

# Texas Hold'em



Texas poker is played on an oval table where the players sit around the table. Here the players are not playing against the dealer but against each other. On this table each player gets 2 cards & there are 5 community cards. Out of the 7 cards each player then has to make the best hand out of 5 cards. The player with the highest hand takes the pot. This is the poker that is shown on TV these days.

In more detail:

Each player is dealt two cards face down. These are called your "hole" or "pocket" cards. Next is a round of betting. Players can "check", "raise" or "fold". Or just go "all-in" & see the expressions on your opponents' faces....

After betting, the dealer will "burn" a card and then flips the next 3 cards face up on the table. These cards are community cards & are called "the flop". Anyone can use these cards in combination with their two pocket cards to form a poker hand.

Another round of betting.

Another card 'burnt'.

Dealer flips one more card face up on the table. This is called 'the turn'.

Another round of betting.

Another card 'burnt'.

Dealers flips final card face up on the table. This is called 'the river'.

Players can now use any of the five cards on the table and the 2 cards in their pocket to form a five card poker hand. Now a final round of betting and then the remaining players will reveal their hands. It is called 'the showdown'.

## **Poker Hands (Highest to Lowest)**

Royal Flush - A♠ K♠ Q♠ J♠ 10♠ (Or any other suit)

Straight Flush - K♠ Q♠ J♠ 10♠ 9♠ (Or any other suit)

Four of a Kind - A♠ A♠ A♥ A♦ K♠

Full House - A♠ A♠ A♥ K♦ K♠

Flush - A♠ J♠ 8♠ 7♠ 3♠

Straight - K♠ Q♦ J♠ 10♥ 9♠

Three of a Kind - A♠ A♠ A♥ K♦ Q♠

Two Pair - A♠ A♠ K♥ K♦ Q♠

One Pair - A♠ A♠ J♥ K♦ Q♠

# Stud Poker



The casino poker is a half moon table that looks like a blackjack table. On this table all the players are each playing against the dealer & not against each other. Each player + the dealer get 5 cards. The players then compare their hands (cards) to the dealers hand & pay outs are made according to the combination of cards that you have in your hand. It is called Casino Poker or Stud Poker.

In more detail:

Stud Poker is one of the easiest & friendliest of poker games, in which the players are trying to get a higher hand than the dealer - they are not competing against each other.

Stud poker is played at a table similar to blackjack. The attraction of the game is the high pay-off if you catch a good hand which qualifies. The dealer requires Ace, King or a higher ranking hand to qualify, if not she will pay all the ante bets even money.

Once again, bets are placed in the box called 'Ante'. Each player, including the dealer will receive 5 cards, one of the dealers cards is placed face up. (A clue to the strength of the dealer's hand). Each player decides whether to continue playing, if so you need to double your original bet & place it in the raise box.

## **Poker Payouts**

Royal Flush - 50 to 1

Straight Flush - 25 to 1

Four of a kind - 20 to 1

Full House - 10 to 1

Flush - 5 to 1

Straight - 4 to 1

Three of a kind - 3 to 1

Two pairs - 2 to 1

One pair - 1 to 1