

## live chat zebet

I have been playing a lot of live poker recently, mostly at 2/5, and things have been going nicely. This week, however, disaster struck : my local casino has instituted "the rock";

The rock rules are terrible, I would even say pathological.

They are:

- \* The rock is worth twice the big blind
- \* The player with the rock must post it as a straddle immediately regardless of position
- \* Action preflop always starts UTG unless the rock is UTG in which case it starts +1
- \* If a player in the blinds has the rock, it replaces their normal blind

- \* No other straddle is allowed

In this game the cap is 2000, but about 2/3 of players (and virtually a) Tj T\* BT /F

I am not sure exactly how to calculate the effect on correct strategy, but it feels like in most cases I should only be playing something like AQs, AK, QQ+. And if the rock is in the blinds I should only play AA. Ironically I don't think my 3bet strategy should change too much, but my opening and calling range should be cut down to almost nothing. This is because the more money goes into the pot, the less the rock matters. But it's also a de facto ultra short stack game so non premium

hands lose value.

Other players seem to be making the wrong adjustment or no adjustment so the game might still be profitable (possibly even more profitable), but if I can only play one hand per hour I will probably find something else to do.

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