



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA

23.16.1102 LARGE-STAKES CARD GAME TOURNAMENTS

- (1) A licensed operator with a permit to operate at least one live card game table on premises may apply to the department for an annual permit to conduct large-stakes card game tournaments. The application must be submitted on Form 14A, the large- stakes card game tournament permit application, which is available from the department. The annual permit fee must accompany the submission of the application. A large-stakes card game tournament permit is effective July 1 through June 30.
- (2) A licensed operator who has been issued a large-stakes card game tournament permit may conduct no more than 16 large-stakes tournaments during the permit year.
- (3) A large-stakes card game tournament may be conducted for no more than five consecutive days.
- (4) The only consideration that may be paid by a participant in a large-stakes card game tournament is an entry fee, and if allowed by tournament rules, a fee paid to reenter the tournament after the participant has been eliminated from competition. Under no circumstances may the total amount paid to participate in a large-stakes card game tournament, including all entry and reentry fees, exceed \$1,875.
- (5) The department must receive notification on Form 14A of each large- stakes card game tournament at least five business days before the start of the tournament. The permit holder may submit the complete notification Form 14A to the department by mail, FAX or e-mail. The notification of a large-stakes card game tournament must state:
 - (a) permit holder's name and operator's license number;
 - (b) type of card game to be played;
 - (c) number of tables to be used during the tournament;
 - (d) date(s) of the tournament;
 - (e) amount of entry fee and reentry fees;
 - (f) description of all prizes, including the amount of any cash prizes;
 - (g) whether it is a charitable tournament, including identification of all charitable beneficiaries;
 - (h) whether it is part of a progressive tournament, including identification of all other locations participating in the progressive tournament;
 - (i) the face value of the chips to be used; and
 - (j) a copy of all tournament rules not included in the Poker Tournament Directors Association Rules.

- (6) The department will mail the licensee a permit for each approved large- stakes card game tournament. The large-stakes card game permit must be conspicuously posted in the same manner as the tournament rules posted as provided for in 23-5-317, MCA.
- (7) A large-stakes card game tournament permit holder may conduct a large- stakes card game tournament for charitable purposes.
 - (a) Any large-stakes card game tournament held for charitable purposes must be publicly identified as a charitable tournament and the beneficiaries of the tournament must be publicly identified before the start of the tournament.
 - (b) If a large-stakes card game tournament permit holder conducts large- stakes card game tournaments for charitable purposes, the first three charitable tournaments conducted during a permit year will not be deducted from the permit holder's annual 16-tournament limit.
 - (c) If a large-stakes card game tournament is publicly identified as a charitable tournament, no less than 50% of the total of all entry and reentry fees must be paid to charitable, educational, or recreational nonprofit organization(s).
 - (d) For each charitable tournament, the permit holder conducting the tournament shall maintain for a period of 12 months from the date of the tournament, and provide to the department upon request:
 - (i) a record of the total amount of entry and reentry fees collected in the charitable tournament;
 - (ii) a description of how the tournament was publicly identified as a charitable tournament;
 - (iii) the name and address of each charitable, educational, or recreational nonprofit organization that received a distribution of the charitable proceeds; and
 - (iv) the amount of money distributed to each charitable, educational, or recreational nonprofit organization.
- (8) A large-stakes card game tournament may be part of a progressive card game tournament in which the ultimate prize is not awarded until completion of the final round of the progressive tournament.
 - (a) The tournament must be publicly identified as being part of a progressive tournament prior to initiation of the tournament.
 - (b) Each location that participates in the progressive tournament must obtain a large-stakes card game tournament permit.
 - (c) If the tournament is part of a progressive tournament, prize(s) may include the right to participate in the higher level of tournament play, so long as the value of the higher level tournament is equal to the value of the expected top prize in the tournament.

Authorizing statute(s): 23-5-115, MCA

Implementing statute(s): 23-5-317, MCA



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