

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER IN 3 STEPS



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OVERVIEW

Texas Hold'em Poker is played with a standard 52-card deck. Unlike other casino games, players compete against each other rather than the House. The objective is to win the pot by forming the best possible five-card hand according to the official hand rankings.

PLACING YOUR BETS

At the start of the session, seating positions are determined by a random draw using high cards. The Dealer Button (or "the Button") begins with the player to the left of the Dealer. After each hand, the Button moves one position clockwise.

Blinds: Mandatory bets are placed before cards are dealt. The Small Blind is half the minimum bet, and the Big Blind is the full minimum bet.

The Deal: Each player is dealt two "hole cards" face down, starting with the Small Blind. This is followed by the first betting round (Pre-flop).

The Flop: The Dealer burns one card and turns three community cards face up. This is followed by the second betting round.

The Turn: The Dealer burns another card and turns one more community card. This is followed by the third betting round.

The River: The Dealer burns a final card and turns the fifth and last community card. This is followed by the fourth and final betting round.

Player Options:

In every betting round, players have the following options:

Check: To pass the action to the next player without betting (only possible if no bet has been made).

Call: To match the current highest bet.

Fold: To discard the hand and forfeit any interest in the pot.

Raise: To increase the size of the current bet.

Re-raise: To increase a previous raise.

All-in: To commit all remaining chips to the pot.

To remain in the hand, a player must at least match the current bet. If a player raises, all subsequent players must match that increase to continue.



WINNING HANDS

(Highest to Lowest)

Royal Flush:

A, K, Q, J, 10 of the same suit.



Straight Flush:

Five consecutive cards of the same suit.



Four of a Kind:

Four cards of the same rank (also known as Quads).



Full House:

Three of a kind combined with a pair.



Flush:

Any five cards of the same suit, not in sequence.



Straight:

Five consecutive cards of different suits.



Three of a Kind:

Three cards of the same rank (also known as a Set or Trips).

**Two Pair:**

Two different pairs in one hand.

**One Pair:**

Two cards of the same rank.

**High Card:**

When no player holds a pair or better, the highest single card wins.



The winner is the player who forms the best five-card hand using any combination of their two hole cards and the five community cards.

The rules of play presented herein are for guidance purposes only. In the event of any doubt or for further clarification, please consult a member of the Gaming Floor staff.

GLOSSARY: POKER TEXAS HOL'EM

Action - The sequence of betting and play during a hand; or when it is a player's turn (e.g., "The action is on you").

All-in - Betting all of one's remaining chips on a single hand.

Charity Fund - Contributions to social solidarity institutions. This fund consists of unclaimed chips, found money, or disputed stakes.

Pot-Limit (Bet-Pot) - A game format where the maximum bet allowed is equal to the current size of the pot.

Big Blind - The larger of the two mandatory bets made before cards are dealt. Also refers to the player position.

Community Cards - The five cards dealt face up in the centre of the table, available for all players to use.

Cash Games / Ring Games - A game where chips represent their actual cash value and blinds remain fixed. Players may join or leave at any time.

Buy-in - The total value of chips a player brings to the table, subject to the table's minimum and maximum limits.

Croupier / Dealer - The casino official who manages the game, deals the cards, and calculates the pot.

Chip / Token - A circular or rectangular symbol of value representing currency within the casino.

Face Cards - The King, Queen, and Jack.

Floor / Floorperson - The supervisor who manages the poker room, oversees table operations, and resolves disputes.

Heads-Up - A pot or game contested between only two active players.

Card Protector - An object placed on top of a player's hole cards to prevent them from being accidentally fouled or folded.

Gaming Session - A determined period of play spanning up to two calendar days, not exceeding 12 consecutive hours.

Pot - The total sum of all bets made during a hand.

Rake - The commission or percentage taken by the House from each pot.

Shuffler - An automated machine used to shuffle the deck.

Side Pot - A separate pot created when one player is all-in but others continue betting. Only the players who contributed to the side pot can win it.

Small Blind - The smaller of the two mandatory bets, placed by the player to the immediate right of the Big Blind.

Split Pot - When two or more players have the same winning hand, and the pot is divided equally between them.

Stack - The total amount of chips a player has in front of them at the table.

Straight - A sequence of five cards of mixed suits.

Action / Voice - The moment when it is a specific player's turn to act.