



## Irish Poker Open – Fair Play Policy

### 1. Purpose

The Irish Poker Open is committed to maintaining the highest standards of integrity, sportsmanship, and fairness. This Fair Play Policy is designed to protect players, staff, and the reputation of the event by ensuring a level playing field for all participants.

### 2. Player Conduct

All players must:

- Compete with integrity and professionalism.
- Treat fellow players, event personnel and dealers with courtesy and respect.
- Follow tournament rules and comply with floor decisions at all times.
- Refrain from using offensive language or gestures, or engaging in discriminatory or disruptive behaviour.

### 3. Prohibited Conduct

Violations of the following may result in immediate penalties or disqualification:

#### a. Cheating & Collusion

- Any form of card marking, chip manipulation, or concealed devices.
- Collusion with other players including soft playing, chip dumping, or sharing hand information.

#### b. Technology Abuse

- Use of phones or other devices while involved in a hand is **strictly prohibited**.
- Players may not consult strategy apps or communicate with outside advisors during the tournament.

#### c. Stalling / Time Abusing

- Excessive tanking or intentional delay to gain advantage (e.g., on the bubble) is monitored.
- Floor staff may impose penalties at their discretion.

### 4. Venue

- Players must be physically present and registered through **PSLive**, PokerStars live poker software.

## **5. Excluded Individuals**

In accordance with Irish Open's policy, the following are not permitted to enter or participate in Irish Poker Open events:

- Self-excluded gamblers.
- Previously banned individuals.
- Those disqualified from prior Irish Poker Open events.
- Any individual deemed by Irish Open or the tournament organiser as a risk to event integrity.

## **6. Tournament Personnel Authority**

- Tournament Directors and Floor Personnel have full discretion to enforce rules and impose penalties.
- Penalties may include warnings, forfeiture of chips, disqualification, or permanent bans.

## **7. Reporting Issues**

Suspected misconduct can be reported confidentially to the tournament personnel or via official Irish Open communication channels. All reports will be investigated thoroughly.

## **8. Penalties**

Violations may result in any of the following:

- Verbal warning.
- Temporary removal from play.
- Disqualification from the tournament.
- Ban from future Irish Poker Open events.
- Notification to relevant regulatory or gaming authorities (in serious cases).

## **9. Policy Updates**

This policy is subject to change at the sole discretion of the Irish Poker Open Organisers.

## **10. Player Responsibility**

By entering any Irish Poker Open event, players agree to abide by this policy. Ignorance of the rules is not an excuse for violations.