

# **Pokerliga Pfalz**

## **Spielordnung / Bylaws**

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- **this set of rules will be presented to the first teamrepresentatives meeting -**  
- **this is a free translation. Emphazis is placed of content vs. word by word translation -**

### **Foreword:**

The Pokerleague Pfalz (PLP) is an idepandant league consisting of team and players out of the local region. A membership in the Pokerverein Kaiserslautern is not mandatory. The pokerleague uses the homepage of the pokerverein kaiserslautern to distribute information. The pokerleague will be run be its own comissioner also indeoendant from the pokerverein. Comissioner and thereby person in charge is Raimund Wilkins.

Every team delegates a representative to the teamrepresentatives meeting and will have 1 vote. This body will meet before each season to discuss rules and budget changes. Should the commisioner resign, or 80% of the teams vote against him, then this body will also vote a new replacement.

### **Top 1 – Eligibility**

#### **1. Male, Female, Youth**

The leagues offered are open to all players. Only correctly registered players are eligible. Men and Women are equal and compete in the same events. Youth (under 18) are prohibited by current law from participating.

#### **2. Teams**

Teams that have completed the registration process and have paid they dues in full may compete in the league. The registration close date will be announced during a season for the next.

#### **3. Additional registration**

Registration of additional players during a season is possible. They must be completely registered and paid before their first match. Either complete this prior to the match day or prior to the first match to be played.

#### **4. Ineligibility**

The nomination of ineligible players will result in the loss of games and of points. A player may only be registered in one team.

### **Top 2 – Rules**

#### **1. Texas Hold'em rules**

- a summary of standard texas hold'em rules. Translation will follow-

#### **2. Order of Hands**

- a summary of the sequential value of poker hands. This is self-explanitory –

### **Top 3 – League and Teams**

In the first season (Jan – Jun 08) all teams will play in one division to fairly determine each team strength. Beginning with teh second season individual leagues/divisions can be formed. New teams will start in the lowest league/division. Sole place of play in the first season will be the home place of the Pokerverein Kaiserslautern. Space and materials are adequate there. For the first season there will be no deposit required. Paragraphs that deviate from this will be in effect starting with the second season.

## **1. The leagues/divisions**

a. The commissioner/board will determine which teams will play in which league. After each season teams will move up or down between leagues. Should divisions exist within a league, then placement into the divisions within a league will be by draw. How many teams will move up or down will be determined and dependant on the registrations for the next season.

b. Each league/division will consist of up to 10 teams. In cases where divisions exist geographical considerations may be required.

c. The leagues will be named Regionalliga (regional league), Bezirksliga (district league), Kreisliga (local league). These should be arranged in a tree system.

d. The commissioner will announce the game dates prior to each season. Normally 7 game days should be calculated.

e. Before each season teams may request to host a match day. Exact details identifying the place to be played, the size of the location, and the availability of food and drink are to be made with the request. Tip: the more precise the better the chances. The commissioner decides which locations will be used.

f. At the beginning of each season each team will receive a schedule with dates and locations. The dates are fixed and can only be changed under extreme conditions and require the approval of the commissioner.

g. From the results gathered standings will be published.

h. New teams that come to the league after the founding year must start in the lowest league/division.

## **2. The Teams**

All Teams and their members must be completely registered in the pokerleague to be eligible.

a. The commissioner will announce the close dates for registration. To be completely registered each team must submit a registration form and have paid their dues.

b. A team consists of minimum 3 players. There is no limit to the number of players possible for each team since substitutions are possible.

c. Each team will appoint a team captain present each day. He will sign-in the team, make the line-up, handle new player registrations, make substitutions, request time-outs, can make an appeal to the floorman/POC, provide signatures on match transcripts, and is also in part responsible for a error free match day.

d. Each team is responsible for the conduct of its members.

## **Top 4 – The Match**

In each league/division there can be approximately 10 teams. At each scheduled match the teams will meet at the determined place of play.

### **1. Teamsize**

A team may consist of min 3 players. Substitutions are possible. A team may not play with less than 2 players. For each not present player a zero score will be entered each event not present.

### **2. Matchdues**

There will be matchdues to be paid on matchday. The amount will be announced before each season. Further costs are covered in the „Gebührenkatalog“ a cost catalog.

### **3. Matchdays**

The matchdays for all leagues/divisions will be on Sundays.

### **4. Place of matches**

These will be announced before the season. Generally they will be held at the home of the Pokerverein Kaiserslautern. Teams can, after the first season, request their own homematches. Prerequisites: room for 3 poker tables for 10 players each and enough Chips/cards. Cards must be plastic and of the brand Copag.

### **5. Starting times**

Checkin for the teams is at 1300 hrs. The first match will begin at/about 1330 hrs. There can be slight delays due to organizational problems. Missing teams will have their blinds run at each table.

#### **6. Match**

Preliminary – there will be 3 rounds consisting of 3 tables each at which 1 player from each team will be seated. The points gathered by the players on a team will be added to the team total. After the preliminary the top 8 teams will qualify for the final round. All earned points of the preliminary and final rounds will be added to the season standings.

Points in preliminary round: Tablewinner 15 pts, 2nd – 12 pts, 3rd – 10 pts, 4th – 8 pts, 5th – 6 pts, 6th – 5 pts, 8th – 2 pts

Points in final round: Winner 15 pts, 2nd – 12 pts, 3rd – 9 pts, 4th – 6 pts, 5th – 4 pts, 6th – 2 pts

Final round – Every team will seed one player on the final table. The teamcaptain will announce which order the players will play. The first player will play until max end of 2nd blind round and then be replaced by player #2. After the 4th blind round player 3 will replace player 2. A substitution can take place earlier. After the 2nd change each team can make 2 more changes at free will. Each team has 1 timeout of 30 seconds to discuss strategy or possible moves.

### **Top 5 – Other**

#### **1. Misconduct**

Misconduct of players during league events or other public pokerleague events can result in penalties. He can be excluded from the events presently running or be excluded from one or more matchdays.

In extreme cases he can be excluded from on or more matches and even excluded from the league itself.

#### **2. Player transfer (team to team)**

A transfer from one team to another is generally possible one during a season. The following conditions must be met:

- The player agrees to the transfer
- A transfer must be to a team of the same division or higher league
- Both teamcaptains involved agree
- The comissioner agrees
- A transfer on or for the last 2 matchdays in a season are not possible.

#### **3. Penalties**

A team that does not show for a match will not receive points for that match. The paid deposit will be forfeited. The team will be warned. On the second no show the team will be removed from the league. All claims to prizes are forfeited. In the following season a higher deposit will be required.

#### **4. Matchplay beyong our league**

Should other league contact us we work on having a combined league.