



Texas Hold 'Em is a game of strategy and bluffing. Players play against each other and the house serves only to run game.

Terminology

Hand: Refers to the players cards for the round of play.

Blind: A chip amount set by the table

Small Blind: The player left to the dealer. They must pay half the blind amount at the start of the hand.

Big Blind: The player left to the small blind. They must pay the full blind amount at the start of the hand.

Dealer: Refers to a player marked by a 'dealer button' as the dealer and not as the one dealing the cards.

Check: When a player is not raising the bet.

Call: When a player is matching the current bet.

Raise: When a player is increasing the current bet.

Fold: When a player forfeits their hand and current bet.

All In: A player who has bet all his chips.

Hole Cards: The two cards dealt to a player at the start of a hand.

Flop: The first three cards dealt.






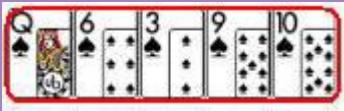
Turn: The first additional card dealt

River: The second and final additional card dealt.

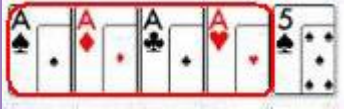




Poker Hands and Their Ranks

Players in Texas Hold 'Em are trying to win each round by having the best hand. The following explains the rank of the hands.

Hand	Rank	Description	Example	
High Card	1	The highest valued card of the hand	10♠ is the high card	
Pair	2	Two cards of the same value	A pair of kings	
Two Pair	3	Two different valued pairs	A pair of jacks and a pair of aces	
Three-of-a-Kind	4	Three cards of the same value	A three-of-a-kind with queens	
Straight	5	A five card hand composed of consecutive cards	A five to nine straight	
Flush	6	A five card hand composed of cards of the same suit	A flush with spades	



Full House	7	A five card hand composed of a three-of-a-kind and a pair	A three-of-a-kind with kings and a pair of sixes	
Four-of-a-Kind	8	Four cards of the same value	Four aces	
Straight Flush	9	A straight composed of cards from the same suit	A straight flush from five to nine in hearts	
Royal Flush	10	A straight flush composed of a 10, Jack, Queen, King and Ace of the same suit	A royal flush in clubs	

The hand with the higher rank is the winner.

Example

Hand 1 (Pair of 10's)

10♠ 10♣ 7♥ K♣ 2♥

Hand 2 (Full House)

K♦ K♠ K♥ 4♣ 8♣

- The two hands are compared and the winner is determined by the rank
 - Hand 1: Pair of 10's – Rank 2



- **Hand 2: Full House – Rank 7**
- **Hand two has the higher rank and therefore is the winner**

In the case of a tie, the highest card from each will be compared, with the highest being the winner. If these two are a tie, the next highest card will be used and this process repeated until a winner is decided. If all five cards are the same, the two hands are a tie.

Example

Hand 1 (Pair of 10's)

10♠ 10♣ 7♥ K♣ 2♥

Hand 2 (Pair of 10's)

10♥ 10♦ K♦ Q♣ 4♣

- **The two hands are compared**
 - **Hand 1: Pair of 10's – Rank 2**
 - **Hand 2: Pair of 10's – Rank 2**
- **The two hands are equal, so the first highest card values in each hand are compared**
 - **Hand 1 – King**
 - **Hand 2 – King**
- **The first highest cards are equal, so the second highest from each hand are compared**
 - **Hand 1 – 10**
 - **Hand 2 – Queen**
- **Hand 2 has the larger second highest card and is therefore the winner**

Making a Hand in Texas Hold 'Em

Each player is dealt two cards at the start of the game. By the end of the game there will also be five “community cards”. Each player will make a five card hand using both their two cards and the five community cards. Players can use the same community cards for their hand, but not cards from the hands of other players. At the end of the game, the player with the best five card hand wins.



Playing The Game

- 1. Play begins with the small blind (first player left of the dealer) and big blind (first player left of the small blind) paying the blinds. Small blind pays half the blind and big blind plays the full blind.**
- 2. Cards are then dealt face down one at a time to each player, starting at the dealers left and moving around clockwise twice until each player has two cards. Players are permitted to look at their own cards.**
- 3. Starting at the player left to the big blind players will make bets.**
 - Betting will continue in clockwise motion.**
 - A player must at least match (or call) the largest bet on the table.**
 - Players may raise the bet. The value of the raise must be at least equal to the value of the blind.**
 - A player cannot re-raise their own bet.**
 - Betting continues on until every player has either folded or has a bet equal to the highest on the table.**
- 4. Once all bets are placed they are collected from each player and placed in the pot. A card from the top of the deck is discarded (burned) and then the next three cards (the flop) are placed on the table.**
- 5. Betting takes places once again, this time starting from the first player to the dealer's left.**
- 6. Once all bets are placed they will be collected. A card from the top of the deck is discarded (burned) and then the next card (the turn) is placed on the table with the flop.**
- 7. Betting takes places once again, starting from the first player to the dealer's left.**
- 8. Once all bets are placed they are collected from each player. A card from the top of the deck is discarded (burned) and then the next card (the river) is placed on the table with the flop and the turn.**
- 9. A final round of betting takes places, starting from the first player to the dealer's left.**
- 10. The player with the best hand wins and collects the pot.**



Other Notes

- **New Players:**
 - **A new player is permitted to join a game if the majority of players agree**
 - **A new player cannot sit in such a position that it would cause another player to end up being a small blind twice or a big blind twice.**
 - **Therefore a new player should not sit in between the dealer and small blind or the small blind and big blind.**
- **All In**
 - **A player may bet all their chips by declaring “All In”**
 - **A player may also be “all in” if they do not have enough chips to check a raise. In this case two pots will now be made**
 - **A pot will be made consisting of the original pot and then all the bets equal to the all in player**
 - **A second pot will be made with the remainder of the other players bets.**
 - **There can be multiple split pots and a player is only permitted to play for the pots in which they have bet in.**

Example

If three players have bet \$100 and a fourth player only has \$50 then and the pot from previous bets is at \$500 (Pot 1):

- **The fourth player will declare all in.**
- **The previous bets (Pot 1) all go into a new pot (Pot 2)**
- **\$50 from each player will then go into this new pot (Pot 2)**
- **The remaining \$50 from the other 3 players will go into their own pot (Pot 3).**
- **At the end of the game:**
 - **The fourth player will compare his hands with the others. If he wins, he will take all of Pot 2, but nothing from Pot 3**
 - **Pot 3 will go to player with the highest hand amongst the other three players.**