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Do you open roughly the same range from each position regardless of antes? If so, you are making a costly mistake. Many players leak chips by failing to adjust their preflop ranges when there's dead money to go after. With antes in play, the pot is roughly 40% bigger preflop. This means we need to play much looser than we do when there are no antes in play. Today we'll go through some examples to see how our open-raising range changes from early, middle, and late positions, depending on whether antes are in play or not. Don't treat the ranges below as if they are set in stone; no ranges are. Instead, use them as a guide when building your own preflop strategy.

But first, let's take a look at what an ante is. What is an Ante? Ante refers to a mandatory bet required of all players before any cards are dealt, which encourages action by incentivizing players to be aggressive. Antes are commonly found in tournaments and high stakes cash games.

Antes vs. No Antes: The Math

If there is a standard ante in play and we open for 2.25bb, we need to pick up the pot less than half of the time to show an immediate profit.

To show why we should be opening looser with antes in play, let's look at an example:

9-Handed Poker Tournament. Blinds 250/500/50. Hero is dealt two cards on the button and folds to btn. Hero raises to 1,125. Before we raised, the pot was 1,200 with the blinds and antes (250+500+450), and we are only risking 1,125 with our raise. Therefore, our open needs to take down the blinds 48.4% of the time to make an immediate profit (what we are risking/total pot). And this doesn't account for the times we win the pot postflop.

If there were no antes, the total pot would be just 750 chips. Therefore, our raise would need to work 60% of the time to make an immediate profit.