



## PLAYER GUIDE

**BUY-IN: \$3,500**

FESTIVAL

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## FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	EVENT	BUY-IN	GTD	STACK
MON Mar 16	9:30 A.M.	Step Satellite 1 in 6 win a \$700 WPT Package Satellite Entry	\$150 (120+20+10)	10 \$700 Entries Guaranteed	15,000
	5:30 P.M.	Step Satellite 1 in 6 win a \$700 WPT Package Satellite Entry	\$150 (120+20+10)	10 \$700 Entries Guaranteed	15,000
TUE Mar 17	9:30 A.M.	Step Satellite 1 in 6 win a \$700 WPT Package Satellite Entry	\$150 (120+20+10)	10 \$700 Entries Guaranteed	15,000
	5:30 P.M.	Step Satellite 1 in 6 win a \$700 WPT Package Satellite Entry	\$150 (120+20+10)	10 \$700 Entries Guaranteed	15,000
WED Mar 18	9:30 A.M.	Step Satellite 1 in 6 win a \$700 WPT Package Satellite Entry	\$150 (120+20+10)	10 \$700 Entries Guaranteed	15,000
	2:00 P.M.	Step Satellite 1 in 6 win a \$700 WPT Package Satellite Entry	\$150 (120+20+10)	10 \$700 Entries Guaranteed	15,000
	5:30 P.M.	WPT Package Satellite 1 in 8 win a \$5,000 WPT Package	\$700 (625+50+25)	20 \$5,000 Packages Guaranteed 20 \$5,000 Packages Guaranteed	25,000
THU Mar 19	9:30 A.M.	Satellite 1 in 6 win a \$600 Entry	\$120 (100+12+8)	10 \$600 Entries Guaranteed	10,000
	5:30 P.M.	Event #1 Opening Night	\$300 (250+30+20)	\$50,000 Guaranteed	20,000
FRI Mar 20	9:00 A.M.	Satellite 1 in 6 win a \$600 Entry or \$500 Entry + \$100 Cash	\$120 (100+12+8)	10 \$600 Entries Guaranteed	10,000
	9:00 A.M.	Event #2 Seniors	\$400 (340+40+20)		20,000
	11:00 A.M.	Event #3 30/30/30 - 30K Chips - 30 Minute Levels	\$300 (250+30+20)	\$30,000 Guaranteed	30,000
	4:00 P.M.	Event #4 1A - Launch	\$600 (515+50+35)	\$500,000 Guaranteed	25,000
	6:00 P.M.	Satellite 1 in 6 win a \$600 Entry or \$500 Entry + \$100 Cash	\$120 (100+12+8)	10 \$600 Entries Guaranteed	10,000
SAT Mar 21	9:00 A.M.	Satellite 1 in 6 win a \$600 Entry or \$500 Entry + \$100 Cash	\$120 (100+12+8)	10 \$600 Entries Guaranteed	10,000
	11:00 A.M.	Event #4 1B - Launch	\$600 (515+50+35)	\$500,000 Guaranteed	25,000
	4:00 P.M.	Event #4 1C - Launch	\$600 (515+50+35)	\$500,000 Guaranteed	25,000
	6:00 P.M.	Satellite 1 in 6 win a \$600 Entry or \$500 Entry + \$100 Cash	\$120 (100+12+8)	10 \$600 Entries Guaranteed	10,000
SUN Mar 22	9:00 A.M.	Satellite 1 in 6 win a \$600 Entry or \$500 Entry + \$100 Cash	\$120 (100+12+8)	10 \$600 Entries Guaranteed	10,000
	11:00 A.M.	Event #4 1D - Launch	\$600 (515+50+35)	\$500,000 Guaranteed	25,000
	4:00 P.M.	Event #4 1E - Launch	\$600 (515+50+35)	\$500,000 Guaranteed	25,000
MON Mar 23	9:00 A.M.	Satellite 1 in 5 win a \$500 Entry or \$400 Entry + \$100 Cash	\$120 (100+12+8)	10 \$500 Entries Guaranteed	10,000
	11:00 A.M.	Event #4 DAY 2 FINAL Launch		\$500,000 Guaranteed	
	12:00 P.M.	Event #5 One Day 100K	\$500 (425+50+25)	\$100,000 Guaranteed	25,000
	4:00 P.M.	Event #6 1A - ACTION8	\$400 (340+40+20)	\$100,000 Guaranteed	40,000
TUE Mar 24	9:00 A.M.	Satellite 1 in 5 win a \$500 Entry or \$400 Entry + \$100 Cash	\$120 (100+12+8)	5 \$500 Entries Guaranteed	10,000
	11:00 A.M.	Event #7 No Limits	\$300 (250+30+20)	\$25,000 Guaranteed	25,000
	12:00 P.M.	Event #8 Omaha 8	\$500 (425+45+30)		25,000
	4:00 P.M.	Event #6 1B - ACTION8	\$400 (340+40+20)	\$100,000 Guaranteed	40,000
WED Mar 25	9:00 A.M.	Satellite 1 in 5 win a \$500 Entry or \$400 Entry + \$100 Cash	\$120 (100+12+8)	5 \$500 Entries Guaranteed	10,000
	11:00 A.M.	Event #9 Knockout with \$100 Bounties	\$300 (250+30+20)		20,000
	12:00 P.M.	Event #10 T.O.E. - 2 to 7 Triple Draw, Omaha 8, Eight or Better	\$500 (425+45+30)		25,000
	4:00 P.M.	Event #6 1C - ACTION8	\$400 (340+40+20)	\$100,000 Guaranteed	40,000
THU Mar 26	9:00 A.M.	Satellite 1 in 5 win a \$500 Entry or \$400 Entry + \$100 Cash	\$120 (100+12+8)	5 \$500 Entries Guaranteed	10,000
	11:00 A.M.	Event #11 Stacked Turbie	\$300 (250+30+20)		30,000
	12:00 P.M.	Event #12 HEROS - Hold'em, Eight or Better, Razz, Omaha 8, Stud	\$500 (425+45+30)		25,000
	4:00 P.M.	Event #6 Day 2 Final ACTION8		\$100,000 Guaranteed	
	6:00 P.M.	Satellite 1 in 7 win a \$1,100 Entry	\$200 (170+20+10)	5 \$1,100 Entries Guaranteed	15,000
FRI Mar 27	All Day	Single Table Satellites 1 in 10 win a \$10,000 High Roller Entry	\$1,050 (1,000+25+25)		15,000
	9:00 A.M.	Satellite 1 in 7 win a \$1,100 Entry	\$200 (170+20+10)	5 \$1,100 Entries Guaranteed	15,000
	11:00 A.M.	Event #13 PLO	\$500 (425+45+30)		25,000
	1:00 P.M.	Event #14 LLLLLLLLLLLLLL OF CHIPS	\$1,100 (1,000+70+30)	\$100,000 Guaranteed	31,400
	3:00 P.M.	Step Satellite 1 in 7 win a \$550 WPT Satellite Entry	\$100 (80+12+8)	10 \$550 Entries Guaranteed - Must play 3/27	10,000
SAT Mar 28	4:00 P.M.	Event #15 High Roller	\$10,000 (9,700+200+100)	Play 12 Levels on Day 1	50,000
	6:00 P.M.	Satellite 1 in 7 win a \$3,500 WPT Rolling Thunder Entry	\$550 (500+30+20)	10 \$3,500 Entries Guaranteed-Milestone Format	25,000
	9:00 A.M.	Step Satellite 1 in 7 win a \$550 WPT Satellite Entry	\$100 (80+12+8)	10 \$550 Entries Guaranteed	10,000
	9:00 A.M.	Event #16 WPT Seniors or Savage Seniors	\$1,100 (1,000+70+30)		30,000
	11:00 A.M.	Event #14 Day 2 Final LLLLLLLLLLLLLL OF CHIPS		\$100,000 Guaranteed	
	12:00 P.M.	Event #15 Day 2 Final High Roller	\$2,000 (1,800+150+50)		
	12:00 P.M.	Event #17 2K KRUSH - 6 Max (1 Day Event)			30,000
SUN Mar 29	1:00 P.M.	Satellite 1 in 7 win a \$3,500 WPT Rolling Thunder Entry	\$550 (500+30+20)	10 \$3,500 Entries Guaranteed-Milestone Format	25,000
	3:00 P.M.	Step Satellite 1 in 7 win a \$550 WPT Satellite Entry	\$100 (80+12+8)	10 \$550 Entries Guaranteed	10,000
	6:00 P.M.	Satellite 1 in 7 win a \$3,500 WPT Rolling Thunder Entry	\$550 (500+30+20)	20 \$3,500 Entries Guaranteed-Milestone Format	25,000
	9:00 A.M.	Turbo Satellite 1 in 7 win a \$3,500 WPT Rolling Thunder Entry	\$550 (500+30+20)	5 \$3,500 Entries Guaranteed	25,000
	11:00 A.M.	Event #18 Day 1 WPT Rolling Thunder	\$3,500 (3,200+220+80)		50,000
MON Mar 30	4:00 P.M.	Event #19 1A - NorCal Jacked Stack	\$400 (340+40+20)	\$100,000 Guaranteed	40,000
	9:00 A.M.	Satellite 1 in 7 win a \$1,500 Entry	\$250 (220+20+10)	5 \$1,500 Entries Guaranteed	15,000
	11:00 A.M.	Event #18 Day 2 WPT Rolling Thunder	\$3,500 (3,200+220+80)		50,000
	2:00 P.M.	Event #20 Bounty Confidential	\$2,000 (1,800+150+50)	\$100,000 Guaranteed (2 Day Event)	30,000
TUE Mar 31	4:00 P.M.	Event #19 1B - NorCal Jacked Stack	\$400 (340+40+20)	\$100,000 Guaranteed	40,000
	9:00 A.M.	Satellite 1 in 5 win a \$500 Entry	\$120 (100+12+8)	5 \$500 Entries Guaranteed	10,000
	11:00 A.M.	Event #18 Day 3 WPT Rolling Thunder			
	12:00 P.M.	Event #20 Day 2 Final Bounty Confidential		\$100,000 Guaranteed	
WED Apr 1	1:00 P.M.	Event #21 Savage Average - 1 Day Event	\$500 (425+50+25)	\$100,000 Guaranteed	30,000
	4:00 P.M.	Event #19 1C - NorCal Jacked Stack	\$400 (340+40+20)		40,000
	11:00 A.M.	Event #17 Day 4 Live Stream Final Table WPT Rolling Thunder			
WED Apr 1	12:00 P.M.	Event #18 Day 2 Final NorCal Jacked Stack		\$100,000 Guaranteed	
	12:00 P.M.	Event #22 The Finale	\$400 (340+40+20)		20,000



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## CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

<b>Day 1:</b> Sun, Mar 29th – 11:00 A.M.	<b>Day 2:</b> Mon, Mar 30th – 11:00 A.M.	<b>Day 3:</b> Tue, Mar 31st – 11:00 A.M.	<b>Live Stream Final</b> Wed, Apr 1st – 11:00 A.M.
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### Rules and Information

BUY-IN: **\$3,500**      STARTING CHIPS: **50,000**

#### ACTION CLOCK:

The Action Clock by Protection Poker will be put into play after level 14. See WPT Action Clock Rules for more details. Time extension chips will accumulate and not be reset.

#### ANTE FORMAT (BIG BLIND ANTE):

Single ante will be posted by the player in the big blind, in the amount equivalent to the big blind. Ante is posted before the big blind and players are eligible to collect the entire ante, even when out of the big blind. Ante is maintained until the completion of the tournament.

#### BREAKS:

15 minute breaks after every 2 levels of play.  
There will not be a dinner break on Day 1.  
Day 2 will have a 60 minute dinner break after level 14.

#### BUY-IN & FEES:

\$3,200 + \$200 + \$100 = \$3,500.

#### LATE REGISTRATION:

Registration closes at the start of Level 11 on Day 2.

#### RE-ENTRY RULES:

Day 1: 8, 60-minute levels.  
Day 2: 10, 60-minute levels.  
Day 3: 60 minute levels until the final table of six players is reached.  
Day 4 (Final Table Live Stream) 60-minute levels until heads-up, then levels become 30 minutes in duration.

#### PAYOUTS:

One in eight (1-in-8) entries will be in the money (approximately 12.5%). Winners must show valid ID to collect winnings. Residents of foreign countries will be subject to withholding, per casino policy. \$10,400 will be withheld from the prize pool and issued to 1st Place in the form of an entry to the WPT World Championship held in Las Vegas.

#### PLAYER'S CARD AND PLAYER RELEASE:

In order to play in the event, each player must have a Thunder Valley Player's Card and sign the mandatory WPT Player Release Form.

#### PLAYERS PER TABLE:

Play will be 9-handed until the start of Day 2 which will be 8-handed.

#### RULES:

Tournament Director Association (TDA) rules will be used, unless House Rules apply. Please, see tournament staff for House Rules. Participation in WPT tournaments is subject to rules and rulings set forth by the applicable venue(s) and/or WPT (e.g., tournament rules, sponsors). Tournament Director's decisions are final.

#### SEATING REDRAWS:

A redraw will occur at end of Day 1, 2, and final table of 9 players. Random table draw once 6 tables are reached.

#### STARTING STACK:

50,000 tournament chips. Pre-purchased stacks will be "live" on the table from the beginning of the tournament. Late registrants and alternates will be sold a full starting stack.

#### WPT PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

This Event is eligible for WPT® Player of the Year.

### Structure

LEVEL	BIG BLIND ANTE	BLINDS
1	200	100-200
2	300	200-300
3	400	200-400
4	500	300-500
5	600	300-600
6	800	400-800
7	1,000	500-1,000
8	1,200	600-1,200
9	1,500	1,000-1,500
10	2,000	1,000-2,000
11	2,500	1,500-2,500
12	3,000	1,500-3,000
13	4,000	2,000-4,000
14	5,000	3,000-5,000
15	6,000	3,000-6,000
16	8,000	4,000-8,000
17	10,000	5,000-10,000
18	12,000	6,000-12,000
19	15,000	10,000-15,000
20	20,000	10,000-20,000
21	25,000	15,000-25,000
22	30,000	15,000-30,000
23	40,000	20,000-40,000
24	50,000	25,000-50,000
25	60,000	30,000-60,000
26	80,000	40,000-80,000
27	100,000	50,000-100,000
28	125,000	75,000-125,000
29	150,000	75,000-150,000
30	200,000	100,000-200,000
31	250,000	125,000-250,000
32	300,000	150,000-300,000
33	400,000	200,000-400,000
34	500,000	250,000-500,000
35	600,000	300,000-600,000
36	800,000	400,000-800,000
37	1,000,000	500,000-1,200,000
38	1,200,000	600,000-1,200,000
39	1,600,000	800,000-1,600,000
40	2,000,000	1,000,000-2,000,000

— Break

— Close registration





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## ACTION CLOCK RULES

- The Action Clock will be implemented into play after Level 14.
- While the Action Clock is in play, players must keep chips in stacks of 20, whenever possible.
- The Action Clock will be controlled by the dealer. Dealers will start the Action Clock following the completion of each deal once the last card has been dealt. When players act in turn, the Action Clock will be reset, with each player receiving a fresh clock to begin their action, as outlined below.

WPT Main Tour	Pre-Flop	Post-Flop
Upon Implementation	15 seconds	30 seconds
Final table	30 seconds	30 seconds

- When a bet or raise has been made, the dealer will first count the bet or raise size (including all in), announce the amount, and then start the clock for the next action. If a player calls the bet, the dealer will reset the clock to begin the next player's action. If the player raises the bet, the dealer will count the full amount and then reset the clock for the next player.
- Pre-Flop: for a player's initial pre-flop action they will receive 15 or 30 seconds, per the table listed above. For any additional pre-flop action after a player has previously put chips in the pot, the player will receive 30 seconds to make their follow-up decision. This does not include the small and big blind.
- When players receive 15 seconds to act, dealers will not advise players when the Action Clock reaches 10 seconds.
- When players receive 30 seconds to act, dealers will advise players when the Action Clock reaches 10 seconds.
- To begin play in the Action Clock portion of the tournament, each player will receive time-extension chips. Each time-extension chip is worth a 30-second addition to a player's action.

WPT Main Tour	Number of Time Extension Chips (Per Player)
Upon Implementation	Five (5) time-extension chips, per player
Day 3 (start of the day)	Five (5) time-extension chips, per player
24 Players	Five (5) time-extension chips, per player
Final Table (of 6 Players)	Five (5) time-extension chips, per player

- Players are required to keep their time-extension chips visible at all times.
- At the conclusion of play each day, any unused time extension chips will be placed in the players' tournament chip bag and will carry over to the next tournament day. Time extensions are to be treated with the same level of importance as tournament chips, and removal of time extensions may be subject to penalty up to and including disqualification. If a player does not use any of their time chips and reaches the final table, they will be limited to a maximum of 20-time extension chips.
- In the case that the Action Clock expires for a player with remaining time-extension chips, the player's Action Clock will be automatically extended for an additional 30 seconds before the dealer collects the time-extension chip(s) used. Collection will take place at the end of the player's action after each street (pre-flop, flop, turn, river). If a player's Action Clock expires and the player does not have any time-extension chips remaining, they will be (a) forced to check if there is no bet pending or (b) fold if facing a bet or a raise.
- The Action Clock will never be paused unless there is an extreme situation that calls for play to be halted.
- If a player voluntarily puts multiple time-extension chips into the pot while still thinking, the dealer is to immediately add that amount of time to the clock. Those time chips have been used even if the player acts with time remaining on the clock. No time-extension chips will be refunded.

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