

Please notify Linda Marticke – 294-3234 Lkmarti@iastate.edu if you need to withdraw from the tournament. We have a waiting list of people who would like to compete. We will not be accepting drop-ins at the tournament unless there is an open spot after the waiting list people have been seated.

When: Sunday, August 28, - 5:15 start time.

There are 300 people participating in the tournament – **please try to arrive between 4:45-5:00**. All participants need to bring their ISU ID card. You will check-in at the entrance to the Great Hall. We will have 6 students seated at 2 tables -- so go to the first available person -- give them your ISU ID card to check-in. At this time you will be given your chips in a plastic bag and you will be assigned a table number. We will come around before play starts and collect the plastic bags. There is no fee to play. You might want to bring some money for a beverage.

Late: If you arrive after play has started....you will **NOT** be able to play.

Where: **GREAT HALL** – Memorial Union. One floor up from the food court.

Food/Beverages: We would prefer only beverages at the tables – however – if you need a small snack (candy bar/chips, etc.) that will be allowed. So you should try to eat something before you arrive. You will be allowed to bring a water bottle or a soft drink to the table. Onion's convenience store will be open until 10pm.

Restroom Breaks: There will be a short break around 7:50. Keep in mind that with this many people....you won't all have time to run to the convenience store/restroom. If you leave the table to go to the restroom during play – try to wait until the blinds and deal have passed you. You will need to pay the big blind if you are in one of the blind positions and leave the table.

Chips: Players will start with 48 chips (\$400). 40 white @ \$5 8 red @ \$25

Blind " <i>Tentative Schedule</i> ":	5:20-5:45	\$5/10
	5:45-6:10	\$10/20
	6:10-6:35	\$15/30
	6:35-7:00	\$25/50
	7:00-7:25	\$50/100
	7:25-7:50	\$75/150
	7:50-8:00	-break-
	8:00-8:25	\$150/300
	8:25-8:50	\$300/600
	8:50-9:15	\$400/800
	9:15-9:40	\$500/1,000
	9:40-10:05	\$1,000/2000
	10:05-10:30	\$2,000/\$4,000
	...blinds continue to increase...	

The tournament will continue until one person wins all of the chips.

First Deal: Players should draw cards for high card to start the first deal. A dealer will only be provided at the final table – so players will deal and a "dealer button" will be on each table.

You need to know how to play to enter the tournament. There are several websites on the internet to view the rules for Texas Hold'em Poker. Here is a brief summary of how the game is played:

1. The game starts with the player on the dealer's left putting in the small blind and the next player putting in the big blind. The amount of the blinds will change approximately every 25 minutes and will be announced.
2. The dealer shuffles the cards – the player to the right of the dealer cuts the cards and then two cards (one at a time) are dealt face down to each player-going clockwise.
3. The first round (*pre-flop*) of betting starts with the player to the left of the player who posted the big blind. Players may call, raise or fold. In this round, checking is not permitted. We are playing No-Limit – so the number of raises in any betting round is unlimited. A wager is not binding until the chips are actually released into the pot, unless the player has made a verbal statement of action. If there is a discrepancy between a player's verbal statement and the amount put into the pot, the bet will be corrected to the verbal statement.
4. After the *pre-flop* round ends, the dealer discards the top card of the deck. This is called a *burn card*. The dealer then flips the next three cards face up on the table. These cards are called *the flop*. These are community cards that anyone can use to form their poker hand.
5. The second round of betting begins with the player to the dealer's left. Checking is permitted now and for the rest of the hand.
6. After the second (*Flop*) round betting concludes, the dealer burns another card and flips one more on the table. This is called the *turn* card. The third round (*Turn*) of betting begins again with the first person to the dealer's left. Now and for the rest of the game, the minimum for bets and raises must be double the big blind.
7. After the third (*Turn*) round concludes, the dealer burns another card and the fifth and final community card is dealt. The final round (*The River*) of betting takes place and then the players remaining in the game begin to reveal their hands. (*The Showdown*) The Showdown begins with the player to the left of the last player to call. Players may form their final hands from any combination of the table cards and their own cards, even ignoring their cards and using only the table cards if they wish. The player with the best hand wins! If there is a tie – then those players split the pot. If there is a split pot, not equally divisible by the number of players - the player closest to the dealer's left will receive the extra amount.
8. You must declare you are playing the board before you throw your cards away; otherwise you relinquish all claim to the pot.
9. When a player loses all of his/her chips, they are eliminated from play and must get up from the table. You may stand to watch...but please don't stay seated. We need to know how many players are actually playing – so we can break the tables down.
10. The Intramural Staff will transfer players from one table to another as players begin to be eliminated. The player's position from the blinds will NOT be considered when assigning them to a seat at a new table.
11. Dealers should take their time and make sure everyone has finished betting before proceeding to the next round. Players must play in order....do not move your chips in or verbally say what you plan to do until the player preceding you is finished.
12. A player is allowed to continue putting chips into the pot with more than one move; the wager is assumed complete when the player's hands come to rest outside the pot area.
13. Players must keep their hands above or on the table....you cannot have your cards below table level.
14. If during the deal a card is accidentally exposed or flipped over – make sure every player has seen it and it becomes the first "burn" card.

Please remember that this is our fourth try with this type of tournament. We have some better chips than the first time and....we will try our best to make it a good tournament. Keep in mind with this many people and our time constraints --- the blinds will rise rather quickly. I surveyed some students last year and asked them about having a 2-3 day tournament – their preference was a one day tournament.

Thanks for your interest,
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