

Reality TV Stock Exchange Rules

Overview

Players will buy and trade stocks of contestants. The player with the most stock of the winning contestant wins.

Basic Terms

Player

A player is the participant playing this game! This is not to be confused with a contestant. They must wisely buy and sell stocks in order to accumulate the most stock of the winning contestant.

Contestant

Contestants are the individuals that are participating in the TV show. Each participant is assigned a certain number of stock that can be bought and sold among players. The amount of stock available per contestant is calculated by $(\text{Number of Players} * \text{Starting Salary}) / (\text{Number of Contestants} * 2)$. For example, if there are 8 players with a starting salary of 100\$ with 18 contestants in the season, this would be $(8 * 100) / (18 * 2) = 22.22$. This would be rounded to 22 shares.

Stages

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While the exchange rules are slightly different during the first week, a basic week is divided into 3 stages,

1. First Listing
2. Second Listing
3. Game Day

Stocks can be bought and sold during the First and Second listings. This allows players a chance to free up cash in order to purchase more desirable stock. On game day, stock cannot be bought or sold. Below is a more detailed description of all stages.

Initial Stock Offering

The first stage is the Initial Stock offering. This stage will open one week prior to the airing of the first episode and last three days. This is when players get their first opportunity to purchase stock. Each player will be allotted with a starting salary of 100\$ that can be used to purchase stock. Players can bid on stocks at a minimum of one dollar in .25 cent increments. It is a silent auction and stocks will not be awarded till the Initial Stock Offering closes. If there are not enough stock available during the initial stock offering, it will first allot stock in order of who bid the highest. If players have bid at the same price, the stock will be divided evenly and sold to the bidding players. If there are not enough to be divided evenly, the remaining stock will be randomly sold to the remaining bidding players.

Second Stock Offering

This will occur immediately after the Initial Stock Offering and will list whatever remaining stock are still available after players have made their initial purchase. This gives players one final chance to purchase any remaining stock that is still available. Bidding follows the same rules from the Initial Stock Offering with bidding closing and stock awarded at the end of the Second Stock Offering. Stock bought in the first stage cannot be sold yet during this stage.

First Listing

First Listing will occur the day following the episode and close three days later. During this stage, players can list any unwanted stock at the price they are willing to sell it for. Other players can then bid starting at the minimum price in silent auction style. The minimum price must be at least .25 and can increase in increments of .25. At the end of this first listing, stocks will be awarded in order of the highest bidder. If players have bid at the same price, the stock will be divided evenly and sold to the bidding players. If there are not enough to be divided evenly, the remaining stock will be randomly sold to the remaining bidding players.

Second Listing

This will immediately follow the first listing stage and close the day before the next episode. All rules from the first listing apply when buying and selling stock. This gives players one final opportunity to sell or purchase stock before the episode airs.

Game Day

Game day occurs on the day that the episode airs. Stocks cannot be purchased or sold.

When a contestant is eliminated from the show, all stocks belonging to that contestant become worthless and cannot be bought or sold.

Finale

After the season finale, the player with the most stock of the winning contestant will win.

If there is a tie, the player with the most amount of money on hand wins.

Other Terminology

Dividends

Dividends are paid out the day after the episode and are awarded to players who own stock of contestants that do well in an episode. A player is paid out per stock per achievement by the contestant in an episode. The following list is an example of achievements and their dividend values for the game of Survivor but can be changed and modified depending on the TV show:

- Reward - .05
- Finding Hidden Immunity/Advantage - .05
- Winning Tribal Immunity - .10
- Individual Immunity - .15

For example, if a player own 5 stock of a contestant that is on a tribe that wins reward and tribal immunity, and also finds an idol, it would be $5 * (.05 + .05 + .10) = 1.00$ in dividends.

Player Elimination

A player is eliminated if:

1. All of their remaining stock is worthless
2. Are unable to purchase anymore stock after a 3 week period.