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Without a doubt, No Limit Texas Holdem has taken the world by storm. But instead of playing typical cash or big tournament games, players are seeking their poker fix mainly at the **Sit and Go Tournaments** or "SNG" for short.

An SNG is usually one where it is only 10 players. These are just online. These are fast tournaments that last anywhere from a half an hour to an hour. In a sit and go poker tournament each player contributes an equal amount, the buy-in, to a prize pool and is awarded a fixed number of chips. When a player has lost all of his chips he is eliminated from the tournament. The tournament continues until there is only one player remaining, and the prize pool is divided 50% to the winner, 30% to second place and 20% to third place.

Now let's talk strategy. First off, you only get so many cards. This is somewhat of a problem for figuring out strategy since you are limited. Also, you may find a few of techniques that work great for you at one poker site. These same techniques may not work at all when you switch to a different poker site. Try to find one poker room where you feel comfortable and at ease. This is the most important aspect of your poker career. If you are

switching from site to site with varying results you will never adapt a steady style.

At one point in time I was trying every single possible way to increase my odds of placing within the top three rank for these tournaments. I found a few styles of play that worked consistently enough to win more tournaments than I lost. These methods can only be used one-at-a time so please do not mix them during the same tournament.

Faking Bad Play:

One of the greatest techniques I have ever used was faking bad play in tournaments. This proved to be the most solid way to place top three in tournaments a good percentage of the time. By faking bad play from the start of the tournament you are leaving a cause for concern with all of the players at the table. At the same time if you play every starting hand for the first 20 hands when blinds are low you are putting yourself in great position to grow your chip stack. Here are some tips on this method:

1. Play every hand even with the worst cards for the first two blind levels. Call every single bet as long as it remains the same as the blind level.

If you are playing No-Limit then DO NOT CALL if you even have a remote thought of losing that hand.

2. Half-way through your first blind level make an outrageous bet if you see a flop with all low cards and no draws. You will be putting about 150 of your chips at risk but the plus side to this is everyone will fold unless they are holding a pocket pair. If the blinds are 15/30 and you make a 100 bet right on the flop you have a good chance of stealing the pot.

3. If you are passed the first two blind levels and you are short stacked or did not win a significant hand you will need to switch to real tight play for exactly one blind level. If you still have not gotten a decent hand then the cards are just not falling in your favor.

When you apply this method you will usually place top three about 7 out of 10 tournaments.

As you can see if you fake bad play for the first three or four blind levels you are taking two chances. The first chance is the chance at losing a large portion of your stack. Most of the time, you

will hit a nice pot or two with-in the first two blind levels.

By playing every hand you are putting yourself in a position to either hit a great flop or not hit anything and lose a lot of chips.

Always remember you cannot play the ALL-IN game unless you are 100% positive you have the best hand by the turn card. Especially on Party Poker you will end losing once the river card is shown. It happens so frequently that you cannot afford to risk it.

The next chance you're taking by playing every hand is a good chance at hitting a large pot. If you pull a full house or a high flush on the flop your chips are replenished plus some. This is the chance that we take when playing this method but you will be surprised at how frequently you hit. But what happens when you hit rock bottom and you're short stacked? You will have to switch to a really tight style at that point.

Switching to a tight style mid-stream is not a bad thing. If anything it is the best thing you can do. After playing bad hands and allowing the table to

see this they will view you as a weak player with no threat to the table at all. The moment you switch to a tight style and hit a great starting hand the table will think it's a bluff. That is why this method works so wonderfully. In the next chapter I will outline classic "good starting hands". You will be able to see which hands are classified as sure winners.

The Waiting Game:

One of my main goals in these tourneys is to survive till it is down to five people hopefully with enough chips to make my presence relevant.

There is no point in having 100 chips left when the blinds are 25/50. You have to make your move before it gets to that.

Every call matters, even the 15 chip ones at the first level. Now this isn't to say that you shouldn't play a hand here and there when it looks like a good opportunity, it just means that you don't want to have a marginal hand and lose 200 chips right off the bat. It's hard to recover from there since you have little to work with.

Next, be aggressive. You don't want to be a caller and you don't want to be a small bettor. You are

going to need a little luck to win these tourneys since they are so compressed but your chances go up if you play aggressively. People don't like to fold...especially new players and even more so in tournaments. So if you have a good hand, don't be afraid to put more chips in the pot then you normally would. Over betting confuses a lot of people and sometimes makes them more often to call then to fold. Also, people brand you as a wild player and often times you'll get more action that way too. Aggressiveness should dictate much of your card selection as well as betting style. In other words, don't limp in with hands. When you come in raise, and if you can't raise don't play the hand. Try to raise enough to get heads up and then go from there.

After reading this, I can only hope that you have seen the light. What you do from here is totally up to you. Using the techniques in this book will benefit you any way you look at it. Set your mind to keep your game sharp and aggressive. It will also help you to win more and more pots each and every time you play.