



Star Poker Sydney -Rules of the Game Update

Effective Monday 4th May 2026

Substantial Action: now defined as any two actions in turn by players, with at least one of the actions resulting in chips being added to the pot or any combination of three actions in turn of check, bet, raise, call or fold.

Time to Act:

- Where the time to act is in operation, the minimum time must be at least 15 seconds.
- Where time to act is in operation, players may be permitted to extend their time to act by purchasing additional time.
- To add time the player will announce 'time'. At the conclusion of the players action the dealer will collect the time charge.
- A player can only request additional time twice per betting round.
- Where time to act is in operation, an action clock will be in use and be made visible to all the players. Player(s) will be notified prior to five (5) seconds of the completion of the countdown.
- Where time to act is in operation, a sign at the table shall display the initial time limit, the charge and, the additional time allowed.

Out of Turn Rule:

- If a player acts out of turn, play will be backed up to the correct player.
- The out-of-turn wager remains binding if the action does not change.
- A check, call, or fold by the correct player is not considered a change of action.
- If the action does change, the out-of-turn wager is not binding.
- The wager is returned, and the out-of-turn player regains all options (check, call, raise, or fold).
- An out-of-turn fold is always binding.
- Players who act out of turn may receive a penalty

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Calling Time:

A casino supervisor may impose a time restriction on any player deemed to be taking too long to make a decision. **This has been reduced from 40 seconds to 30 seconds.**

Tournaments

- The dealer shall now fold all hands of absent players at the completion of the initial deal.
- Where a big blind ante is in play, players will post the big blind before the big blind ante. In Omaha games, for betting purposes, the big blind ante will not be counted as part of the pot pre-flop.
- Players should act in a timely manner to maintain a reasonable pace of the game. If in the Tournament Supervisor's judgement reasonable time has passed, the Tournament Supervisor may call the clock or approve a clock request by any other player in the event. Players must be at their seats to call for a clock. A player on the clock has up to 25 seconds plus a 5 second countdown to act.

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