



POKER GAMING GUIDE

Poker Hand Rankings - Highest to Lowest
A Poker Hand's Rank determines the winner of the pot!

ROYAL FLUSH

Ace, King, Queen, Jack, and 10 of the same suit.

STRAIGHT FLUSH

Five cards of the same suit in sequence. King, Queen, Jack, 10 and 9 being the highest ranking straight flush and Ace, 2, 3, 4 and 5 being the lowest ranking straight flush.

4 OF A KIND

Four cards of the same rank regardless of suit with four Aces being the highest ranking four of a kind and four twos being the lowest ranking four of a kind.

FULL HOUSE

Three of a Kind and a Pair with three Aces and two Kings being the highest ranking full house and three twos and two threes being the lowest ranking full house.

FLUSH

Five cards of the same suit.

STRAIGHT

Five cards in sequence regardless of suit. Ace, King, Queen, Jack, and 10 being the highest ranking straight and Ace, 2, 3, 4 and 5 being the lowest ranking straight.

3 OF A KIND

Three cards of the same rank regardless of suit with three Aces being the highest ranking three of a kind and three twos being the lowest ranking three of a kind.

2 PAIRS

Two cards of one rank + two of another rank with two Aces and two Kings being the highest ranking two pairs and two threes and two twos being the lowest ranking two pairs.

1 PAIR

Two cards of the same rank with two Aces being the highest ranking pair and two twos being the lowest ranking pair.

HIGH CARD

If none of the above are present, the winning hand is determined by the highest card with Ace being the highest ranking card and two being the lowest ranking card.

GLOSSARY OF POKER TERMS**ALL-IN**

A player who has no funds remaining after placing a wager.

BAD BEAT

One or more pre-designated high value Poker hands which, when held by a player as a losing hand in a round of play, shall result in a Bad Beat payout if the Bad Beat payout is eligible at that Poker table.

BAD BEAT PAYOUT

Jackpot award(s) that are payable to a player upon the occurrence of a Bad Beat.

BET

To place chips into the pot.

BLIND BET

Bets that must be made by one or more players sitting directly to the left of the dealer button which will start the action on the first round of betting. The blind bets are posted before any cards are dealt.

BUTTON (DEALER BUTTON)

A small round disk that is moved from player to player in a clockwise direction following each hand to indicate the dealer of each hand.

CALL

When a player chooses to match the previous bet.

CHECK

When it's a player's turn and he opts to not bet.

COMMUNITY CARDS

Cards that are face up on the table and used by all players.

FLOP

The first 3 community cards dealt face up on the table.

FOLD

Withdraw from a round of play and discard hand.

FORCED BET

A bet that is required by rule and must be made.

FOULED HAND

A hand of cards that either has an improper number of cards or has come into contact with the pile of discarded cards in such a way in which it is impossible to determine which cards are contained in the hand.

HOLE CARD

Any card dealt to a player face down.

KILL OPTION

In the game of Omaha High / Low, when one player wins an entire qualifying pot, the betting limits are twice the posted table wagering limits for the next hand and remain in effect until a pot is split between one player winning the high hand and another player winning the low hand, or until a pot does not equal or exceed the qualifying pot.

MUCK

To discard or throw away your hand. Also the pile of cards that are no longer in play.

OPTION

The big blind bet right to raise or check before the community cards are dealt.

POT

The chips in the center of the table that players are trying to win.

RAISE

To increase the previous bet.

RIVER

The last community card dealt face up on the table.

SHOWDOWN

The action of revealing the hands of each player in order to determine the winner of the pot.

SIDE POT

A separate pot formed when one or more players are All-In.

TURN

The 4th community card dealt face up on the table.

HOLD'EM POKER

Hold'em is the most popular variation of Live Poker that is played in casinos everywhere. Although learning how to play a game of Hold'em can seem difficult, the game itself is actually very simple, requiring just a few minutes to learn.

THE BASICS OF THE GAME

1. The dealer button will be positioned initially at the first seat to the right of the dealer to start, then rotated clockwise. The betting structure will be posted. The game starts with the two players to the left of the dealer button betting a predetermined amount of money so there is an initial amount to get things started for a pot. This is called posting the blind bet.
2. The dealer shuffles and cuts a standard deck of 52 playing cards.
3. Each player is dealt two cards face down. These are called your hole cards.
4. A round of betting starts with the person to the left of the two who posted the blind bets.
5. The amount a player can bet depends on what kind of game it is (see betting structures below). Like most games of Poker, players can call, raise, or fold. If a player 'calls,' he/she is simply matching the previous bet. If a player 'raises,' he/she must announce 'raise' and then at minimum, double the previous bet. If a player 'folds,' he/she surrenders their hand. This can be done by either announcing 'fold' to the dealer, or tossing their cards face down towards the middle of the table.

***Fixed Limit** The amount that can be bet is set, (ex: \$3 - \$6). In Hold'em, the amount that can be bet pre-flop or on the flop is the first number, so in a \$3/\$6 game, you'll be betting \$3 at a time. On the turn and river cards, the amount doubles. In that same \$3/\$6 game, players may bet \$6 at this time. There is a limit of three raises per betting round. The raise must match the initial bet. Raises are unlimited in heads-up play.

***No Limit** This is where you can bet any amount between the cost of the big blind and the amount of money you have at the table on any betting round. When two amounts are used in reference to a no limit game, (like \$3/\$6 no limit), the amounts are just the costs of the blinds and have no relationship to the amount that a

player can bet, except that the minimum bet will be the larger of those two numbers.

6. After the betting round ends, the dealer discards the top card of the deck. This is called a burn card.
7. The dealer then flips the next three cards face up on the table. These cards are called the flop. These are community cards that anyone can use in combination with their two hole cards to form a poker hand.
8. Another round of betting starts with the player to the left of the dealer button.
9. After the betting concludes, the dealer burns another card and flips another community card onto the table. This is called the turn card. Players can now use this card along with the previous three community cards to form a five card poker hand.
10. The player to the left of the dealer button begins another round of betting. In limit games, this is where the bet size must double.
11. The dealer burns a card and places a final community card face up on the table. This is called the river card. Players can now use any of the five community cards on the table and/or the two hole cards to form a five card Poker hand.
12. One final round of betting starts with the player to the left of the dealer button.
13. Once announced by the dealer, all of the players remaining in the game begin to reveal their hands, this is called a showdown. The player who was last to act (last to place a bet) must reveal their hand first.
14. Players use a combination of their hole cards and the community cards to form a Poker hand.
15. The player who shows the best hand wins! There are cases where players with equal hands share the winnings. This is known as a split pot.

16. If the best hand is the five community cards, the pot will be split between the remaining active players (those with cards). Players must show both of their hole cards to receive their share of the pot.
17. Players may not exchange information regarding their hand. Any violation may result in a 'dead hand.'

OMAHA

Omaha has become the second most popular variation of Live Poker played in a casino. The most commonly used words in Omaha are the same as those used in Hold'em, and the Poker Hand Rankings are the same.

THE BASICS OF THE GAME

1. The dealer button will be positioned initially at the first seat to the right of the dealer, then rotated clockwise. The betting structure will be posted. The game starts with the two players to the left of the dealer button placing a predetermined amount of money so there is an initial amount to get things started for a pot. This is called posting the blind bets.
2. The dealer shuffles and cuts a standard deck of 52 playing cards.
3. Each player is dealt four cards face down. These are called your hole cards.
4. A round of betting starts with the person to the left of the two who posted the blind bets. The amount a player can bet depends on what kind of game it is (see betting structures below). Like most games of Poker, players can call, raise, or fold. If a player 'calls,' he/she is simply matching the previous bet. If a player 'raises,' he/she must announce 'raise' and then at minimum, double the previous bet. If a player 'folds,' he/she surrenders their hand. This can be done by either announcing 'fold' to the dealer, or tossing their cards face down towards the middle of the table.

***Fixed Limit** The amount that can be bet is set, (ex: \$3 - \$6). In Omaha, the amount that can be bet pre-flop or on the flop is the first number, so in a \$3/\$6 game, you'll be betting \$3 at a time. On the turn and river cards, the amount doubles. In that same \$3/\$6 game, players may bet \$6 at this time. There is a limit of three raises per betting round. The raise must match the initial bet. Raises are unlimited in heads-up play.

Pot Limit Your minimum bet is equal to the size of the big blind bet and your maximum bet is equal to the 'pot.' To determine the maximum bet, count all the money in the pot and all the bets on the table, including any call you would make before raising.

5. After the betting round ends, the dealer discards the top card of the deck. This is called a burn card.
6. The dealer then flips the next three cards face up on the table. These cards are called the flop. These are community cards that anyone can use in combination with their four hole cards to form a poker hand.
7. Another round of betting starts with the player to the left of the dealer button.
8. After the betting concludes, the dealer burns another card and flips one more community card onto the table. This is called the turn card. Players can now use this card along with the previous three community cards to form a five card Poker hand.
9. The player to the left of the dealer button begins another round of betting. In limit games, this is where the bet size must double.
10. The dealer burns a card and places a final community card face up on the table. This is called the river.
11. Players MUST now use three of the five community cards on the table and two cards of their hole cards to form a five card Poker hand.
12. There is one final round of betting starting with the player to the left of the dealer button.
13. Once announced by the dealer, all of the players remaining in the game begin to reveal their hands. Players MUST use two of their hole cards and three community cards to form a Poker hand.
14. The player who shows the best hand wins! There are cases where players with equal hands share the winnings. This is known as a split pot.
15. In Omaha High Poker the player with the highest ranking five card Poker hand wins.

16. When playing HIGH/LOW Split 8 or Better, there may be two winners per pot if three or more community cards are valued at '8' or below. To claim the High hand, each player remaining shall form a five card Poker hand by using two of the four hole cards dealt to them and three of the five community cards to create the highest ranking Poker hand. To claim the Low 8 or better hand, each player remaining shall form a five card low Poker hand by using two of the four hole cards dealt to them and three of the five community cards. The low hand cannot contain pairs and no card value can be greater than 8. The player may form two different hands of five cards each, enabling that player to contend for both the high and low hand. The player with the HIGHEST ranking Poker hand would win half the pot, while the player with the LOWEST ranking Poker hand (8 or lower) would win the other half of the pot.
- a. The lowest hand MUST use two of their hole cards and three of the community cards.
 - b. The lowest hand cannot contain a pair (three of a kind; four of a kind; or a 9, 10, Jack, Queen or King).
 - c. An Ace can count as both HIGH and LOW when playing Omaha High/Low.
17. A player may claim a HIGH hand and LOW hand using the same 5 cards or other combinations of cards using two hole cards and three community cards (ex: Ace, 2, 3, 4, 5).
18. Players may not exchange information regarding their hand. Any violation may result in a 'dead hand.'

In case of a dispute, the decision of the Poker Room Supervisor or higher is final.

Updated 10/30/18

**presque isle
downs & casino**

If You or Someone You Know Has a Gambling Problem,
Help is Available. Call 1-800-GAMBLER.