

TD CORNER

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Prize Fund Chaos

Too many cooks spoil the pot and too many organizers spoil the prizes. A recent event organized by several individuals published that their tournament had a total prize fund of \$11,000 b/180 with \$7000 of that being guaranteed. The top payouts in both the Open and Reserve (U1800) sections are guaranteed. The TLA was sent in and published minus the 2nd place Reserve prize of \$450 bringing the total down to \$10,550 but still published at a total of \$11,000!?

104 players attended the tournament, which brings the based on percentage to 58% ($104/180 = .57777777$). The TD, being only a hired gun, used that percentage along with the inaccurate TLA prize list to calculate payouts that fell short of the \$7000 guarantee. The TD performed some number magic and raised the prizes to be paid out to meet the \$7000 guarantee. Some of those prizes, based on the upgraded TD's prize list, were claimed at the site, while others needed to be paid out later. Before those unpaid prizes could be distributed, the inaccurate TLA prize fund guffaw was discovered. New prize payouts were calculated based on the correct \$11,000 prize fund, which now included the AWOL \$450. The \$7000 minimum guarantee was easily met. The wood pushers that were under funded when they claimed their prizes at the site were compensated. The on site overpaid prize claimants were allowed to keep their booty.

If you want to have some fun see if you can match, below, the final suggested disbursement calculated with the correct prize fund. If you disagree with the payouts below then apply some reverse engineering to discover how the TD came up with that final pay out schedule. Remember: \$11,000 b/180, \$7000 total guaranteed, first place Open (\$1200) and first place Reserve (\$600) are both guaranteed, 104 players attended, some prizes may be rounded off.

The Correct \$11000 Prize Fund:

Open: \$1200-800-600-500-200; U2400: \$400-300-200-100; U2200: \$350-250-150-100; U2000: \$350-250-150-100; Reserve: \$600-450-400-300-200-100; U1600: \$400-300-200-100; U1400: \$400-300-200-100; U1200: \$300-200-100-50; UN: 150-100-50.

The Prize Claimants:

Open: M1 2428 (5.5); M2 2446 (5.0); M3 2283 (4.5); M4 2280 (4.5); M5 2277 (4.5); M6 2209 (4.5); E1 2198 (4.5); M7 2297 (4.0); A1 1972 (4.0); M8 2200 (3.5); E2 2142 (3.5); E3 2057 (3.5); E4 2051 (3.5); E5 2035 (3.5); A2 1965 (3.5); A3 1935 (3.5); A4 1917 (3.5); A5 1852 (3.5); B1 1763 (3.5).

Reserve: B2 1700 (5.5); B3 1761 (5.0); B4 1729 (5.0); B5 1660 (5.0); B6 1637 (5.0); B7 1739 (4.5); C1 1580 (4.5); C2 1524 (4.5); B8 1702 (4.0); C3 1555 (4.0); C4 1546 (4.0); C5 1487 (4.0); C6 1477 (4.0); C7 1417 (4.0); D1 1373 (4.0); D2 1303 (3.5); F1 0538 (3.5); N1 Unr (3.5); B9 1735 (3.0); B10 1631 (3.0); C8 1591 (3.0); C9 1563 (3.0); C10 1433 (3.0); C11 1416 (3.0); C12 1404 (3.0); D3 1372 (3.0); D4 1358 (3.0); D5 1319 (3.0); D6 1315 (3.0); D7 1300 (3.0); D8 1296 (3.0); D9 1260 (3.0); D10 1256 (3.0); C13 1570 (2.5); C14 1424 (2.5); D11 1374 (2.5); D12 1252 (2.5); D14 1210 (2.5); E2 1167 (2.5); F2 0959 (2.5); C20 1540 (2.0); C21 1434 (2.0); D20 1335 (2.0); E20 1084 (2.0); E21 1048 (2.0); F3 0824 (2.0); N2 Unr (2.0);

F4 1077 (1.5); U3 Unr (1.5); C22 1571 (1.0); E5 1035 (1.0); U4 Unr (1.0); U5 Unr (1.0); E6 1109 (0.5); D22 1370 (0.0); D 23 1192 (0.0); U 6 Unr (0.0).

The Prize Awards (using the correct \$11,000 prize fund)

Open: M1 2428 (5.5), **\$1200**; M2 2446 (5.0), **\$462**; M3 2283 (4.5), **\$248.40**; M4 2280 (4.5), **\$248.40**; M5 2277 (4.5), **\$248.40**; M6 2209 (4.5), **\$248.40**; E1 2198 (4.5), **\$248.40**; M7 2297 (4.0), **\$116**; A1 1972 (4.0), **\$202**; M8 2200 (3.5), **\$75.20**; E2 2142 (3.5), **\$75.20**; E3 2057 (3.5), **\$75.20**; E4 2051 (3.5), **\$75.20**; E5 2035 (3.5), **\$75.20**; A2 1965 (3.5), **\$75.20**; A3 1935 (3.5), **\$75.20**; A4 1917 (3.5), **\$75.20**; A5 1852 (3.5), **\$75.20**; B1 1763 (3.5), **\$75.20**.

Reserve: B2 1700 (5.5), **\$600**; B3 1761 (5.0), **\$195**; B4 1729 (5.0), **\$195**; B5 1660 (5.0), **\$195**; B6 1637 (5.0), **\$195**; B7 1739 (4.5), **\$58**; C1 1580 (4.5), **\$202**; C2 1524 (4.5), **\$202**; B8 1702 (4.0); C3 1555 (4.0), **\$34.80**; C4 1546 (4.0), **\$34.80**; C5 1487 (4.0), **\$34.80**; C6 1477 (4.0), **\$34.80**; C7 1417 (4.0), **\$34.80**; D1 1373 (4.0), **\$231**; D2 1303 (3.5), **\$154**; F1 0538 (3.5), **\$154**; N1 Unr (3.5), **\$154**; B9 1735 (3.0); B10 1631 (3.0); C8 1591 (3.0); C9 1563 (3.0); C10 1433 (3.0); C11 1416 (3.0); C12 1404 (3.0); D3 1372 (3.0), **\$7.25**; D4 1358 (3.0), **\$7.25**; D5 1319 (3.0), **\$7.25**; D6 1315 (3.0), **\$7.25**; D7 1300 (3.0), **\$7.25**; D8 1296 (3.0), **\$7.25**; D9 1260 (3.0), **\$7.25**; D10 1256 (3.0), **\$7.25**; C13 1570 (2.5); C14 1424 (2.5); D11 1374 (2.5); D12 1252 (2.5); D14 1210 (2.5); E2 1167 (2.5), **\$87**; F2 0959 (2.5), **\$87**; C20 1540 (2.0); C21 1434 (2.0); D20 1335 (2.0); E20 1084 (2.0), **\$9.67**; E21 1048 (2.0), **\$9.67**; F3 0824 (2.0), **\$9.67**; N2 Unr (2.0), **\$87**; F4 1077 (1.5); U3 Unr (1.5), **\$58**; C22 1571 (1.0); E5 1035 (1.0); U4 Unr (1.0), **\$14.50**; U5 Unr (1.0), **\$14.50**; E6 1109 (0.5); D22 1370 (0.0); D 23 1192 (0.0); U 6 Unr (0.0);

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