

General Discipline Notes

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1 General Affairs

Poker is, needless to say, a competitive card game that involves verbal communication and acting. In the context of broader British society, disciplinary rules exist for poker in almost all playing houses.¹

In the previous academic years, we have seen some misconducts involved in the society, with at least one case being escalated to the OSCCA. We have also not been able to continue our tenancy at Robinson College as part of the consequences.

This document certainly could not give an exhaustive and comprehensive rule due to limitation of one's effort as the president of a student society, it nonetheless outlines a few principles one should follow as a participant of the game.

All students are reminded to follow the Rule of Behaviour set out by the university² at all times.

2 Disciplinary Measures

This should serve as a list of disciplinary measures involved during the game, ranked by severity

1. Verbal warning from the dealer
2. Verbal warning from the disciplinary officer or the floor
3. Final verbal warning from the disciplinary officer or the floor
4. Removal from the game
5. Removal from the game and report to the college porter
6. Removal from the game and report to the local police force

3 List of inappropriate behaviours

Please note that this list is not exhaustive, and may build on as the document updates.

¹See

<https://www.hippodromecasino.com/hippodrome-casino/poker-tournament-rules/> and <https://www.aspersstratford.co.uk/terms-conditions-policies.html> for examples of London institutions.

²<https://www.studentcomplaints.admin.cam.ac.uk/student-discipline>

3.1 General criminal behaviour

This is needless to stress and measure 5/6 shall be proceeded.

3.2 Potential Breach of the University Rule of Behaviour

This may be wide-ranged, but often a warning from the organiser may occur and may escalate if one does not correct itself. Depending on the reoccurrence and / or severity, measure 4/5 may follow.

3.3 Breach of Poker Behaviour

- Talking about the on-going hand when more than 2 players are in-hand.
- Revealing cards when more than 2 players are in-hand.
- Stealing or taking away chips, cash, and other valueables from the processors.
- Obstruct the dealer or other organisers.
- Mark, purposely bend or destroy playing cards or chips.
- Harm or attempt to destroy playing equipments.

This in general will be treated with measures 1-3. As some rules may not be as obvious as the others, we tend to give measure 1 or 2 before the final warning. However, we must stress that stealing or equivalent acts are not tolerated, and may result in measure 4 to 6 when appropriate. E.g. stealing of cash or other valuables from the processors, which is considered as crime, will be reported to the police force and citizen's arrest ³ may be exercised.

4 Disputes

- Disputes with dealer may be escalated to the floor or assistant floor by shouting "floor" at any point of the game.
- Disputes with the disciplinary officer or the floor may be resolved by conversation with head floor.
- Disputes with head floor may be raised in written format via email to the poker soc email address.
- Other disputes may be raised in written format via email to the poker soc email address, as well as by following standard university procedure.

³Section 24 A of Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984