

How to become a great poker player

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Most of us are aware that poker tournament is a lot more different than the ring games. In ring games there is not really an end time and players come in and go per their wish. Playing as many tables as they want and they leave when they want to stop to play, but in a poker tournament, the game is played, until there is just one winner.

In a poker tournament as the level of the game progresses from the preliminary rounds, through quarter-finals, to the semi-finals, the amount in stakes in the blind bets increases. As the game progresses to the higher levels towards the finals the betting amount and blind bet limit increases substantially.

Poker tournament instills lot of enthusiasm because winning can mean big money, but the same can turn out to be shocking when faced with a loss. The feeling of playing at the final tables of a poker tournament gives one a feeling elation, but the situation is also going to be very demanding because there is a possibility that we may get ourselves too conscious on the logic of money and we may play craps in a fear to retain money. A subconscious fear of losing and too much of money consciousness can be a great source of distraction from playing well. We should not to be too image conscious!

An important practice that one should get in to before playing a poker tournament is to understand that image has nothing to do with any new game. After every winning the player should play the poker tournament with the amount of passion they would have had when they initially started to play poker.

The essence of winning in poker tournament is to maintain the passion for winning. Those that feel sufficient about the way they have been winning, tend to loose the fire to play with immense concentration and eventually fail to win consistently. But it should also be noted that losing may not always mean a bad play or lack of passion; it can be that the opponent had played a mile better than you. There is always a better player than the present champion to outperform him sometime or the other.

Too much of focus in the poker tournament can at times block you from thinking any better. You may become very much sold to the idea of winning with not being able to accept losing. A psychological mix to accept both success and failure makes a great player!