

Poker Rules

Overview

The object of Texas Holdem is to make the best 5 card poker hand from the 5 community cards on the table and your own 2 cards that only you can see. The community cards are dealt out during the hand with betting rounds in between so you are betting on the likelihood of forming a winning hand by the end of the hand when all cards are revealed.

A game consists of playing hands of cards and each hand is split into alternating rounds of revealing cards and betting on the results.

Poker Hands (highest to lowest)



Royal Flush

The highest possible poker hand is the Royal Flush. It consists of a Ten, Jack, Queen, King and Ace, all of the same suit.



Straight Flush

A combination of both a straight and a flush. The cards must all be of the same suit and they must run in value (e.g. 4,5,6,7,8). If more than one player has a Straight Flush, the player with the best Highcard wins.



Four Of A Kind

This hand is made up with 4 cards of the same value (e.g. 4 X Jacks). If more than one player has Four Of A Kind the highest value Four Of A Kind would win.



Full House

This hand is made up with 3 cards of one value and two of another value (e.g. 3 X Nines and 2 X Queens). If more than one player has a Full House the winning hand would be the one with the highest triple value or failing that the highest double value.



Flush

A Flush is when the hand contains 5 cards of the same suit (e.g. 5 X Spades). If more than one player has a Flush the winner is the player with the best Highcard.



Straight

To make a Straight the must run in value (e.g. 4,5,6,7,8) but it does not matter what suit they are. If more than one player has a Straight, the player with the best Highcard wins.



Three Of A Kind

This hand is made up with 3 cards of the same value (e.g. 3 X Sevens). If more than one player has a Three Of A Kind the winning hand would be the one with the highest value Three Of A Kind.



Two Pair

Two pair of the same value (e.g. 2 X Fours and 2 X Sevens). If more than one player has Two Pair, the winner is the player with the highest pair value. If both players have the same pairs the player with the best Highcard wins.

One Pair

1st Place
smokie
\$6.1K

2nd Place
jaylo
\$2.8K

3rd Place
Ghostalker
\$2.3K

4th Place
Shane
Smith
\$2K

5th Place
gelece
\$2K

6th Place
beardyian
\$2K

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One pair of the same value (e.g. 2 X Fours). If more than one player has One Pair, the winner is the player with the highest pair value. If both players have the same pair the player with the best Highcard win.



Highcard

The Highcard is the highest value card that is in your hand that is not duplicated (not a pair, 3 of a kind or 4 of a kind). If one or more players has the same Highcard the next highest Highcard will be evaluated until a winner is found.

Game Play

- 1) The hand begins.
- 2) The next player from the **dealer button** posts the **small blind**.
- 3) The next player posts the **big blind**.
- 4) Each player is dealt their personal hand (2 cards each). These are called the player's **hole cards**.
- 5) **Betting round 1** commences (pre-flop).
- 6) The first 3 community cards are dealt out. This is called the **Flop**.
- 7) **Betting round 2** commences.
- 8) The 4th community card is dealt out. This is called the **Turn** card.
- 9) **Betting round 3** commences.
- 10) The 5th and last community card is dealt. This is called the **River** card.
- 11) Last **betting round** commences.
- 12) The cards of the remaining players that have not **folded** are turned over to find the winner.
- 13) The winnings are distributed**. If more than one player wins the pot is split.
- 14) If more than one player still has money in their pot, a new hand begins.

** Note: You cannot win more than the amount you bet from another player.

Terms

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| Dealer Button | A chip that marks where the dealing begins. This moves forward one player each hand. |
| Small Blind | An automatic small bet that must be paid by the next player from the dealer button at the beginning of a hand. |
| Big Blind | An automatic large bet that must be paid by the next player from the small blind player at the beginning of a hand. During the first betting round this is the amount players must match or raise to stay in the current hand. |
| Hole Cards | The 2 cards that you are dealt as your personal hand. Other players cannot see your cards unless they turn over at the end of the hand to find the winner. |
| Betting Round | There are 4 betting rounds during a game. A player can choose to call a bet, raise a bet or fold their hand. |
| Flop | The first 3 community cards dealt out during the hand after the first betting round. |
| Turn | The 4th community card dealt out after the second betting round. |

River

The 5th community card dealt out after the third betting round.

Call

Match the current bet amount.

Raise

Raise the current bet amount.

Fold

Discard your current hand and lose any money you have bet so far in this hand.

Allin

Bet your entire pot on the hand.