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REVISED TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT LICENCES

Effective November 1, 2008 the MGCC has revised its Terms and Conditions for charitable Texas Hold'em poker tournaments.

Over the past year the MGCC reviewed the licensing of Texas Hold'em Poker Tournaments. The review aimed to balance the responsibility of ensuring the integrity of these events with the interests of Manitoba's charitable organizations and of the public. Information and ideas were gathered through stakeholder input, MGCC staff expertise and advice and insight from the Board of Commissioners' charitable gaming committee. The review was extensive and examined such areas as prizes, rules of play, allowable expenses and event and financial accountability mechanisms. Revisions to the Terms and Conditions, licensing policies and related documents, such as the application and guide and financial reporting forms, support the results of the review.

Most changes clarify and simplify the Terms and Conditions and others were made to improve consistency in tournament integrity or accountability mechanisms.

Key changes to Texas Hold'em poker tournament licensing include:

- Licence holders are now allowed to determine the rules for the elimination of players as part of their own tournament rules, including when and if players may purchase rebuys even after losing all their chips in a round of play (terms 7.01 and 7.24).
- Licence fees, playing cards and poker chips are not to be included in the calculation of the fifteen percent expense limit (term 3.02).
- The MGCC strongly encourages organizations to use two-part tickets, particularly for ongoing events and those offering pre-registration. This will minimize record-keeping and reporting requirements and increase auditability.

Current licence holders may choose to fill out an amendment request form if they wish to change their tournament rules. Otherwise they may wait until their licence is due for renewal to make changes.

New Terms and Conditions, application packages, amendment request forms and financial report forms are available at www.mgcc.mb.ca or by calling the MGCC at (204) 954-9400 or toll-free in Manitoba at 1-800-782-0363.