



MEMORANDUM

March 11, 2026

TO : ALL LICENSED LAND-BASED CASINOS

FROM : THE ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT
Gaming Licensing and Development Department

SUBJECT : ADVISORY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF THE
AMENDMENT OF THE TOURNAMENT SERVICE/STAFF
CHARGE FOR POKER TOURNAMENTS RELATIVE TO THE
CONDUCT OF POKER PLAYER-TO-PLAYER OPERATION IN
LICENSED LAND-BASED CASINOS

Please be advised that the following changes to the Tournament Service/Staff Charge for Poker Tournaments, as contained in the Gaming Licensing and Development Department's letter dated February 23, 2026, will take effect fifteen (15) days after their publication on the PAGCOR Regulatory Website:

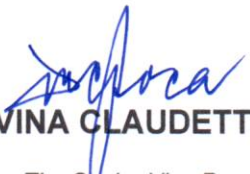
1. Adoption of the 4% maximum service/staff charge of the actual prize pool for poker festivals conducted by local poker operators, in collaboration with established international organizers, and with a minimum total festival guaranteed prize pool of Php50,000,000.00 or its equivalent in other currencies.
2. Amendment of Regulation 3, Section 19 (f), Paragraph 1 of the Casino Regulatory Manual for Licensed Land Based Casinos (CRM) version 0 to indicate the applicable tournament service/staff charge relative to the conduct of Poker Tournament in collaboration with established international organizers, and with a minimum total guaranteed prize pool of Php50,000,000.00 or its equivalent in other currencies, to wit:

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Thank you.

For your information.


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cc: The Senior Vice President, LBO-LRG
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