

TEXAS HOLD-EM

Texas Hold'em Rules

Object: Create the best five card hand using seven cards.

Hold'em uses what is called a "dealer button" (a small disc) to indicate the theoretical dealer of each hand. After each hand is completed, the dealer button moves clockwise to the next active player. The designated adult dealer controls the game.

The First round of Hold'em:

The two players immediately to the left of the dealer button place **blind bets** to start the pot. The player to the left of the dealer button posts the "**small blind**". All the blinds are considered live bets and the players who posted them will have the option of checking, calling, raising or folding when the betting returns to their position. Once the blinds have been placed, two secret cards are dealt to each player ("hole cards"), after which the first betting round starts. The player to the left of the player who placed the big blind starts the betting for this round. You can not check the big blind. Bets can be placed by playing **Bet, Call** or **Raise**. These options are available depending on the action taken by the previous player. Each player always has the option to **fold**. The big blind can "check", or "raise". There is a cap of three raises. The dealer "burns" a card by dealing one card face down between each round. After the first round of betting is over the **Flop** (the first three community cards) is dealt. The community cards are common to all the players participating in the hand.

The Second Round of Hold'em:

After the Flop (and in each subsequent betting round), the first active player left of the dealer button is first to act. Bets can be placed by playing **Bet, Call** and **Raise**. These options are available to each player depending on the action taken by the previous player. After this the fourth community card is dealt; this is known as the Turn.

The Third Round of Hold'em:

The third betting round starts again with the player left to the button. After this the fifth and final community card is dealt; this is known as the River.

The Fourth Round of Hold'em:

The fourth (and final) betting round starts again with the player left to the button. Once all the bets have been made, there are two possible outcomes: either all the players but one have folded (and hence that person wins the pot), or the remaining players reveal their hands and the best hand wins the pot. The winner will be decided based on universal poker hand rankings.

Betting Structure for No-Limit Hold'em Poker

There is no limit to the number of raises that a player can make.

Minimum raise: The raise amount must be at least as much as the previous bet or raise in the same round. As an example, if the first player to act bets \$100 then the second player must raise a minimum of \$100 (total bet of \$200).

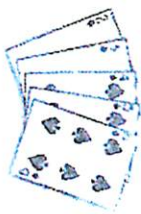
Maximum eligible raise: The size of your stack (your chips on the table). Blinds shall stay constant with the small blind at \$100 and the Big Blind at \$200.

Rank of Hands

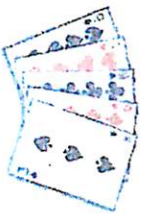
This is the rank of winning hands in poker.



Royal Flush:
Ten, Jack, Queen, King, Ace of the same suit.



Straight Flush:
Straight with all five cards in the same suit.



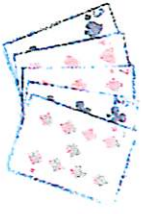
Four of a Kind:
Four cards of the same number or face value ("quads").



Full House:
Three cards of one number or face value and two cards of another number or face value. If more than one player has a full house, the full house with the highest ranking three of a kind ("trips") wins.



Flush:
Five cards of the same suit. If there is more than one flush, the hand with the highest card(s) wins.



Straight:
Five cards in sequence. Cards can be in any suit. An Ace can be used in the highest straight (10, J, Q, K, A) and the lowest straight (A, 2, 3, 4, 5).