

ROMPER ROOM POKER

WSOP Series — Road to Vegas • Official Series Rules

Effective July 19, 2026 • As agreed in the signed Master Contract • Season: July 2026 – May 2027

1. Overview

An 11-tournament monthly series among 9 contracted seat holders. The top two season point earners receive fully funded 2027 World Series of Poker packages; 3rd place in season points wins \$1,000; the winner of the final tournament wins a \$1,000 bonus. 100% of buy-ins go to the players — no rake, no house fee. Total season pool: \$7,920 ($\$80 \times 9 \text{ seats} \times 11 \text{ months}$). This document summarizes the signed Master Contract; where any difference exists, the signed Master Contract controls.

2. Schedule & Play

- **When:** Third Sunday of each month per the table below. Cards in the air at 6:00 PM; late entry closes at 7:00 PM sharp. A player not seated and entered by 7:00 PM is marked absent for that month (1 point if dues are paid).

#	Date	Notes
1	Sunday, July 19, 2026	Season opener
2	Sunday, August 16, 2026	
3	Sunday, September 20, 2026	
4	Sunday, October 18, 2026	
5	Sunday, November 15, 2026	
6	Sunday, December 20, 2026	
7	Sunday, January 17, 2027	
8	Sunday, February 21, 2027	
9	Sunday, March 21, 2027	No subs (Mar–May)
10	Sunday, April 18, 2027	No subs (Mar–May)
11	Sunday, May 16, 2027	Final — \$1,000 winner bonus. No subs.

3. Dues & The Pool

- **Dues:** \$80 per seat, per month, due by 6:00 PM on tournament day. Accepted: cash, Zelle, Venmo, Apple Pay, Chime.
- **Open ledger:** All payments are logged on a shared read-only ledger visible to all seat holders.
- **Pool allocation:** \$7,920 total — two WSOP packages of \$2,960 each (top two point earners), \$1,000 to 3rd place in season points, and a \$1,000 bonus to the winner of the May 16, 2027 final tournament.
- **Shortfall waterfall:** If the pool ever comes up short, prizes reduce in this order: first the \$1,000 final-tournament bonus, then the \$1,000 3rd-place prize, then the two WSOP packages equally.

- **Full-payment requirement:** The WSOP packages and the 3rd-place prize each require that seat to be paid for all 11 months — by the original holder, a successor, or any combination.

4. Scoring & Tiebreakers

- **Points by finish:** 1st = 9, 2nd = 8, 3rd = 7, 4th = 6, 5th = 5, 6th = 4, 7th = 3, 8th = 2, 9th = 1.
- **Short-handed months:** Attendees are always scored from the top down (1st = 9, 2nd = 8, and so on). Paid absentees receive 1 point each.
- **Absent but paid:** 1 point for that month.
- **Tiebreakers:** Applied to any point tie affecting a money position (WSOP packages and the 3rd-place prize), in order: (1) most monthly tournament wins; (2) higher finish in the final tournament; (3) live heads-up freezeout played immediately after the final tournament.

5. Missed Payment, Cure & Seat Transfer

- **One unpaid month:** If a seat's dues are unpaid for a month, the host begins lining up a replacement. There is no ranked alternate list — the host contacts candidates directly, the first to accept and pay takes the seat, and the host's decision is final. No group votes.
- **Cure window:** The original holder may cure by paying \$160 (missed month + current month) no later than 6:00 PM on the next tournament day.
- **Missed cure = transfer on the spot:** If the cure deadline passes, the seat transfers immediately. The incoming player pays \$160, inherits the seat's FULL accrued points, signs the Seat Succession block, and is dealt in that night.
- **Forfeit is total:** A player who loses a seat has no claim to points, dues paid, pool money, prizes, or profit sharing.

6. Substitutes

- **Sub roster:** Each seat has three exclusive, named subs, drafted at contract signing by high-card draw. A player may appear on only one seat's sub roster.
- **Usage limit:** Each sub may play a maximum of ONE tournament for the entire season. The limit is season-wide and survives any roster or seat changes.
- **Results:** All points and any cash won by a sub belong to the seat holder.
- **Blackout:** No subs in the March, April, or May 2027 tournaments.
- **No transfer:** Sub rosters do NOT transfer with a seat. A new seat holder selects their own subs, subject to the same exclusivity and one-tournament limits.

7. Seat Sales & Succession

- **Host approval only:** A seat may be sold or transferred only with host approval. Price is between seller and buyer.
- **Succession:** The incoming player pays what is owed to bring the seat current, signs the Seat Succession block of the Master Contract, initials all pages, and is then dealt in. The buyer inherits the seat's points, obligations, and prize eligibility.

8. WSOP Packages

- **Value:** \$2,960 per package for each of the top two point earners.

- **Buy-in — locked card:** The \$1,500 WSOP event buy-in is paid via a merchant-locked, one-time virtual card (e.g., Privacy.com, Revolut, Wise) usable only at WSOP. No cash is handed out for the buy-in.
- **Stipend:** The remainder of the \$2,960 is paid to the player as a travel stipend at the time of booking.
- **Upgrades & companions:** Any upgrades or companion costs are paid to Romper Room before booking.
- **Room sharing:** If the two winners share a room, the savings are split into their stipends.
- **Self-arranged travel:** A player may arrange their own travel; the airfare amount is added to their stipend and the player owns all arrival risk.
- **Not sellable:** Packages cannot be sold or transferred. If a qualifier declines, the package passes to the next-highest point earner.
- **Claim deadline:** Any package unclaimed by June 15, 2027 is split among the seats paid in full for all 11 months.

9. Profit Sharing

- **What is shared:** 30% of gross winnings from the sponsored WSOP event, including ALL bullets and re-entries in that event.
- **Who shares:** Split equally among all seats paid in full for all 11 months. Due within 14 days of cashout.
- **Own-money events:** Winnings from events a player enters with their own money are 100% theirs. The \$1,000 final-tournament bonus and \$1,000 3rd-place prize are never shared.
- **Taxes:** The W-2G is issued to the sponsored player only — no Form 5754 will be filed. Romper Room may issue optional 1099s to profit-share recipients. Each participant is responsible for their own tax reporting.
- **Verification:** Registration receipts and payout slips are provided and cross-checked against public databases (Hendon Mob, WSOP.com).

10. Integrity & Disputes

- **Prohibited:** Chip dumping, soft play, collusion, or any agreement to manipulate finishing order or points.
- **Disputes:** Decided by majority vote of seat holders not involved; the host breaks ties. If the host is involved in the dispute, a high-card draw breaks the tie.
- **Penalties:** Point deduction up to disqualification. A disqualified player forfeits all dues and points.

These rules summarize the Master Contract signed by all nine seat holders and the host, effective July 19, 2026. The signed Master Contract is the controlling document.