

Social poker

Conditions of exempt game

In accordance with section 3, subsection 8A of the *Gaming Control Act 1993*, following *Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission Ministerial Direction (No.2) 2024*, the Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission has declared the following game to be an exempt game:

Social poker

Social poker, subject to the following conditions:

1. social poker may only be played in a tournament structure under which the cost to participate must not exceed the value of a single entry fee and a single re-entry fee, and no further charges are levied on participants during the tournament;
2. all participants must pay the same entry fee, which must not exceed \$250;
3. all participants must pay the same re-entry fee, which must be equal to the value of the original entry fee;
4. all participants must be given an equal number and value of poker chips per entry fee and re-entry fee, and no participant may purchase or otherwise be supplied with additional poker chips before or during the tournament;
5. the poker chips must have no monetary value during the tournament and must only be used to determine the overall winner or winners of the tournament, such that poker chips are not redeemable for monetary value or any other benefit;
6. the operators of a social poker tournament must make the rules of the tournament available to all participants, and those rules must include sufficient information to enable participants to reasonably understand the game;
7. the operators of a social poker tournament must reasonably make participants aware of the available prizes, and how the prizes will be distributed to the winner or winners of the tournament, in advance;
8. the value of the prizes in a social poker tournament must be determined before the completion of the tournament;
9. the cash value or equivalent retail value of all prizes for any social poker tournament must be no less than 70 per cent of the total proceeds generated from entry and re-entry fees;
10. a social poker tournament must only be conducted in a licensed premises;
11. the operators of a social poker tournament are required to undertake Responsible Conduct of Gambling training;
12. individuals under the age of 18 years must not participate in the game of social poker;
13. the operators of a social poker tournament must retain sufficient records to reasonably demonstrate compliance with these conditions.

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