

Button Ante:

We have introduced this system as a means to increase the number of hands dealt per level. Collecting antes from every single player can be a slow and laborious process for the dealer, often having to remind players to post; having to make change for some players; spending time working out who the culprit is if one gets missed.

By having a single player taking care of the antes (with the aid of having the button in-front of them to help remind them it is their turn), we can reduce the time taken between hands as well as reduce the stress for players and dealers having to deal with multiple antes every hand.

Further advantages are that it reduces the need for as many small denomination chips to be on the table, which will make chip stacks easier to count; stops small chip 'hoarding'; ensures the Cost Per Round Percentage remains stagnant throughout the tournament (rather than having the large fluctuations that a traditional ante structure can bring, such a 100 chip ante at 500/1000 becoming a 200 chip ante at 600/1200).

The only real issue with this system is for the situation when the Small Blind is eliminated from the tournament resulting in a 'dead button' on the next hand. We have decided that the simplest and fairest way to deal with this is to have no Button Ante posted in this occurrence.

Size of Button Ante

When 7-9 handed, the button ante is equal to the size of the Big Blind.

When 3-6 handed, the button ante is equal to the size of the Small Blind.