

raise to the minimum and place your total bet. To fold, press Key F followed by Key E. If you make a mistake before pressing Key E, just press any key (Key 5 will work for instance) twice before hitting Key E. You will then be given another chance to bet. (The computer sees this as an illegal bet.) Remember, you are limited to \$3 opens or raises and three raises are the maximum. Also you may not bet more money than you have, and just as in real poker, if you cannot bet the minimum or have no money left, you must fold. (This is a good way to force other players out of the game by the way, assuming you are trying to win. But wait a minute, what am I saying? I'm one of those other players!)

A betting round is finished -- aficionados and VIP-OKER say "called" -- when all players have either folded or contributed equal amounts of money to the pot. If you keep this one rule in mind, the whole betting process should boil down for you.

In between betting rounds, players are asked if they wish to draw from one to three cards to replace ones in their hands they do not want to keep. Again, the player to the left of the dealer goes first, and in this case the dealer always goes last. The number of cards drawn by each player is momentarily displayed to the right of the message "CARDS?" which is shown on the