

# Official Communication for August 5, 2026

## Texas Hold 'Em Registration Open

The 17th Annual Moose International Texas Hold 'Em Tournament will be held from **January 10-15, 2027 at the Westgate Resort & Casino in Las Vegas**. The event continues to highlight the annual Moose sports tournament schedule. 1,046 players took to the tables for the 2026 event, once again requiring the opening day to be split into two sessions to accommodate the crowd. This year an additional day will be added.

Registration: The registration fee for the 2027 Moose International Texas Hold 'Em Tournament is \$870 for a single player or \$1,240 for two players sharing one room. There is a maximum of two players per room. The registration fee includes the tournament buy-in and five nights lodging. There is also an option for those wishing to participate in the tournament but not requiring lodging. The cost for an entry with no lodging is \$370.

There is also a change when you register online this year. **You must book your hotel through Connection Housing**. They will take care of all your hotel needs. Moose Intl. will only handle the Poker Tournament. To register for the event, go to [mooseintl.org/activities](http://mooseintl.org/activities), click on Texas Hold Em. There is link to both registration and Connection Housing.

## October Cradle Fundraiser

Does your lodge hold a Cradle Fundraiser? ASK someone to coordinate this fundraiser. Make copies of the cradles, boost your endowment donations! [Download the packet HERE.](#)

**The challenge? Who can fill up a whole wall in the lodge with cradles?** Please ask your cradle fundraiser coordinator to take pictures and send them to [request@moosecharities.org](mailto:request@moosecharities.org) we would love to highlight your lodge! Make your donations online for Cradle using the **Fraternal Giving** on our website with "Cradle 2026" in the Special Instructions field.

If you would like ideas or have questions please call Moose Charities at (630) 966-2200 or email us at [request@moosecharities.org](mailto:request@moosecharities.org). with any questions. *Thank you.*

## 5th Annual Rudolph Run 5k/Walk for Mooseheart

Join us in person or virtually for the 5th Annual Rudolph Run 5k/Walk for Mooseheart. The in-person event will be held on the Mooseheart campus on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026. You can create or join a team and host your event virtually during the month of November.

Last year, your support made all the difference. We had 79 teams and over 600 participants! A huge thank you to [last year's sponsors](#). This year we hope to have 85 teams and 700 participants. You can register today by clicking the reindeer on the Moose Charities homepage. **Register before 10/29 to receive an event t-shirt\***

Go to <http://support.moosecharities.org/2026rudolphrun>

**\*\* Registrations made after 10/29 will not include the event t-shirt. \*\***

Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions, Moose Associations, and even individual members are invited to help us raise our goal of \$200,000 for Mooseheart. Sponsorships range from \$250 - \$10,000.

For any questions about the 5th Annual Rudolph Run 5k/Walk for Mooseheart, please contact Moose Charities at 630-966-2200 or email [acervantes@moosecharities.org](mailto:acervantes@moosecharities.org)

### **Moose Charities Processing Option**

To help reduce processing costs and guarantee your donations reach Moose Charities quickly, we've added a new option when making donations online at MooseCharities.org.

When completing your donation, you now have the opportunity to cover the processing fees associated with your gift. While this option is completely voluntary, choosing to do so allows Moose Charities to reduce administrative expenses.

We appreciate your continued generosity and support. Thank you for considering this small additional contribution and for helping us make every dollar go even further.

### **Chastain at Iowa After a Week Off for NASCAR**

Moose Fraternity NASCAR driver Ross Chastain will return to the track this Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> following a mid-year break in the NASCAR Cup Series schedule. Chastain heads to Newton, Iowa for the Iowa Corn 350 Powered by Ethanol at the Iowa Speedway. The race can be seen at 3:30pm ET on the USA Network.

Ross has two Cup Series starts at the Newton, Iowa track. He's completed 100 percent of all possible laps and finished 11th in both events.

*"I'm excited for the 50 minute practice this weekend at Iowa. I support having one longer practice session and I'm happy NASCAR has made some adjustments to move in that direction. I hope our No. 1 Chevy is good to start with in practice and all we have to do is make a few minor adjustments. I love racing at Iowa Speedway. The surface is weathered and rough which makes it challenging to drive and you really have to hit your marks perfectly." – Ross Chastain*

## **Moose Legion Conference Ads Available for Sale**

The Moose Legion Conference takes place November 5-8, 2026 in Norfolk, Virginia and registration will close on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Ads are now available for purchase within the International Moose Legion Ritual Competition Booklet that will be distributed at that event. For more information, click the following link: <https://www.mooseintl.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/ML-Conference-Program-Book-Ads.pdf>