



ARTICLE 70

Further to **TDA Rule #70 – Etiquette Violations**, the Toronto Poker League hereby adopts ‘Article 70’ which shall serve as a tool for Tournament Directors, Floor persons, Dealers, and league members.

Article 70 sets out to provide protection from a player in the tournament who is causing suffering due to their over consumption of alcohol and/or drugs.

At any time during the tournament, a player may ask their Dealer – or speak privately to a floor staff member – and request to **“Invoke Article 70”** against a player(s) who they feel are in violation of Rule #70, which governs play.

TDA Rule #70: Etiquette Violations: Examples include, but are not limited to: persistent delay of the game, unnecessarily touching another player’s person, cards or chips, repeatedly acting out of turn, betting out of reach of the dealer, abusive conduct, and excessive chatter.

The most-senior Tournament Director available will be called to the table and will evaluate the situation. If, in the view of the Floorperson (after consulting players and Dealer at the table), invoking ‘Article 70’ is warranted, **TDA Rule #71 – Warnings, Penalties, & Disqualification** shall immediately be applied.

TDA Rule #71 (B): Penalties will be given for soft play, abuse, disruptive behavior, or cheating.

The Tournament Director will have the following recourse available to remedy the situation, (and these options are already included in TDA Rule #71).

TDA Rule #71 (A): A penalty will be given to the player(s) which could include: a warning, a missed hand, a missed round, or disqualification.

The normal course of action at a TPL tournament shall now be:

- a. The offending player will earn a formal verbal ‘Article 70’ warning from the Tournament Director as a means to help them better-manage their own behavior at the table;
- b. If the disruptive behavior is suspected to be the over-consumption of alcohol, the Tournament Director will immediately speak with the Smart-Serve licensed staff and recommend that the customer be refused further sale of alcohol;
- c. A Floor person will now be stationed at (or nearby) the poker table to observe the players’ ongoing demeanor during play, for the remainder of the tournament.

Should the players’ actions continue to be disruptive, (or worsen), the Tournament Director will assess a second penalty, which will automatically see the offending player be **disqualified** from the tournament, and shall be requested to leave the tournament room – so that the event can continue without further disruption.

TDA Rule #71 (D): Chips of a disqualified player shall be removed from play.

NOTE: If the disqualified player continues to argue with the Tournament Director (or others) after having been disqualified, or does not immediately leave the tournament room, they shall irrevocably be removed from membership in the Toronto Poker League.