Red Chip Poker – Tournaments

Starting Strategies

Introduction to Tournaments

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Hand Reading in Early Stages

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Early- to Mid-Stage Skills Quiz

Around the Bubble

The money approaches, but first you must negotiate the bubble. The pressure is starting to build. Can you handle it? Better yet, can your opponents handle the pressure that you apply to them? The bubble represents a key phase in a tournament, where aggressive play can help you build a big stack that you can use as a hammer for a final table run.

Don’t Go Broke on the Bubble

**Context** – Our big stack takes a major hit, and we find ourselves approaching the bubble in only 25bb. Despite picking up some ordinarily playable hands, caution is warranted. Messing up bubble spots will produce a major hit to our long-term tournament profitability.

* A key takeaway is that our reshove stack loses much of its power when the situation suggests we will get called when we shove.
* Closing in on the bubble also creates situations where we might flat preflop instead of 3-betting. As usual, the details are situational.
* We should look for lines that are both profitable and minimize the risk of us busting out.
* Tight passive lines, that generally are frowned upon in general poker strategy, have a place when playing a short stack on the bubble.

Bubble Crushing

The Mess

After the Mess

Around the Bubble Skills Quiz

Running Deep

The Final Table Bubble

Getting Deep and Value Hunting

Push/Fold: Playing the Short Stack

The Resteal Zone

The Double Zone

Running Deep Quiz

The Final Table

The Final Table – Part 1

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Closing It Out

Finding Value in Tournaments

The Final Table Skills Quiz

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