

## NRMC Highway to Health - Rules

1. The poker run is open to drivers and passengers 18 years of age or older who have signed the release form.
2. On-site registration and continental breakfast begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Community Room of the Moore-Few Care Center, 900 block S. Ash, Nevada, MO. Park in the lot on the S. side. (Cool the loud pipes. For heaven's sake, it's a nursing home parking lot.) Registration packet will describe the approximately 100-mile route.
3. First departure at 9:30 a.m. All participants and poker hands are due back at the registration booth in the Community Room by 1 pm. Any poker hands arriving after 1 p.m. will be disqualified. Lunch served 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
4. Driver and passenger(s) can each purchase hands. Each hand costs \$25.00, but there is a \$10.00 surcharge on registrations after September 5. (so register and buy your first hand in advance on-line to save \$10) Cost for participants who are not playing poker is \$10.
5. To be assured a t-shirt will be available in your size, order it on-line at least a week before the ride. A limited number of shirts will be available at the event and will cost \$5 extra.
6. Along the route, participants will draw one card per hand at each of the five stops.
7. If you are playing more than one hand, the hand for which the card is being drawn must be identified before drawing.
8. Each card will be drawn from a sack containing a full 52-card deck without jokers. The card drawn will be recorded by a run volunteer on the score card for the designated hand, and then returned to the sack.
9. Duplicate cards in a hand are not allowed; return the duplicate and draw again.
10. Before leaving the registration area, each participant can buy a bonus card for each hand for \$5 per card. (Winners are still based on the best 5-card hands.)
11. Upon return to the registration area after completing the run, each participant can buy an additional bonus card for each hand for \$10 per card. (Winners are still based on the best 5-card hands.)
12. Penalty for breaking any rule will be automatic disqualification. No refunds.
13. All decisions by the judges are final.
14. Other rules may be put in place the day of the run at the judges' discretion. Announcements will be made prior to the start if anything changes.
15. This is not a race or a timed event. Be safe. Observe all traffic laws and be a defensive, courteous motorist.
16. If the event is cancelled due to bad weather or unavoidable circumstances, fees will be transferred for use on the "rain date." If the rain date is cancelled due to weather, etc., a new rain date will be chosen.
17. There will be 4 prizes awarded, with the dollar amounts based on the fees paid by participants ("gate"): Best three hands, and worst hand. (A straight can be best or worst, but not both.) Best Hand-15% of gate; 2<sup>nd</sup> Best-10% of gate; 3<sup>rd</sup>-5% of gate; Worst-5% of gate

### POKER HAND RANKINGS (from highest to lowest):

- **Royal Flush:** Run of sequential cards from Ten to Ace, with all cards of the same suit.
- **Straight Flush:** Run of sequential cards, all cards in the same suit, but not Ace high.
- **Four of a Kind:** Four cards of the same rank e.g. four Aces, four Kings etc...
- **Full House:** Three cards of the same rank plus a pair, e.g. three Aces and a pair of Kings.
- **Flush:** Five non-sequential cards, all of the same suit.
- **Straight:** Five sequential cards, not of the same suit.
- **Three of a Kind:** Three cards of the same rank, e.g., three Aces, three Kings.
- **Two Pair:** Two sets of pairs, e.g., a pair of Aces and a pair of Kings.
- **Pair:** Two cards of the same rank, e.g., two Aces, two Kings.
- **High Card:** If you have none of the above, then the highest value card in your hand plays.

### NOTES

- Aces count high for all hands, e.g., a pair of Aces beats a pair of Kings.
- In a straight, an Ace can count low (e.g., A, 2, 3, 4, 5) OR high (e.g., T, J, Q, K, A) but NOT BOTH (i.e., Q, K, A, 2, 3 is NOT a straight).
- If any card drawn is a duplicate of a card previously drawn for a particular hand, that card must be re-drawn. No hand can have duplicate cards (e.g., you cannot have more than one King of Hearts in one hand). That means hands with 5 of a kind are not permitted.
- A tie will be decided by a High Card Draw at the registration booth between the participants involved in the tie.

The Poker Run Committee reserves the right to make changes at any time.