliminary Round: Players can earn up to two additional entries (for a total of three) with each three hours of table play from March 9 – April 18, 2024.
  - Tournament play will be conducted during the following dates and times:
    - 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM: April 8, 2024; April 10, 2024; April 15, 2024; April 17, 2024
    - 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM: April 9, 2024; April 11, 2024; April 16, 2024; April 18, 2024

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- Semi-Final Round: Players can earn up to one additional entry (for a total of two) with three hours of table play from April 19 – May 9, 2024.
  - Tournament play will be conducted during the following dates and times:
    - 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM: April 29, 2024; May 1, 2024; May 6, 2024; May 8, 2024
    - 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM: April 30, 2024; May 2, 2024; May 7, 2024; May 9, 2024
- Final Round: Players can earn up to one additional entry (for a total of two) with three hours of table play from May 8 – May 23, 2024.
  - Tournament play will be conducted during the following dates and times:
    - 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM: May 20, 2024; May 22, 2024
    - 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM: May 21, 2024; May 23, 2024

Registrations are limited to the first 500 registrations for the Preliminary Round. All players will be checked for eligibility prior to enrollment. The player must be a member of the players club at Presque Isle Downs. This is not open to anyone on the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's exclusion or self-exclusion lists or Presque Isle Downs' management exclusion list. Players will be given a registration slip/tracking form that will be turned in at the tournament tables.

## 2. Chips

- Only non-value tournament chips that have been pre-approved by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board will be utilized for this event. Before each round of play, the player will hand their registration slip/tracking form to the dealer once the player is seated at a tournament table. The players will receive \$10,000 of non-value tournament chips at that time. If the player opted into the Dealer Appreciation Bonus Fee, they receive an additional \$5,000 chips. Only official registration slip/tracking forms are accepted. No reproductions are permitted.

## 3. Tournament Structures

- Minimum bet is \$500 and maximum bet is \$10,000. There are no secret wagers. The minimum and maximum applies to all phases of the Tournament.
  - I. Players will compete in a heads-up match against the dealer for each round of the Tournament. If a player is not present before the end of the tournament play period, the spot will be forfeited along with any \$10 dealer appreciation bonus fee.
  - II. Players will take their registration directly to the tournament table during the play period.
  - III. Each player will be entitled to use a "Free Ace" (refer to **Exhibit BJ-C**). This card will be larger than a normal playing card to indicate the difference and can be used at any stage of the Blackjack Tournament. If the Free Ace is not used and the player does not advance, the Free Ace is considered null and void and is not transferable to any other player. Players will request their Free Ace from Table Games Management (Floor Supervisor or higher), who will add their name and player's number in the designated place on the front of the card. A

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player will indicate to the dealer intention to use their Free Ace by placing it near their betting position. The Free Ace will then become their first card of the hand. Players must have their Free Ace set in place before the dealer deals any cards. Once a Free Ace is used, it will be retrieved and stapled to the pit copy of the registration slip/tracking form. The registration slip/tracking form will be circled to indicate the Free Ace has been used and will also be noted on the electronic tracking spreadsheet utilized by Table Games, Marketing and Guest Services. **Players receive one Free Ace for the entire tournament** regardless of how many entries they may be eligible for. All Free Aces are securely kept in a locked pit podium drawer until removed by a member of Table Games Management.

- IV. During the player's first hand of their 1st round of play, they will draw a 3-card poker hand that will be considered their tie-breaker through all rounds (player's initial two cards and the dealer's up card). The ranking of hands mirrors 3-card poker. The result of the tie-breaker hand will be recorded on their registration slip/ tracking form and electronically. Should the Free Ace be used for the player's initial tiebreaker hand, it will be counted as an Ace of Spades and denoted with a Free Ace by a member of Table Games Management. Only one Tie Breaker Hand is drawn in accordance with the previously described rules regardless of the number of entries a player receives.
- V. There will be a maximum of 500 games played during the Preliminary Round.
- VI. The top 250 finishers with the highest chip count of the Preliminary Round will advance to the Semi-Final Round. All other players will be eliminated.
- VII. The top 100 finishers with the highest chip count of the Semi-Final Round will advance to the Final Round. All other players will be eliminated.
- VIII. The winners will be posted by 11AM following the final day of each round of the Tournament on the Presque Isle Downs website:
  - Preliminary Round: Posted April 19, 2024 by 11:00 AM
  - Semi-Final Round: Posted May 10, 2024 by 11:00 AM
  - Final Round: Posted May 24, 2024 by 11:00 AM
- VIII. Players will have until May 31, 2024 to claim their cash prize by visiting Guest Services.

### Wagering

Each participant will begin each round (Preliminary, Semi-Final and Final) with \$10,000 of non-value tournament chips. Any participants that opt to pay the Dealer Appreciation Bonus Fee will receive a bonus \$5,000 in tournament chips. (Prior chip totals do not carry to future rounds.) The minimum wager is \$500, and the maximum wager is \$10,000. All rules and regulations for Tournament Blackjack are the same as outlined by the PGCB for Blackjack play. The Preliminary and Semi-Final Round will consist of seven (7) hands. Wagers on any side bets will not be offered during the Tournament. The Final Round will consist of eleven (11) hands. Players receive the pink copy of the registration slip/tracking form as their record of each round of play. The white copy

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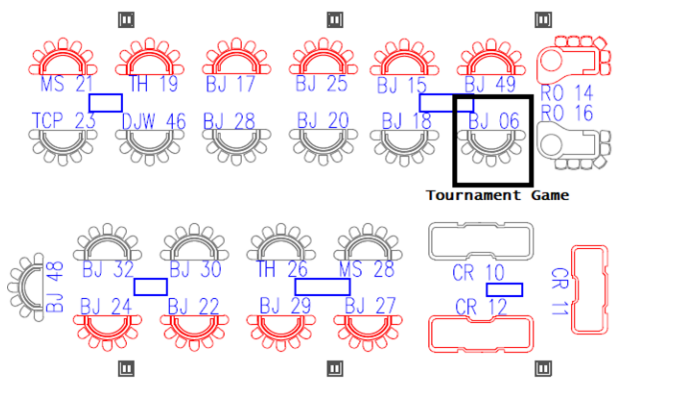
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goes to the Pit with the yellow copy going to Guest Services. All forms are signed by a member of Table Games Management (Floor Supervisor or higher).

### 4. Tournament Area

Presque Isle Downs will utilize one Blackjack table (BJ06) for the Tournament.



### Tournament Rules & Regulations:

Presque Isle Downs will follow the Blackjack Rules of Play. In the event of any disputes, the Table Games Shift Manager's decision is final. Players are advised to familiarize themselves with any local rules and regulations before entering the tournaments held.

Floor Supervisors are to consider the best interest of the game and fairness as the top priority in the decision-making process. Unusual circumstances can on occasion, dictate that decisions in the interest of fairness take priority over the technical rules.

Presque Isle Downs is not responsible for lost, stolen, or mutilated registration slip/tracking forms.

### Rules of Play:

- Players must be ready to place their wager when it is their turn. Any player taking more than 30 seconds to place a bet may be disqualified from the Tournament.
- No objects may be brought to the table.
- Tournament chips must be in plain view at all times and must be stacked separately by denomination.
- Once a bet has been placed, it cannot be changed.
- Each player must have a bet on each of the hands dealt.
- The player will play against the dealer and be dealt first to begin the game.

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- All ties will be broken from the 3-card poker tie-breaker hand chosen from the player's first round of play. If a tie still exists, both players move on or split prize monies.
- A player will be eliminated from play when they have no more tournament chips remaining.
- Collusion or coaching from other players or non-players is prohibited and cause for forfeiture of your seat.
- Any dispute or error will be adjusted or corrected by the Tournament Officials. The Tournament Officials' decision is final.
- The decision on what is considered a misdeal will be made by the Tournament Officials.
- Players not adhering to the Official Rules will be disqualified at the discretion of the Table Games Shift Manager. Disqualified players are not eligible for any prize awards.
- By participating in this Tournament, the participants agree to accept as binding all decisions made by the Table Games Shift Manager regarding the tournament rules, regulations and/or play.
- Surveillance will monitor tournament play.

#### **Official Language:**

The English-only rule will be enforced in the United States during the play of hands.

#### **Communication Devices:**

A player may not use a cellular phone, text-messaging device, or other communication device at the table.

#### **Deck Changes:**

Players may not ask for deck changes.

#### **Chips Visible:**

All chips must be visible at all times. Players may not hold or transport tournament chips in any manner other than a rack which will be provided. A player who does so will forfeit the chips and will face disqualification. The forfeited chips will be taken out of play.

#### **Payouts:**

Participants winning the cash prize money will complete a Winner's Release Form and a 1099 Form (refer to **Exhibit BJ-B**). Those documents will be taken directly to the Cage for the transaction to be complete.

- Winners are responsible for all local, state and federal taxes on any prize awarded.
- There are no substitutes for any prizes.
- All winners are deemed to grant permission to Presque Isle Downs for promotional use of their names and photographs in conjunction with winning.

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- Management reserves all rights to change or modify this Tournament at any time without prior notification to the players.
- The players may claim their cash prize at the Cage and must have valid government issued photo identification.