

Shortstack

Being a short stack in a situation always has strategic and mathematical remnants towards the bigger stacks involved.

Being a short stack in a tournament situation also means that every hand played threatens the elimination from the tournament by a bigger stack, also influencing the strategic requirements in order to survive as long as possible or become a [big stack](#) again.

Becoming significantly shortstacked in big blinds might result in a diminished [fold](#) equity towards the bigger stacks that will take more risk in order to knock a short stack out of the tournament, without real damage to their own chip count.

In the past shortstacking was a broad general strategy in cash games in order to have a mathematical advantage playing with 1 to 30 big blinds and shoving a lot preflop or on the flop. As the strategy tend to carry mathematical advantages and also tend to be a nuisance to other players wanting to play postflop, it has been practically removed from online [poker](#) by [raising](#) the minimum [buy-in](#) to 40 or more blinds at the tables and or hindering players to return to a previous table of play with a short stack again when they won more and left.