



## 2008 OFFICIAL WPTAPL™ EVENT STRUCTURE

WPTAPL™ provides amateur events for the World Poker Tour and does its best to assure that all events are conducted in a professional manner that allows players the opportunity to experience the game of Texas Hold ‘em in a fun, safe and real life format very similar to what they may experience at a casino poker tournament.

All WPTAPL™ events are governed by two sets of rules: the **Official WPTAPL™ Tournament Rules** which are the basic elements of tournament play that a player needs to know and understand in order to competently compete at any Texas Hold ‘em tournament. The second is the **Official WPTAPL™ League Rules** which are a set of rules specifically for playing Texas Hold ‘em with WPTAPL™. The League Rules contain regulations and restrictions specifically adapted to bar poker and the free poker industry. Together these two sets of rules provide the guidelines followed by our League Managers, Tournament Directors, venues and players, to assure a safe, fun and exciting event.

WPTAPL™ events consist of one or two sessions in an evening with registration opening 1 hour before the start time of each. Tournaments are usually 3 hours in duration and monitored by Tournament Directors (TD) who have received training from both local managers and WPTAPL Home Office. The minimum required starting stack at a WPTAPL™ event is 1,500 though most events start each player with 3,000 to 4,000 in chips. Most WPTAPL™ events operate with 15 minute blind levels, though single session events may play longer blinds. WPTAPL™ events are self dealt by the players who high card at the start to determine the button (dealer). Each blind level has a Small and a Big Blind (two positions left of dealer respectively) which are forced bets to ensure action on every hand (no Antes are used). With each level the amounts of the Small and Big Blinds increase, usually doubling. This escalation is what assures that events conclude in the allotted time.

### WPTAPL™ Blind Escalation

25/50 - 50/100 - 100/200, (color up and 15 minute break)  
 200/400 - 300/600 - 500/1,000 (color up) - 1,000/2,000 – 2,000/4,000 (optional color up)  
 5,000/10,000 - 10,000/20,000 – 20,000/40,000 – 50,000/100,000 – 100,000/200,000

All events are open to the public. In order to receive points and be ranked in your region you must register for membership with WPTAPL™ which can be done on the WPTAPL website ([www.wptapl.com](http://www.wptapl.com)) or at any live event. Members are required to sign in and out at each event using their 10 digit ID member number in order to receive credit for their performance. These points provide the basis for progression through the league structure.

As with any form of entertainment the attitude of the participants are critical to successful events. There will be times when players disagree with each other and/or the TD on duty. We ask that our members refrain from engaging in any conflicts with our TD’s, and/or other members, and to take up any concerns or complaints they may have with venue management, local league Managers or WPTAPL Home Office whose contact information can be found on the WPTAPL™ website. Thank you and enjoy the game!!

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