

The steward then invites the players still in the game to play the *Showdown*, which involves the players turning their hole cards face up on the table and making the best 5-card hand they can with the seven cards available. The player with the highest scoring hand wins the Pot (if players draw, they share it).

At the end of the hand the button is moved one place to the left, which means a new hand can begin.

- BET** Initial stake
- CHECK** The player declines to bet and lets the other players speak first
- CALL** The player sees or matches a bet by staking the same amount
- RAISE** The player increases the size of the bet by adding to the original amount
- FOLD** The player throws in their hand and loses their stake
- ALL IN** The whole post is put in the pot.

Players are advised to accompany every play they make with a verbal announcement of their intentions. This will safeguard them against any misinterpretation that may arise or any incorrect play that may follow from a perfectly human misunderstanding.

Any dispute that may arise will be settled without right of appeal by the Gaming Management.



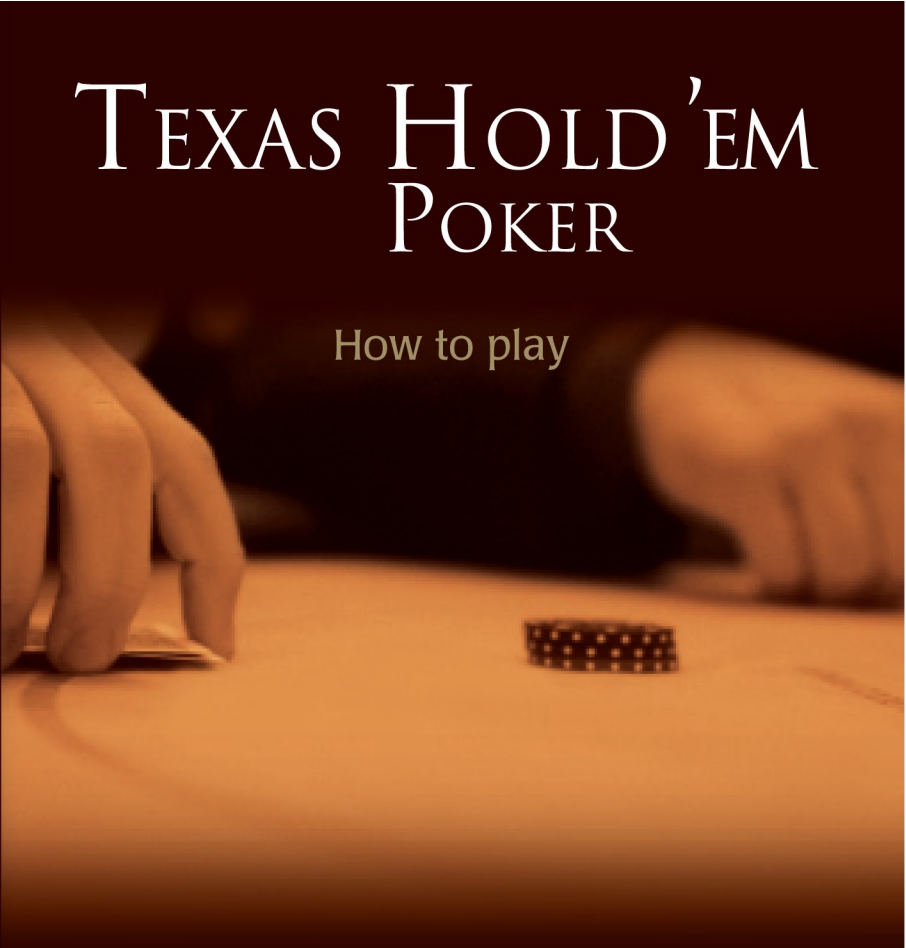
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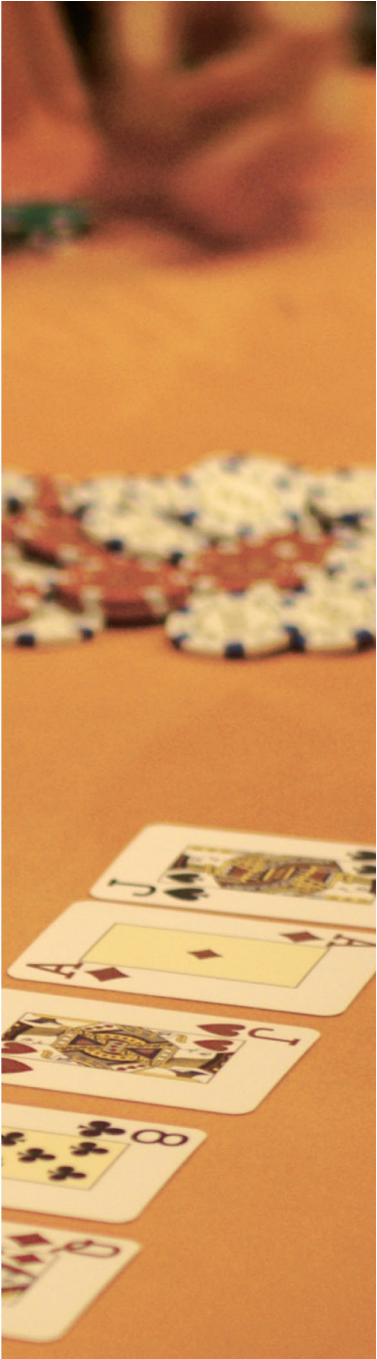
How to play



TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER

Texas Hold'em Poker is played with a deck of fifty-two playing cards consisting of four suits: Hearts-Diamonds-Clubs-Spades. The ace scores the highest, the two scores the lowest and the suits are all of equal importance.

The game is played exclusively between the players. The task of the Table Supervisor (*Game Steward*) is to conduct the game, ensure that all the regulations are properly observed, deal the cards, check bets, change players' chips if required and collect the rake (*Cagnotte*) according to the percentages established by the Casino. Only players may sit at the table and to start a game at least two of the ten places must be occupied. If all the places are taken, guests may reserve a place in a future game by giving their name to the *Floorman*.



THE GAME

To win, a player must form a combination of cards that scores higher than any of the other players, using the five best cards chosen from the player’s two private *Hole Cards* that are dealt face down to them at the beginning of the game and the five *Community Cards* that are dealt face up on the table in three different stages during the hand.

The winning combinations are the classic fifty-two card poker hands.

STAGES IN THE GAME

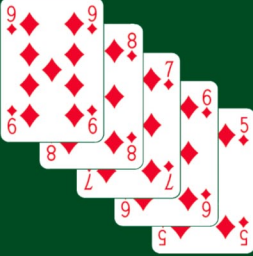
The position of the dealer (the last player the cards are dealt to) is marked by a circular *Button* that is slightly larger than a traditional casino chip and has the letter “D” or the word *Dealer* written on it. This button is moved one place in a clockwise direction at the beginning of every *round*. The hand begins when the two players to the left of the button post an obligatory, pre-established stake called the *Small Blind* and the *Big Blind*. The steward then deals two private cards, face down, to each player at the table. The cards are dealt one at a time starting from the Small Blind (the first player sitting on the left of the Button). When these cards have been dealt a first round of betting takes place. The player on the right of the Big Blind lays the first bet, which must be at least the same amount as the Big Blind.

COMBINATIONS

Royal Flush



Straight Flush



Four of a Kind



Full House



Flush



Straight



Three of a Kind



Two Pairs



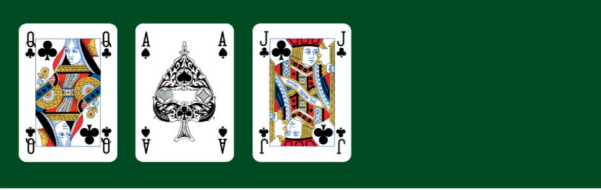
Pair



Highest card



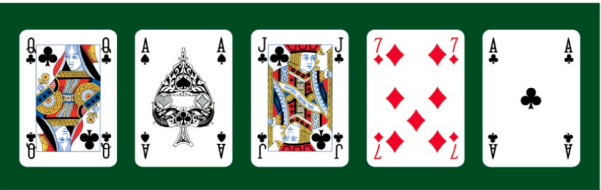
Flop



Turn



River



At the end of the first round of betting the next card in the pack is burnt (discarded) without being shown, and then a *Flop* of three face-up community cards, is dealt. These community cards can be used by the players to form the best combination they can with their own hole cards. When the Flop has been dealt a second round of betting takes place.

At the end of this round of betting, the steward again burns a card and then turns another community card (the *Turn*) face up, placing it next to the three Flop cards. After the Turn has been dealt a third round of betting takes place.

Observing the same procedure another card is burnt and then a fifth community card (the *River*) is turned face up. This is followed by the fourth and last round of betting.