



2026 PGT Kickoff

January 26-31, 2026

The **PGT Kickoff** is a series of six (6) events with players earning double points for all cashes. The top 40 eligible players as ranked by the PGT leaderboard at the end of the season will qualify for the season-ending **PGT Championship freeroll**.

Kickoff the start of the 2026 PGT season by earning DOUBLE POINTS for all cashes during PGT Kickoff!

Date	Start Time	End of Registration	Event	Type	Buy-In	Fee (On Time)	Fee (Late / Reentry)	Level Length	Starting Stack
1/26/26	1 p.m.	~5:30 p.m.	PGT Kickoff #1	NLH	\$5,000	\$100	\$300	30 mins	125,000
1/27/26	1 p.m.	~5:30 p.m.	PGT Kickoff #2	NLH	\$5,000	\$100	\$300	30 mins	125,000
1/28/26	1 p.m.	~5:30 p.m.	PGT Kickoff #3	NLH	\$5,000	\$100	\$300	30 mins	125,000
1/29/26	1 p.m.	~5:30 p.m.	PGT Kickoff #4	NLH	\$5,000	\$100	\$300	30 mins	125,000
1/30/26	1 p.m.	~5:30 p.m.	PGT Kickoff #5	NLH	\$10,000	\$100	\$500	30 mins	125,000
1/31/26	1 p.m.	~4:15 p.m.	PGT Kickoff #6 Turbo	NLH	\$10,000	\$100	\$500	20 mins	125,000

General Rules & Information

1. Players must be in the registration line by the start of play to qualify for any discounts.
2. Late entries and reentries will pay the full tournament fee.
3. The first five events are two-day events and unlimited reentry. Final tables will conclude the following day at 12 p.m. PT and may be livestreamed on PokerGO. The final event is a single-day event with unlimited reentry
4. Levels are 30 minutes with a break every four levels while registration is open, and every three levels thereafter. Entry is open through to the start of Level 9 (approximately 5:30 p.m. PT).
5. Event #6 will be a single-day event and be the 20-20 turbo format of 20-minute levels and a 20 second shot clock with 20 second time extensions.
6. Tables are seated 8-handed and switch to 7-handed no later than close of registration.
7. Single table redraw will be with seven (7) players remaining.
8. Tournament Director has discretion to add or remove breaks.
9. The PGT poker shot clock is 20 seconds preflop and 30 seconds postflop. Time extensions will be distributed according to entry point in the tournament; before first break (8), any point thereafter (6). Additional time extensions will be distributed to players in the money if the field exceeds 71 entrants (2) or 85 entrants (3). The final seven (7) players will receive six (6) additional time extensions.
10. Players will play down to the final six players. When heads-up play is reached, levels will be reduced to 20 minutes.
11. Players must be 21 years of age to participate.
12. Residents of foreign countries without a U.S. tax treaty will be subject to withholding.
13. Management reserves the right to change or cancel tournaments.

PGT Kickoff Payouts

Payouts will be posted once registration is closed and will pay one-in-seven entries according to the standard PGT payout structure. PGT Points are calculated in accordance with the PGT points system found on [PGT.com/points](https://www.pgt.com/points).

Players will earn **DOUBLE POINTS** at a rate of 0.002 PGT points per dollar cashed during PGT Kickoff.

PGT Kickoff Structure

Level	Small Blind	Big Blind	Big Blind Ante
1	500	1,000	1,000
2	1,000	1,500	1,500
3	1,000	2,000	2,000
4	1,500	2,500	2,500
5	1,500	3,000	3,000
6	2,000	4,000	4,000
7	2,500	5,000	5,000
8	2,500	5,000	5,000
End of Registration Break			
9	3,000	6,000	6,000
10	4,000	8,000	8,000
11	5,000	10,000	10,000
12	6,000	12,000	12,000
13	10,000	15,000	15,000
14	10,000	20,000	20,000
15	15,000	25,000	25,000
16	15,000	30,000	30,000
17	20,000	40,000	40,000
18	25,000	50,000	50,000
19	30,000	60,000	60,000
20	40,000	80,000	80,000
21	50,000	100,000	100,000
22	75,000	125,000	125,000
23	75,000	150,000	150,000
24	100,000	200,000	200,000
25	125,000	250,000	250,000
26	150,000	300,000	300,000
27	200,000	400,000	400,000
28	250,000	500,000	500,000

Note: Big Blind Ante is posted after the Big Blind