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FAQ – What are the rules for Poker?

I want to run an informal poker game for friends at my house. Is that legal? Yes it is. As long as what you're doing is not commercial, there isn't a problem with social gambling at a private property, no matter what the stakes are.

Can I make a charge to cover expenses?

That's where things get a bit more complicated. Yes, you can make a charge. But it can only be to cover legitimate expenses, so that might be drinks or food – or even venue hire and the services of a card dealer. What you cannot do is use it to make a profit on top of the expenses – that would be unlicensed commercial gambling which is a very serious offence. As always, if you're in doubt about what the limits are, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.