

Meals on Wheels – King of the River
Texas Hold ‘Em Poker Tournament Information

General Schedule: Friday, March 12th, 2010

Location: Chicago Cultural Center - 78 E. Washington Street, Chicago, IL

6:45 – 7:15 p.m.	Registration and Check-in
7:15 – 7:30 p.m.	Rules orientation session and seating
7:30 – 11:30 p.m.	Tournament Play (Note that play will begin promptly at 7:30 PM)

- No Limit Tournament
- General Texas Hold ‘Em Poker Rules apply
- Every player will start with \$2,000 in chip value.
- Rebuys will be allowed during the 1st hour of play - ½ of the initial buy-in for ½ of the starting chip count.
- In the event a player is not at his/her table when play begins or when play resumes, that player must place the small blind or the big blind in turn and that position will automatically fold when it becomes that missing player’s turn to bet, call or check.
- When a player cannot put up his/her amount of the small blind or big blind in turn, that player can place the lesser amount up and be considered as “all in”.
- In the event two players remain at a table, the dealer marker will be the small blind; the other player will be the big blind.
- The number of players at each table will be balanced throughout the tournament. Selection of players to move will be done based upon the last player knocked out position relative to the table with excess players – and their table positions relative to the first blind. (Movement will be coordinated by the Pit Boss and his decision is final.)
- **ALL THE DEALERS ARE VOLUNTEERS AND WILL BE TREATED ACCORDINGLY.** There will be no misdeals for cards shown by mistake of dealer. Cards out of order that cannot be accurately dealt in proper sequence will be re-dealt for accuracy. The Pit Boss’s decision is final.
- Blinds will start at \$25 - \$50 and escalate every 15 - 20 minutes or at the Pit Boss’s discretion.

Texas Hold 'Em

Betting Structure

No Limit Texas Hold 'Em rules to be applied:

- **Minimum bet = the big blind amount**
- **Raise amount = the big blind amount or double the bet of a preceding player**
- **Maximum bet = the amount of your chip stack --- "all in"**
- **In no limit, there are no limits on the number of raises. However, a player cannot raise his own bet.**
- **Second pot rule (third, if needed) is in effect:**
In an "all in" bet or raise, the player betting the "all in" amount is eligible to win the original pot. In the second or side pot, only the players betting in that pot can win it. **Summary: you can only win the pot/pots in which you have money.**

Rank of Hands

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| 1. Royal Flush | Five highest cards in one suit |
| 2. Straight Flush | Sequence of any five cards in one suit |
| 3. Four of a Kind | Four cards of same value |
| 4. Full House | Three cards of one value, two cards of another |
| 5. Flush | Five cards of the same suit |
| 6. Straight | Five cards in numerical order, of mixed suits |
| 7. Three of a Kind | Three cards of the same value |
| 8. Two Pair | Two sets of two alike in value |
| 9. One Pair | Single pair alike in value |
| 10. High Card | Hand of mixed suits and values |

Kicker

All players share the "community cards" dealt face up by the dealer. If two players have the same hand, the one with the highest card in their hand in addition to the community cards wins the hand...the one with the highest "kicker".