

888 Poker League Member Charter

1. Definitions.

- 1.1. The following terms shall have the following respective meaning for all purposes of the League rules, such meaning to be equally applicable to the singular and plural forms thereof.
 - 1.1.1. "888 Poker League", "888PL" or "League" refers to the league that these rules apply to.
 - 1.1.2. "Player" and "member" shall mean any individual person playing in any one of our league tournaments who has completed the 888PL registration process.
 - 1.1.3. "Points" shall mean the measurement by which overall league standings are determined.
 - 1.1.4. "Tournament" shall refer to any of our regular or special poker games.
 - 1.1.5. "Bonus Points" refers to additional League Points awarded to players for placing inside the top 15 at any tournament.

2. Arbitration.

- 2.1. While the 888PL rules will attempt to cover and regulate any scenario we may find ourselves in, there may occasionally be times in which a decision will require an unbiased independent third party in regard to player behaviour and resulting penalties. In these cases, Mr. Garth Kay (herein referred to as National Poker Manager) will be the arbitrator of these decisions. Once the National Poker Manager has listened to the dispute in question and all pertaining details, he will make a binding non-negotiable decision.

3. Ethics and Moral Code

- 3.1. All League players and bystanders must abide by the 888PL Poker rules and Etiquette document. While some events provide cash payouts, our main goal will always be the pursuit of social entertaining poker in a fun and fair environment. Players must always remember to treat each other, as well as all League activities and representatives, with the utmost respect.
- 3.2. Any major breach of the player code of conduct will result in a suspension and forfeiture of all League Points and rights to prizes.

4. Cheating.

- 4.1. Cheating of any form is not allowed under any circumstances. If caught cheating; a player will immediately be removed from the tournament, placed on indefinite suspension and forfeit all League points accumulated in that season and the right to any prizes as supplied by either 888 or 888PL.
- 4.2. Any participant caught colluding; cheating or behaving inappropriately as deemed by the Tournament Director may be disqualified from the League and may be excluded from future participation in 888PL events.
- 4.3. Please refer to the 888PL Rules and Etiquette pdf document for the Conduct Code and Poker Etiquette Guide; this can be found on www.888pl.com.au

5. Point Distribution.

- 5.1. The amount of Players awarded Bonus Points for each Tournament will always be 15. If there are less than 15 players for the tournaments all players will be awarded bonus points.
- 5.2. The total amount of Points awarded for a Tournament will be based on the amount of registered players and the point multiplier applicable for the type of event. Please refer to www.888pl.com.au for more details.
- 5.3. Deals or trades for League Points are not allowed. Points are not transferable.
- 5.4. Points are only awarded for the official 888PL regular Tournaments and cannot be awarded for other tournaments or poker games that may be played by League members.
- 5.5. Certain Special events may be sanctioned as attributing bonus points or different point's multiplier at the discretion of the League's management.
- 5.6. In the event that a Tournament is forced to stop prior to its natural conclusion for reasons beyond our control, Players will receive Points based on their chip count standing at that given moment.
- 5.7. All Players start a new 888PL season with a zero point total.
- 5.8. In the event that two or more people are eliminated on the same hand, the player who had more chips going into the hand will receive the highest ranking and be entitled to the higher ranking's amount of Points. The person with the second most amount of chips going into the pot will receive the second highest ranking. This pattern will continue until all eliminated players from that pot are assigned a ranking.
- 5.9. If the scenario in Section 7.8 should occur and multiple players have the exact same amount of chips, the finishing order will be decided by either a rock-paper-scissors challenge (best 2 out of 3) or by the strength of the hand at showdown. The strongest hand will be awarded the highest position.

6. **Season Length.**
 - 6.1. There will be 4 seasons played each year.
 - 6.1.1. Season 1 will be 12 weeks
 - 6.1.2. Season 2 will be 13 weeks
 - 6.1.3. Season 3 will be 12 weeks.
 - 6.1.4. Season 4 will be 13 weeks.
 - 6.2. The season numbers in rules 6.1.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3 and 6.1.4 are for reference purposes only; as 888PL Season lengths may change at a later date.
7. **Tournament Cancellations.**
 - 7.1. 8.1 A cancelled tournament, regardless of reason, will be deleted and not re scheduled.
8. **End of Season Finals Qualification**
 - 8.1. At the conclusion of an 88PL season; qualifiers for each state's respective Semi Finals will be formulated by the administrators of the league.
 - 8.2. Players must abide by the current qualification processes as outlined in qualification methods (i.e. Top 5 on a venue score board) as well as have participated in 10 regular Away events during the regular season.
 - 8.3. The above qualification rule applies to all Semi Finals and Grand Finals.
 - 8.4. Any player who has been suspended during the regular season will not be permitted to participate in any finals even though they may have achieved the qualification criteria.
9. **Tournament Exit/Departure or Away from Table Scenarios**
 - 9.1. If a Player must leave in the middle of a regular 888PL Tournament, his or her chips will be blinded out for a period of 30 minutes.
 - 9.2. Upon completion of 30 minute time period chips are then removed from play. 10.2 Another Player is not allowed to play the existing Player's chips.
 - 9.3. A Player who has exited a tournament or is missing from the tournament during the bonus point stages, will not be awarded bonus points.
10. **Standings/Scoreboard Dispute Periods, Errors & Omissions.**
 - 10.1. While every effort will be made to ensure complete accuracy, mistakes can be made.
 - 10.2. Any error in the 888PL League score boards should be identified and corrected as quickly as possible, please report any errors to techsupport@888pl.com.au
 - 10.3. The filing of an error can occur via an email, new forum post in the ASK 888PL forum or via phone call to head office on 03 9644 1600. It is the Player's responsibility to ensure that the filing of his or her error notification is acknowledged by an 888PL staff member who can take action to rectify the problem.
 - 10.4. After 7 days from the last Tournament of a season, all scoreboards will be deemed final. Even if an error is identified after the 7 day period, no changes or alterations will occur.
11. **Incentives, Coercion & Bribes.**
 - 11.1. Under no circumstances can one Player try to alter or skew the League Point allocations or standings through incentives, coercion or bribes. (For example, the scenario of, "I will give you more money for the position if you lose the tournament so I can get more points", is 100% prohibited.)
 - 11.2. Players cannot make any deals that alter the final Point allocation outcome of a Tournament.
 - 11.3. Players cannot trade Points.
 - 11.4. Points cannot be bought or sold from other Players.
12. **The Rules.**
 - 12.1. The 888-Poker League will follow the rules as outlined in the 888PL Poker Rules and Etiquette document.
 - 12.2. The rules will be known as the "888 Poker League Rules".
 - 12.3. Any ruling made by any Tournament Captain, Floor Manager, Supervisor or Tournament Director is final and binding. All decisions will be made with the fairness of the competition in mind and impartial judgement.