



**THE PUNTOBANCO  
MASTERS**  
at Portomaso Casino  
*2nd EDITION*

## THE RULES

<b>DATE</b>	<b>26th MAY 2018</b>
<b>BUY-IN</b>	€ 500+50
<b>STACK</b>	150.000 in Tournament Chips

### QUALIFYING CRITERIA

- Qualifying Rounds:
- 1 All registered Players
  - 2 "The Advantage" - "The Elite" - "The Prestige" card Holders
  - 3 Player with an Invitation
- Guaranteed seats to Semi-Final Rounds:
- 4 The Premium card holders
  - 5 One Re-buy allowed only for Qualifying Rounds

### STRUCTURE OF THE TOURNAMENT

- Qualifying Rounds:**
- a. will consist of a minimum of 32 players
  - b. tables to be used: 4
  - c. up to 9 players per table

- d. gaming session will be of 50 hands with 2 levels (25 hands each) as follows:

		Player & Banker		Tie	
		MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
first	level	100	2,500	25	500
second	level	250	10,000		

Top highest amount of tournament chips from each table shall enter in Semi-Final Round.

**Semi-Final Rounds:**

- a. top players coming from Qualifying Rounds
- b. "The Premium" card Holders
- c. tables to be used: 2
- d. gaming session will be of 50 hands with 2 levels (25 hands each) as follows:

		Player & Banker		Tie	
		MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
first	level	500	25,000	100	1,500
second	level	1,000	50,000		

Top 9 amount of tournament chips from each table shall enter in Grand Final table.

**Grand Final Table:**

- a. top 9 players coming from Semi-Final Rounds
- b. tables to be used: 1
- c. gaming session will be of 60 hands with 3 levels (20 hands each) as follows:

		Player & Banker		Tie	
		MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
first	level	5,000	50,000	500	3,000
second	level	7,500	75,000		
third	level	10,000	100,000		

The one player with the highest amount of tournament chips will be the Winner of the **PUNTOBANCO MASTERS AT PORTOMASO**

## TOURNAMENT PRIZE

The first 6 contestants who participated at the Grand Final will be awarded Prizes in Non Negotiable Chips based on their rank as below:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Prize</b>	
<b>1</b>	50.0%	<b>€ 15,000.00</b>
<b>2</b>	25.0%	<b>€ 7,500.00</b>
<b>3</b>	15.0%	<b>€ 4,500.00</b>
<b>4</b>	5.0%	<b>€ 1,500.00</b>
<b>5</b>	2.5%	<b>€ 750.00</b>
<b>6</b>	2.5%	<b>€ 750.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	100%	<b>€ 30,000.00</b>

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- 1 Tournament shall be based on rules of "No-Commission" PuntoBanco
- 2 Prior to the start of the Qualifying Rounds all registered players will receive as follow:
  - a. 150,000 in Tournament chips
  - b. One (1) Secret Bet card (to be played at the last hand)
  - c. One (1) "Boost" card
  - d. One (1) "Pass" button
- 3 Prior to the start of the Semi-final and the Grand Final all eligible players will receive as follow:
  - a. Tournament Chips won in the previous rounds
  - b. Two (2) Secret Bet cards (1 free, 1 to be played at the last hand)
  - c. One (1) "Boost" card
  - d. One (1) "Pass" button
- 4 Each participant is required to make at least one minimum bet either on "BANKER" or "PLAYER" every playable hand but not simultaneously  
To bet "TIE" players must have a "BANKER" or "PLAYER" wager
- 5 Places at the table will be assigned with a draw
- 6 In Qualifying Rounds, Semi-Final and Grand Final the betting order will be from the player seated at position one (1) rotating in clock wise direction. A "Bet" button will be placed in front of the player in

title to wage the first bet.

- 7 **Secret Bet:** Each participant may make one (Qualifying Rounds) or two (Semi-Final and Grand Final) Secret bets by completing the Secret Bet plaque. The Secret Bet plaque must be made prior to the start of the hand, Tournament Official must validate Secret Bets before cards are dealt. Secret Bets cannot exceed the tournament betting limit. The amount of the Secret Bet must be disclosed before the pay-out. At the completion of the hand all Secret Bet cards played will be Collected by the Tournament Official.

- 8 **Boost Card:** Each participant may use a Jolly Card on the side of the bet and only in the case of a winning bet the pay-out will be as follow:

Score	from 1 to 7	bet x 2
Score	8	bet x 3
Score	9	bet x 5

At the completion of the hand all used Boost cards played will be collected by the Tournament Official.

Secret Bet Plaques and Boost Cards won't be accepted on "TIE"

- 9 Each participant is required to display the Tournament chips in clear view of other participants and Tournament Official at all the times. The failure to the above rules may lead to player's disqualification.
- 10 At the conclusion of each Round, Tournament Officials will count the players' remaining Tournament chips and will issue the Round ranking

- 11 If for any reason the participant must leave the table during any Round, the time of absence must not exceed three (3) hands otherwise the player will be disqualified. A minimum bet of the level played will be deducted during player's time of absence.
- 12 All prizes won will be paid in "Non-Negotiable chips to the winner in person.