



BLACK OPAL
BACCARAT TOURNAMENT

Sun International

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A. GENERAL

1. The Black Opal 2021 Baccarat Tournament (“the Tournament”) is exclusive to qualifying MVG Members, who are not excluded from gambling activities or who have not been refused entry to Sun International casinos. Exclusions and refusal of entries imposed during the Tournament will also be applicable.
2. The Tournament will be hosted from 14 May 2021 to 13 June 2021 (“the Tournament Period”). Unit elimination heats will be held from 18 to 20 June 2021. The Grand Finale will be held from 2-4 July 2021 at Carnival City Casino.
3. To be eligible, MVG Members must register at the participating Sun International casino(s) as listed below (“participating casinos”) at the designated VIP or MVG Desks or registration terminals to play in heats offered by those casinos (“Players”). During the Tournament Period Players will earn table points on an accumulative basis across all participating casinos where they registered to participate in the Tournament. The table points earning will commence on start on 14 May 2021 and will be terminate at midnight on 13 June 2021.
4. After 06h00 on 14 June 2021, the first 4 Players on the group leader board who accumulated the highest table points will each secure a seat at one of the four semi-final tables at the group semi-final round.
5. Excluding the 4 Players that progress to the group semi-finals, the number of Players reflected in the column LB Qualifiers will be selected from each casino’s leader board in rank order from highest to lowest to participate in that casino’s semi-final round. Four Players will compete in each semi-final heat and the winners thereof as reflected in column Unit Heats will progress to the group semi-finals.

Unit	LB Qualifiers	Unit Heats	Unit Finalists
Grandwest	40	10	10
Time Square	40	10	10
Sibaya	40	10	10
Carnival	40	10	10
Sun City	24	6	6
Boardwalk	8	2	2
Total	192	48	48
Auto Qualifiers			4
Total Players			52

6. Players are only permitted one seat in the group semi-finals. Where a Player obtains more than one seat in the group semi-finals then he/she must relinquish the seat and the next qualifying Player will take that seat.
7. Seat positions will be allocated by way of a random draw. Seat allocations cannot be changed. Players or their proxies (as may be applicable) must be present at the draw for seat allocations.
8. At each stage Players will be issued with tournament chips that are not redeemable for any consideration. No re-buys are permitted, and Players are not permitted to introduce additional tournament chips at any stage. Any attempts to introduce additional tournament chips will result in immediate disqualification from the Tournament.
9. Tournament chips must always remain in the designated chip area on the table and in sight of other Players. All tournament chips must be returned to the casino after each stage.
10. Coaching of Players is not permitted and may result in disqualification at the discretion of the tournament director.
11. Players must be physically present to participate, unless they have appointed a valid proxy by completing a proxy form.
12. Seats are not transferable and players or their proxies who are not present at least 15 minutes before the actual start of any heat, semi-final or final will forfeit their seats. In such instances the heats concerned will continue without the full quota of Players.
13. Players play for themselves and no alliances may be formed between Players. Chips cannot be pooled or transferred to other Players.
14. Winning bets over the table limit will be paid out in accordance with the table limit.
15. Sun International reserves the right of admission to the Tournament.
16. Sun International reserves the right to terminate the Tournament at any stage without prior notification.
17. Tournament chips remain the property of Sun International and prizes are not transferable.
18. In the event of any clause, provision, term or condition in these tournament rules being found not to be enforceable or invalid by any law or by election of Sun International, such clause, provision, term or condition shall be severed from these rules to the extent that it shall not invalidate the remaining rules.
19. Any indulgence given by the casino will not be deemed to be a waiver of any of its rights in terms of these rules.
20. All disputes during the Tournament shall be referred to the respective Tournament Directors at casino and group stages for resolution. The decision of the Tournament Director concerned will be final and binding and no further correspondence will be entered into.

B. CASINO HEATS/ELIMINATION ROUNDS

1. Each Player will receive R5 000 in tournament chips at the start of the heat.
2. The winners of each heat (highest chip total) will advance to the quarter finals, semi-finals and finals stages. Chips from the previous heat will not be carried over.
3. The Player with the highest chip count at the end of 14 coups will be regarded as the winner of the respective heat and will advance to the next stage of the tournament. A heat will consist of a maximum of 4 Players.
4. Playing cards will dealt as per standard Baccarat drawing rules.
5. A rotating marker button will be used to show the betting order commencing from Player 1.
6. Players must place their bets in sequential order starting from the player with the marker button and proceeding in a clockwise direction.
7. Bets cannot be changed or withdrawn once placed. Bets must be in multiples of R100 which the minimum bet being R100 and the maximum bet R10 000. A tie bet is R100 to R1000.
8. Players may not play both Player and the Banker bets simultaneously.
9. Players must play every coup with a minimum bet on either player or banker. Tie bets can be played only in conjunction with a player or banker bet.
10. Only the dealer is permitted to handle the cards once the game is live.
11. The Player with the highest chip count at the end of 14 coups will be regarded as the winner of the respective heat and will advance to the next stage of the tournament.
12. A chip count will be performed at the end of the 7th and 13th coups.
13. In the event of a tie, an extra hand or hands will be dealt until such time that a winner is determined.
14. Pay-outs for both Player and Banker will be Even Money and Tie bets will be paid at 8 to 1.
15. Players must be physically present to participate. Seats are not transferable and players who are not present 15 minutes before the actual start of any heat will forfeit their seat. In such instances the heat will proceed without the full quota of players.
16. Should a player that qualified for the unit heats according to the leader board not be able to attend the unit heat on the set date and time because of exceptional circumstances the player would be allowed to nominate a proxy to play on their behalf. Unit management would need to be informed in writing at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the unit finals and the appropriate nomination form needs to be completed and submitted to unit management.

C. GROUP FINALS

1. The group finals will be hosted at Carnival City Casino in Gauteng on 2-4 July 2021. The group finals will comprise of the following rounds: quarter finals, semi-finals and finals.
2. The 48 winners from the casino heats will compete in an elimination format tournament in the quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals stages.
3. The Player with the highest chip count at the end of each heat will advance to the next stage of the tournament as per the structure proposed below. In some instances, the number of heats may change however the number of qualifiers

will remain the same

48 Unit Winners	QF - 3 Rounds, 4 Players/Table		Qualifiers	SF - 1 Round, 4 Players/Table		Qualifiers	Final, 4 Players	Qualifiers	
	Quarter	Table 1	1	Semi Finals	Table 1	1 Auto	Finals	Winner - Table 1	
		Table 2	1			Qualifier + 3			
		Table 3	1			QF Winners			
	Finals - Heat 1	Table 4	1		Table 2	1 Auto			Winner - Table 2
		Table 1	1		Table 3	Qualifier + 3			Winner - Table 3
		Table 2	1		Table 4	QF Winners			Winner - Table 4
	Quarter	Table 3	1		Table 1	1 Auto			
		Table 4	1		Table 2	Qualifier + 3			
		Table 1	1		Table 3	QF Winners			
Finals - Heat 2	Table 2	1	Table 4		1 Auto				
	Table 3	1			Qualifier + 3				
	Table 4	1			QF Winners				
Quarter	Table 1	1							
	Table 2	1							
	Table 3	1							
Finals - Heat 3	Table 4	1							
		12		16	4				

4. The quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals will be conducted on the same rules and format as the casino heats with changes to the following:
 - a. Players will be issued with R10,000 in tournament chips;
 - b. The finals will be played over 21 coups with chip counts on the 7th, 14th and 20th coups; and
 - c. There will be no maximum bet limit for the last 6 hands.
5. There will be a heat and seat draw for each of the quarter finals and semi-final rounds.
6. Should 2 or more finalists exit the final table on the same coup the relevant prize money applicable to those finishing positions will be added together and divided equally.

D. MAIN PRIZE POOL

1. The total main prize pool for the Tournament is valued at R2.5million and will be distributed as per below:

Prize Allocation	Value	Allocation %
1st Prize	R1 500 000	60%
2nd Prize	R500 000	20%
3rd Prize	R250 000	10.0%
4th Prize	R100 000	4.0%
Additional Prizes	R150 000	6.0%
		0.0%
		0.0%
	R2 500 000	100.0%

2. The remaining R150, 000 in prize money will be awarded to successful Players during the course of the group semi-final and finals through various bonus or draw initiatives.
3. In addition, the winner of each unit heat will be awarded a prize of R10,000 in non-negotiable chips.

E. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

1. Travel arrangements for the respective Players and their partners to travel to Carnival City Casino must be finalised within the deadlines set by Sun International, failing which the Players and their partners will be liable for their own travel costs.
2. Players will be liable for costs incurred for any changes made to travel and accommodation bookings, where applicable.
3. Players and their partners will be liable for all costs in respect of goods or services that are not included in the travel and accommodation bookings.