

Host Instructions

HEADS-UP CHALLENGE - This will be very different than a regular league night. In order to run this smoothly, hosts are strongly discouraged from playing.

BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT - You will need to setup all the poker tables that you have since heads-up matches take up more room than normal. You should be able to fit at least 2 matches on a regular 8-person octagon/round table and 4 matches on the "hold-em" style (rectangular) tables. Feel free to let the players play on regular bar tables if you have to.

You will also have to get the chips ready in advance (as usual) and keep very good track of them throughout the night. Get as many decks of cards together as possible and check them to make sure they are complete.

SIGNING PLAYERS IN - Do not use a seating chart for this week, simply write the players down on a "registration sheet" and keep track of how many players you have. **When it is time to start the tournament, follow the enclosed directions closely on how to fill out the bracket sheet properly.**

STARTING THE TOURNAMENT - Depending on the number of players that participate, you might have to split the first round into a couple of groups depending on how much equipment you have. Get everyone their chips, cards, etc and have them take a seat at an open table, start the timer and have everyone get started. As matches finish up, start filling in the bracket with the winners. **You do not have to wait for all matches to finish up before new matches begin.** As soon as there is equipment available and another match ready to go, have them get started. It works well if matches start once the timer is reset, but players can keep track of their own time if necessary.

The bar should have received a "Heads-Up Champion" medallion for the overall winner of this tournament. Please award this to the winner and post the winner's name on the "Heads-Up Challenge" portion of your leaderboard.

TAG TEAM (PARTNER) TOURNAMENT - This will be exactly like a regular league night, but partners will "switch off" every other blind level. Setup all of your equipment just as you would on a regular league night.

As your 2-person "teams" begin to sign in, seat them randomly just as you would on a regular poker night (1 seat per team). If some players do not have a team, create a list of players looking for a partner and have individuals start partnering up. No player will be allowed to play without a partner (no 1-person teams).

Get the tournament started as usual. At the end of the first blind level, stop the timer and have all teams switch players once each table has finished the hand. Reset the timer and continue play as usual. Repeat this at the end of every blind level. If a player on any team has to leave, that team must withdraw from the tournament. **The winning team will receive special league t-shirts that will be mailed to the bar once we have found out the sizes needed. Be sure to get this info from the winning team and get it to the office ASAP.** Also post the winning team to the proper section of the leaderboard.

QUESTIONS???

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