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TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER



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What is Texas Hold'em?

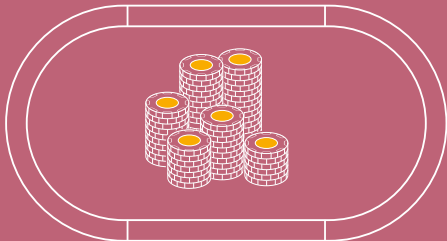
It is the most well-known poker game in the world.
You play **against other guests**, rather than against the house.

Each player is dealt **two face-down hole cards**.
These are then combined with the **five community cards**
in the centre of the table.

In this game, the casino does not take on the role of banker,
so a commission applies.

The aim of the game

The aim is to win the **pot** (all bets) – either with the **best five-card poker hand** or because all other players fold.



The table and positions

Texas Hold'em is played at a table with **2 to 10 players**.

All players compete **against each other**.

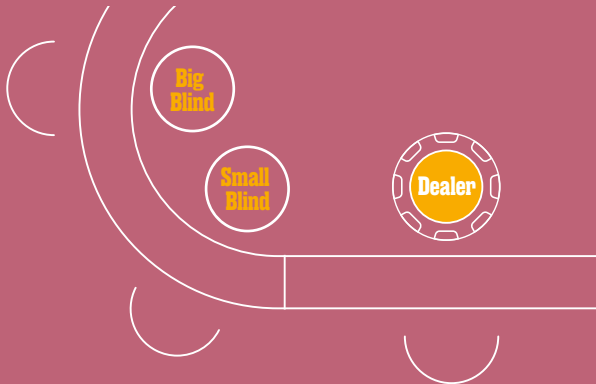
The dealer runs the game and deals the cards.

Dealer button: The dealer button indicates the position that receives the cards last. This position is nominal, since the dealer still deals the cards.

Small blind: This is a mandatory bet placed by the player to the left of the dealer button before the cards are dealt. This ensures that there is money in the pot at the start of each hand.

Big blind: The big blind is also a mandatory bet. It is placed by the player to the left of the small blind.

After each hand, the dealer button and the small and big blinds move one position clockwise.



Game flow

The game is played in three phases.

1. Pre-flop: betting & cards

Two players place the mandatory bets: **the small blind** and **the big blind**.

Each player is then dealt **two face-down hole cards**.

The first betting round then begins. Starting with the player to the left of the big blind, each player decides whether to call, raise or fold.

Once all players have placed their bets and the betting is even, the next round begins with the flop.

2. The betting rounds

Up to **three further betting rounds** follow:

Flop: Three face-up cards are placed in the middle.

Players can now bet, call, raise or fold.

Turn: A fourth face-up card is added.

Another betting round follows.

River: The fifth and final face-up card is revealed.

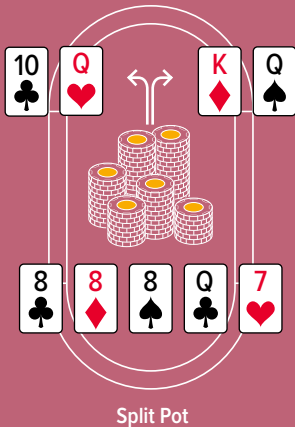
Players can place bets one last time.

3. Showdown

After the final betting round, any remaining players reveal their cards. Once this round is over and all bets have been matched, the player with the **best poker hand** wins the entire pot.

In Texas Hold'em, the **best five-card hand** wins. This can consist of **two hole cards**, the **five community cards**, or a **combination of both**.

If several players have equally strong hands, the pot is split **(split pot)**.



Player actions

Check: If nobody has bet yet, you can continue without placing a bet. Alternatively, lightly tapping the table can indicate that you are not betting.

Bet: If nobody has bet before you, you place the first bet.

Call: If another player has already bet, you must bet the same amount to stay in the game.

Raise: You increase an opponent's bet.

Fold: You give up your cards and drop out of the current round. Any bets you have already placed will be taken.

Hand Rankings



Royal Flush

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



Straight Flush

Five consecutive cards
of the same suit



Four of a Kind

Four cards of the same rank



Full House

Three of a kind plus a pair



Flush

Five cards of
the same suit



Straight

Five consecutive cards
of different suits



Three of a Kind

Three cards of the same rank



Two Pairs

Two separate pairs



One Pair

Two cards of the same rank



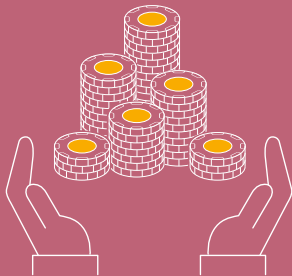
High Card

The highest card wins if no other hand combination is made

All-in: all or nothing

If a player goes all-in, they put all their remaining chips in at once. They cannot place any further bets after that, but they remain in the current round.

The remaining community cards are then dealt one by one into the centre of the table until all five cards are face up. Once this is done, the player with the best hand is declared the winner.



All-in (side pot)

If there are three or more players in a round and only one player goes all-in, an additional pot is created, known as the side pot.

The player who went all-in can only win the portion of the pot that they have contributed chips to. They have no further influence on betting, but remain in the round until the showdown.

The remaining players continue the game as normal, playing for an additional pot. Eventually, the player who went all-in can only win their own pot, while the other players can also win the side pot depending on their cards.

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Glossary

- **Blind (small blind/big blind):** The mandatory bets placed by two players at the beginning of each hand.
- **Pot:** The total amount of money bet by all players during a round of a game.
- **Hole cards:** The two face-down cards that each player receives (also known as private cards).
- **Community cards:** The five face-up cards in the centre of the table that all players use (also known as shared cards).

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