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# GAME RULES - POKER

## INTRODUCTION

Poker is a game where skill & chance both play a role but overall in the long term, the skillful players will succeed. The game has been around for centuries and in a number of different forms.

## BASICS OF POKER

Poker has many different variations but the most commonly known are the ones where each player receives personal cards and forms the best five card hand out of these (e.g. Seven Card Stud, Five Card Stud etc.) or the one where each player receives personal cards (hole cards) and must use some or all the community cards which are dealt to the table and are used by all the players at the table. Goal of the game is to form the best five card hand and win the pot (e.g Texas Hold'em and Omaha)

Currently the most popular form of Poker is Texas Hold'em and depending on the country, Omaha.

## TOURNAMENTS OR CASH GAMES

We offer both tournaments and cash games but are more focused on the latter. Our fees for organising the cash game can be rake (percentage) with a cap, button drop, hourly fee (collected every half hour for the upcoming half hour) and they depend on the establishment so please ask the staff to advise you on that.

We offer a wide variety of games and in case you would like to play something that we do not, we will make sure that during your next visit, we will have it on offer.

# HOW THE GAME WORKS

## **ANTES AND BLINDS**

The Ante or Blind structure is always predetermined and the poker room offers a wide variety of options to meet all demands.

In the games where Blinds are used, first two people after the button place in the Small Blind and Big Blind bets. In some games there could be additional Big Blind Ante requirement. Blinds change from person to person each hand, moving clockwise by one position at a time.

In the games with Antes, all players place the Ante in the pot in order to receive the cards.

## **THE INITIAL DEAL**

The dealer deals enough cards to each player, one at a time and depending on the game format, there could be face down cards (pocket cards) and face up cards for each player. In the games with a button the deal starts from the player immediately after the button and in games without the button, from the player immediately left from the dealer.

The deal is finished at the moment when all players have the required amount of cards.

## **THE PLAY, BETTING ROUNDS AND SHOWDOWN**

Each player may look at their cards and make a decision on how to act at the time when it is their turn to act.

Player has the option to 'Check' (not to bet and give decision making to the next person);

'Bet' - place at least the same amount in play as the Big Blind (or any other forced bet);

IF a 'Bet' has been placed the the player has the option to 'Raise' which means to add more money in play. When in doubt, ask the dealer what the minimum raise would be.

When all the above options do not suit you, one can always 'Fold', meaning you give up the cards and do not contest for any part of the Pot and whatever money has been placed in the Pot would be lost.

Different games have different amounts of betting rounds and once the last betting round action has been completed and all bets are equal, the dealer will announce 'Showdown' and point to the person who needs to open the cards first in order to determine the winner(s).

Depending on the game, the highest hand wins the Pot.

## **HAND RANKING**

### **Royal Flush**

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

### **Straight Flush**

Five consecutive cards of the same suit, e.g. A, 2, 3, 4, 5 of Clubs.

### **Four of a Kind**

Four cards of the same rank (denomination) e.g four Jacks etc.

### **Full House**

Three cards of the same rank (denomination) and a pair of another rank e.g. three Jacks and a pair of threes.

### **Flush**

Five cards of the same suit which do not form a straight e.g. 3, 5, 7, J, K of Spades.

### **Straight**

Five consecutive cards from different suites e.g. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 of different suits.

### **Three of a Kind**

Three cards of the same rank e.g. three Queens and two other cards which do not form a pair.

### **Two Pairs**

Two pairs of cards of the same rank e.g. pair of fours and pair of sixes.

### **Pair**

Two cards of the same rank e.g. two sevens.

## High Card

A hand which contains none of the above combinations and therefore just a highest card is counted e.g. King high

## TEXAS HOLD'EM

Texas Hold'em a.k.a. Hold'em is the most popular game in poker rooms all over the world. It is very easy to learn and most tournaments are played using that game. Two players after the button are required to place in the Blinds.

Hold'em can be played as a Limit, Pot Limit or No Limit game. Each player will receive two hole cards (personal cards) followed by a betting round, starting from the player who is immediately after the Big Blind. Once all the bets are equal, the money will be gathered to the Pot and the game proceeds with opening of the first three community cards a.k.a. The Flop.

Another round of betting will take place, starting with the player who is still in the game immediately after the button. Once all the bets are equal, the fourth common card will be dealt to the table (Turn).

A betting round will follow now and the abovementioned process is repeated. Last common card will be opened for all to use (River) and the final betting round will commence. When all bets are equal, the dealer will instruct one of the players to open the cards first (Showdown) to find out the winner of the Pot.

The winner of the Pot will be the person with the best five card poker hand whereas the player may use one, both or none of the hole cards to form the best five card hand.

## OMAHA

This game is played in a similar way as Texas Hold'em. The Flop, Turn and River cards are dealt exactly the same way and the blinds and betting rounds are the same as well. The difference is that in this game, the player will receive four hole cards instead of two and the player MUST use two hole cards and three common cards to form the best five card poker hand.

Omaha can be played with various numbers of hole cards: four, five or even six (check the local club for options).

## OTHER TYPES OF POKER

We offer multiple different types of poker and mostly they all have one thing in common - you form your best five card poker hand regardless of the amount of cards you will be dealt or how many common cards (if any) will be dealt.

There are of course exceptions like for example Omaha Hi/Lo which would require the player to have the 'worst' hand to win the Low part of the Pot (best Low hand would 5, 4, 3, 2, A).

Please ask our staff which games are on offer in our Club and they will explain how the games work.

Whether you are a newbie or experienced player, we welcome you to our Club and Poker room and will make sure your experience is second to none. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff - we will be happy to assist.

## TERMINOLOGY OF POKER

Some of the terms used in the game of Poker are explained below.

Terms	Explanation
Ante/Blind	A predetermined amount one or more players must put into the pot prior to receiving any cards.
All-in	A situation where a player does not have enough money to play on so he/she can place all the money he/she has left into the pot and thus play for a certain pot while others may continue the betting. General rule is that you can only win as much money from others as you have.

Terms	Explanation
Button	Round plastic disc, used to determine who is the first and last to receive cards, place in the blinds etc
Call	To match the previous biggest bet at the table and thus acquire the right to continue to play
Check	To not add any money to the Pot and give the decision making opportunity to the next play. If all players decide to check, the next card comes to the table for free.
Flop games	In Flop games, community cards are dealt to the table which all the players may/must use, depending on the game.
Hole cards	These are personal cards which each player will receive.
No Limit	Betting limit option where there is no cap to the size of the bet or the raise (specific rules apply).
Pot	The amount of money/chips people play for, usually gathered in the centre of the table.
Pot Limit	Betting limit option where the maximum raise allowed is the amount of money currently in the Pot.
Raise	When the player decides to call the previous player's bet amount and add additional money to it.

Terms	Explanation
River	The last community card exposed in a flop game.
Side pot(s)	A side pot is created when someone will go all-in and thus that player can win only the pot(s) in which his/her money is involved.
Table stakes	A term used in cash games only. Players may only use the money/chips at the table before the start of the hand. Any additional money added to the table by the player in the middle of the hand can be done, but this money can't be used during the hand in progress, only from the next hand onwards.
The board	The board are the common cards, used by all players in Flop games.
The Flop	The initial three cards dealt to the centre of the table, used as common cards.
Turn	The fourth communal card dealt to the table in the Flop games.

In case of disputes the Manager's decision is final.





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