



BLACK OPAL 2023

BACCARAT TOURNAMENT RULES

A. GENERAL

1. The Black Opal 2023 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 any Sun International casino(s). Exclusions and refusal of entries imposed during the Tournament will preclude participation.
1. The Tournament will be hosted from 27 April 2023 to 9 July 2023 (“the Tournament Period”). Unit elimination heats will be held from 2 to 18 June 2023. The Grand Finale will be held from 7-9 July 2023 at Carnival City.
2. To be eligible, MVG Members must register for free at each of the participating Sun International entities as listed below (“participating entities”) at the designated VIP or MVG Desks or registration terminals or via SunBet through the online registration form.
3. During the Tournament Period Players will earn points whilst playing tables games in land-based casinos and Live Dealer games on SunBet (online) on an accumulative basis across all participating entities where they registered to participate in the Tournament. The points earning will commence on start of the gaming day on 27 April 2023 and will be terminate at 06h00 on 29 May 2023 (gaming day on 28 May 2023).
4. Participating entities: Boardwalk, Carnival City, GrandWest, Sibaya, Sun City, Time Square and SunBet (online).
5. After 06h00 on 29 May 2023, the first 3 Players on the group leader board who accumulated the highest table points will each secure a seat at one of the three semi-final tables at the group semi-final round.
6. Aside from the 3 players that progress to the group semi-finals, and the top 10 players from SunBet (online), the number of players reflected in the column LB Qualifiers for Sun International casino properties will be selected from each casino’s leader board in rank order from highest to lowest to participate in that casino’s unit heats.
7. Seven players will compete in each Sun International casino property heats and the winners thereof as reflected in column Unit Finalists will progress to the Group Finale event at Carnival City.

Players per Table

	LB Qualifiers	Unit Heats	Unit Finalists
Grandwest	56	8	8
Time Square	56	8	8
Sibaya	56	8	8
Carnival	56	8	8
Sun City	42	6	6
Boardwalk	42	6	6

SunBet	10		10
Total	318	44	54
Auto Qualifiers			3
Total Players			57

8. 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.
9. At the quarter final in the Grand Finale a Player will only be permitted one seat per heat. All other seats held by the player in the same quarter final heat will be forfeited without the option of a proxy nomination or any form of compensation.
10. An eligible Player will be permitted only one seat in the group semi-finals in the Grand Finale. Where a Player obtains more than one seat in the group semi-finals then he/she must relinquish the additional seat(s) without the option of a proxy nomination. Should a Player qualify for a semi-final heat at the Grand Finale and is still to play in a subsequent quarter final heat in the Grand Finale, the seat held by that Player in the quarter final heat will be forfeited without the option of a proxy nomination, and that particular quarter final heat will be conducted without the full quota of Players.
11. At each stage of the unit heats, 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.
12. 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.
13. Coaching of Players is not permitted and may result in disqualification at the discretion of the tournament director.
14. Players must be physically present to participate, unless they have appointed a valid proxy by completing a proxy form.
15. A proxy will only be allowed to play on behalf of a player, in the instance where a player has obtained eligible positions on multiple casino leader boards that would require him or her to play in the casino Unit Heats at multiple casinos simultaneously or should the player not be able to attend as result of serious health-related issues or inauspicious circumstances. Casino management must be made aware of a player's inability to play under these circumstances at least 24 hours before the commencement of the casino and group finals and the respective nomination form needs to be completed and signed by the affected player. Management decision remains final.
16. Seats are not transferable, and players or proxies must be present at least 15 minutes before the actual start of any heat, semi-final or final where the game rules and relevant protocols will be explained in addition to the written game rules and protocols. 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 games concerned will continue without the full quota of players.

17. Players play for themselves, and no alliances may be formed between Players. Tournament chips cannot be pooled or transferred to other Players.
18. Under no circumstances will any bets be accepted after the dealer has called **“No More Bets”**
19. No bets will be allowed on perfect pairs.
20. For Players to qualify for the winner top up from SunBet, the Player must have a registered and active SunBet account (to have an active SunBet account the Player must be fully registered and have made a deposit into this SunBet account).
21. Winning bets over the table limit will be paid out in accordance with the table limit.
22. Sun International reserves the right of admission to the Tournament.
23. Sun International reserves the right to terminate the Tournament at any stage without prior notification.
24. Tournament chips remain the property of Sun International and prizes are not transferable.
25. The published or displayed Tournament rules are the official rules that are applicable and will supersede any other document containing similar content.
26. The leader board rankings are preliminary outcomes. The ranking of Players at each respective stage will be confirmed by the entity concerned after it has verified the same by 10h00 the following day. In the event of any malfunction of the system used for the automatic ranking on the leader boards, the respective casino will manually rank the Players by relying on the tables points earned over the period as recorded by that casino.
27. 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.
28. Any indulgence given by the casino will not be deemed to be a waiver of any of its rights in terms of these rules.
29. 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 unit heat will be played with 7 players per table.
2. Each Player will receive R5 000 in tournament chips at the start of the heat.
3. The heat will consist of 14 coups.
4. Any bet found over the max, will only be paid to the table limit.
5. 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 7 Players. Chips from the previous heat will not be carried over.
6. Playing cards will dealt as per standard Baccarat drawing rules.
7. A rotating marker button will be used to show the betting order commencing from Player 1.
8. Players must place their bets in sequential order starting from the player with the marker button and proceeding in a clockwise direction.

9. 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.
10. Players may not play both Player and the Banker bets simultaneously.
11. 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.
12. Only the dealer is permitted to handle the cards once the game is live.
13. A chip count will be performed at the end of the 7th and 13th coups.
14. In the event of a tie, an extra hand or hands will be dealt until such time that a winner is determined.
15. Pay-outs for both Player and Banker will be Even Money and Tie bets will be paid at 8 to 1.
16. Players must be physically present to participate. Seats are not transferable and players 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.
17. 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 in Gauteng on the weekend of 7-9 July 2023. The group finals will comprise of the following rounds: quarter finals, semi-finals and finals.
2. The 44 winners from the casino heats and the 10 SunBet auto-qualifiers, total of 54 players will compete in an elimination format tournament in the quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals stages. The 3 auto-qualifiers will each be awarded a seat at one of the three semi-final tables.
3. The Player or players with the highest chip count at the end of the determined number of coups from 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.

Finals Elimination Format								
54 Unit Winners	QF - 3 Rounds, 6 Players/Table		Qualifiers	SF - 1 Round, 4 Players/Table		Qualifiers	Final, 4 Players	Qualifiers
	Quarter Finals - Heat 1	Table 1	2	Semi Finals	Table 1	1 Auto Qualifier + 6 QF Winners	Finals	Top 2 - Table 1
		Table 2	2					
		Table 3	2					
	Quarter Finals - Heat 2	Table 1	2		Table 2	1 Auto Qualifier + 6 QF Winners		Top 2 - Table 2
Table 2		2						
Table 3		2						
Quarter Finals - Heat 3	Table 1	2	Table 3		1 Auto Qualifier + 6 QF Winners	Top 2 - Table 3		
	Table 2	2						
	Table 3	2						
18				21		6		

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 rules:
 - 4.1 Players will be issued with R10,000 in tournament chips for play
 - 4.2 Quarter final heats will be played with 6 players per table
 - 4.3 The Quarter final heats will be played over 18 hands (coups) with chip count on the 12th and 17th coups.
 - 4.4 Semi-finals will be played over 21 hands (coups), with a chip count on the 7th and 20th coups.
 - 4.5 The finals will be played over 18 hands (coups) with chip counts on the 6th, 12th and 17th coups; and

- 4.6 There will be no maximum bet limit for the last 3 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.
- 7 During the grand finale consolation prizes will be awarded to players who get eliminated during the various stages of the tournament:
 - 7.1 Quarter final: R3,000 non-negotiable casino chips and a R2,500 SunBet voucher
 - 7.2 Semi-final: R5,000 non-negotiable casino chips and R5,000 SunBet voucher
 - 7.3 Final: R10 000 SunBet voucher and share of the main prize pool of R2,5million

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:

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Prize Allocation	Value	Allocation %
1st Prize	R1,500,000	60%
2nd Prize	R500,000	20%
3rd Prize	R250,000	10.0%
4th Prize	R125,000	5.0%
5th Prize	R75,000	3.0%
6th Prize	R50,000	2.0%
	<u>R2,500,000</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

E. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

- 1. Travel arrangements for the respective Players and their partners to travel to Carnival City 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.