



“Play Safe - Poker NSW” - COVID-19 Safety Plan for the conduct Poker in Licensed Venues in NSW

Poker NSW is a co-operative containing a large group of poker operators that represent >90% of the poker events that are conducted in NSW hospitality venues. Poker NSW has developed a strict set of guidelines as per the below for the conduct of all poker tournaments in licensed venues in this state. These guidelines have been developed in order to mitigate the risk associated with Covid-19 when operating a poker tournament in licensed venues. These guidelines have been drafted by Poker NSW based on discussions with NSW Police and they are established to ensure the poker playing environment remains as safe as possible for staff and the general public during the conduct of tournaments.

Latest Updates

This **VERSION 10.0** of the COVID Safety Plan was updated on **10/02/21** after further easing of restrictions from the NSW Government. These updates take effect on Jan 2nd 2021.

- a) All tournaments in NSW must be conducted in accordance with the 1 person per 2sqm
- b) Masks are voluntary for players and Tournament Directors
- c) Operators may allow 8 players on a round table and up to 10 on a long table
- d) As per recent updates to the Public Health Order from late 2020 there is no longer any Group Booking Policy in place therefore Multi Table Tournaments are now permitted

Equipment made available to Tournament Directors

Tournament Directors will be supplied with sanitiser, disinfectant spray, antibacterial wipes and a (thermometer) temperature gun, where not supplied by the venue. Masks should be made available at registration for those that wish to wear them.

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1	Infection Control Training for Tournament Directors	<p>All Tournament Directors must undertake the Infection Control Training offered by the Government via this link: https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-infection-control-training</p> <p>Tournament Directors must display their Infection Control Training Certificate at registration.</p> <p>Tournament Directors must be made aware of their obligations as per this COVID-19 Safety Plan. Tournament Directors must also be made aware if they are displaying any cold like symptoms they must let their direct report know and not attend the event.</p>																																
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3	Contact with Covid-19 Safety Marshall	Tournament Directors are asked to make contact with the Covid-19 Safety Hygiene Marshall appointed by the venue prior to each event to ensure they are and remain satisfied with the conduct of the tournaments.																																

4	Temperature Check and General Health	<p>At registration the Tournament Director must ask all players if they have experienced any cold like symptoms in the previous 7 days. If they answer in the affirmative, they are not permitted to play. Any player showing signs of ill health such as persistent coughing, runny nose or fever will be asked to leave the tournament and referred to venue management.</p> <p>All players must be temperature checked prior at registration using a thermometer. If the reading displays a figure at or above 37.6C the player is entitled to a second test. If a similar reading is recorded the player will not be permitted to play and must be referred to venue management.</p> <p>The Tournament Director is to establish an opening spiel to the players which addresses the following conditions of participating in the event;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The importance of conducting the event in accordance with the Covid Safety Plan outlined in this document - The requirement to sanitize hands every 20 minutes using the provided hand sanitizer on each table or their own - The requirement to wash their hands during the breaks - The requirement to remain seated at all times during the tournament - Reminded to read and review the Covid Safety Plan on display at registration to ensure they are aware of their own and the tournament directors obligations
5	Masks are Voluntary	<p>Players may choose to wear a mask whilst participating in a poker tournament but it is not a mandatory part of participation.</p> <p>If the venue has a mandatory mask policy then the poker league must also comply with this.</p>
6	Seated Players	<p>Players must remain seated during the tournament at all times and are not permitted to stand around and mingle with each other within the venue. There is no food permitted to be consumed at the poker tables. All food and beverages must be consumed whilst seated in the venue.</p>
7	Hand Hygiene	<p>Hand Sanitizer will be made available at registration and a bottle is to be placed on all poker tables in the event. Players will be asked to sanitize their hands at registration and every 20 minutes thereafter.</p> <p>During the breaks of play players will be asked to wash their hands with soap and water.</p>
8	Cleaning of Equipment	<p>All Tournament Directors must wear gloves when cleaning equipment.</p> <p>All tables must be sanitised with an anti-bacterial wipe on the outer rims prior to the commencement of the event. Tables must also be sanitised again using anti-bacterial wipes prior to any player changing seats and during the breaks of play. Chairs must be sanitised using anti-bacterial wipes prior to any player changing seats.</p>

		All chips and cards are to be sprayed with an anti-bacterial solution before and after each event and during each scheduled break of the tournament.
9	Distancing	<p>A maximum of 10 players can be seated at a long table and 8 players can be seated at a round poker table at any given time.</p> <p>All poker tables in the room must be spaced out at a minimum distance of 1.5m from each other.</p> <p>Registration for the tournament is open for 1 hour prior to the commencement of the tournament which allows players to register at different time intervals and spreads out the potential for a queue to develop during this process.</p> <p>At registration, there must be a minimum of 3 X's marked and spaced out using tape at a distance of 1.5m to ensure players are reminded to socially distance during the registration period.</p>
10	Contact Tracing	<p>Player details must be captured at registration to ensure contact tracing can occur if required. The minimum details required include date and time of participation in the event, first name and surname and either a mobile or email address.</p> <p>Players will also be encouraged to download the Governments Covid Safe App.</p>
11	Conditions of Entry/Signage	<p>The Tournament Directors Infection Control Training certificate must be on display at registration of the event.</p> <p>A sign indicating appropriate hand and general hygiene practises must be made available at registration for players to view.</p> <p>A copy of this Play Poker Safe NSW COVID-19 must be available at registration of every poker tournament.</p> <p>A copy of this plan must be available on the poker league operators website and/or social media pages.</p>
12	Co-operation with NSW Health	All poker leagues and Tournament Directors are informed to co-operate with NSW Health if contacted in relation to a positive case of COVID-19 at their place of work.

Glossary of Terms

“Covid-19 Safety Hygiene Marshal” is the person identified by the venue responsible for ensuring the implementation of the venues COVID-19 Safety Plan

“Poker Table” means a table used specifically used for the playing of poker in a poker tournament.

“Registration” is the process of registering the players into the poker tournament. This is generally done via a computer system that records personal details and the participants entry into the tournament. A person will register their details with the Tournament Director prior to the commencement of the tournament.

“Tournament Directors” refers to the person facilitating the Poker Tournament in the venue. This person is responsible for setting up the tournament area, registering players and generally conducting the event.

“Tournament” refers to a poker tournament taking place inside a licensed premises. The tournament could be one of many different types, (eg, multi table tournament with, timed tournament, shootout tournament etc)