

# **FREE Poker Fundraiser**

We strive to make your fundraising event successful and conducted within the limits of the laws in Missouri. We have researched Missouri Gaming laws and have developed guidelines to prevent potential liability from playing Poker within a business setting. This helps protect both you and the Brass Rail Billiard Hall.

We provide FREE Poker for entertainment purposes. FREE Poker must always remain just that, FREE. To keep it simple, we handle the FREE Poker Game, the Poker Host, facility, equipment, and service for food and drink. You as the Fundraiser Coordinator handle the fundraiser, Recommended Donations, Prizes and participants for the FREE Poker Game.

Here are the Best Demonstrated practices we follow to keep it that way.

## **Tournaments / FREE Poker Fundraiser**

According to the Missouri Attorney General, "Poker *Tournaments* are illegal" as they are typically associated with gambling. All promotional wording must be listed as **FREE Poker Fundraiser**, this is the CORRECT wording. Do not use *Tournament*.

## **Recommended Donations**

Any donations collected must be collected for the Fundraiser only. We cannot require money as an entry fee, re-buy fee, chip allotment or condition to play the FREE Poker game. The FREE Poker must stand on its own as entertainment for the participants and remain separate from any monetary demands.

You can **Recommend a Donation** for your fundraiser, but not require one to participate in the FREE Poker. In addition, the Brass Rail Billiard Hall &/or its employees cannot handle any money associated with the Fundraiser. All fundraiser donations/prizes must be handled by the Fundraiser Coordinator.

## **Promotions**

If you choose to promote on flyers, via email, web or any social network you must first have the Brass Rail approve the content of the information. Email [Shane@BrassRailKC.com](mailto:Shane@BrassRailKC.com) with your promotional material for approval. If you have any questions please call 816-468-6100.

## Best Demonstrated Practices

1. There is a hosting fee of \$100.00 to cover costs for your poker host, equipment, facility and guaranteed reservation. Your date will not be fully booked until we receive the NON refundable \$100.00 hosting fee (with the amount of charity sessions we book the sooner you get booked the better.)
2. The persons most likely to donate to your cause are those who care about the cause. It is to your benefit to focus your promotions within the group of individuals that "care" about your cause.
3. Our patrons typically will play if you offer prizes, but the prizes leave with them. If you offer cash prizes you can recommend that any winners re-donate the winnings to the cause. Peer pressure usually helps the winners make the "Right" decision.
4. It is common practice for the Fundraiser Coordinator to be here at least 1 half hour prior to the events beginning.
5. We recommend that you provide other entertainment for people who go out early. Such as raffles, pool, darts, or some other give away. If you would like to set up a Pool Tournament in conjunction with your fundraiser let us know.
6. Most businesses in the local area will happily donate gift certificates, prizes, and etc.. for a good cause.
7. As far as game play goes we have professional poker hosts that will keep the games fresh and moving expeditiously.
8. There is no outside food or drink allowed!
9. If you provide the players with food and drink they will usually stay longer and in turn, donate more money.

"You will find, as you look back on your life, that the moments that stand out are the moments when you have done things for others."