

Pedal Poker Rules

1. Pre-Registration: we encourage you to register for the event on-line at: www.pedalpokerrun.eventbrite.com. You can also bring your registration form the day of the event.
2. Event day: participants will check in at the registration table at the parking lot behind Florence Savings Bank, 85 Main Street, Florence. Check-in time is from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Each participant will receive his or her poker score sheet and then draw his or her first card. The rider will then travel to each of the three locations on the route, namely Veteran's Field/46-48 School Street, Northampton, 8 Railroad Street, Hadley (the parking lot next to Sophia's Polish American Café) on the Norwottuck Rail Trail, and the Go West Building (location of Cup & Top Café) on Main Street, Florence. When the rider arrives at each location, he/she will draw a card and then the volunteer will mark the card drawn on the rider's poker score sheet and stamp the card.
3. Riders need not follow the suggested route or the suggested order except that the first and last card must be drawn at the beginning and end of the event.
4. Each rider is responsible to maintain his or her card during the event. Score cards that are damaged or illegible will not be qualify for the prizes. The last card will be drawn at the end of the event at Florence Savings Bank. Each rider will be permitted to "discard" a selection and draw one additional card for an additional donation of \$5.00.
5. If a rider draws a card he or she has already drawn, the card **must be returned to the deck** and the rider shall draw a new card. This is because poker hand rankings are based on the likelihood of each "hand" occurring and if duplicate cards are allowed, the probabilities for a given hand are altered. Another way of thinking of this is that even though participants go to multiple locations to obtain their cards, they must be limited to drawing from a single 52 card deck just as if they were playing at a single location.
6. Participants must return to Florence Savings Bank no later than 3:30 p.m. with their poker score sheets so that the results may be tallied. The intervening stops in the tour (School Street, Sophia's and Go West) will close at 3:20.
7. The winners of the event will be selected on the basis of the best poker hand as follows:

Royal Straight Flush: Five sequential cards from 10 to an Ace all in the same suit.
Straight Flush: Five sequential cards in the same suit.
Four of A Kind: Four cards of the same rank (eg. Four Kings).
Full House: Three cards of the same rank plus a pair.
Flush: Five cards all in the same suit but not sequential.
Straight: Five sequential cards.
Three of a kind: Three cards of the same rank (eg. Three Kings)

Two Pair: two sets of two cards of the same rank.

Pair: two cards of the same rank.

Ace is high for all hands.

There are no jokers or wild cards for this event.

8. In the event of tying hands, the participants will each be dealt an additional card. The high card wins the highest prize and the runner-up will receive the next highest prize.
9. The event is not a race and is open to walkers, runners and those who want to use other modes of transportation. If you are riding, please do so safely and responsibly and obey all traffic rules. Bikers ride on the same side of the street as automobile traffic and should use appropriate hand signals to indicate stopping and turning. All children 16 and younger must wear a safety helmet and we encourage riders of all ages to wear them.
10. Announcement of winners will occur once the poker card score sheets are tallied.
11. Valley Community Development Corporation assumes no responsibility for injuries or damage sustained during the event.
12. No employee of Valley Community Development Corporation or his or her immediate family members are eligible to win. All net proceeds of the event will be used for Valley Community Development Corporation's charitable purposes.