

Texas Hold'em rules



Number of players in a table: 2-9

Cards: Standard deck of 52 playing cards

1. Texas Hold'em can be played by a group from 2 to 9 people at a single table.
2. The game begins with two players or more, left of the dealer, placing an initial bet. This is called **posting the blinds**. In Texas Hold'em, there are no antes but forced bets, or **blinds**, are used.
3. Every round, one player receives the dealer button and is called the 'dealer' (regardless of whether he or she actually deals the cards or not). The dealer button is rotated one player clockwise every hand.
4. The two players left to the dealer have to pay the **small blind** and **big blind** respectively. These forced bets are pre-determined in size and have to be paid before the cards are dealt.
5. The person to the left of the dealer posts a bet called the small blind, which is usually equal to half of the minimum bet.
6. The person to the left of the small blind posts the **big blind**, which is equal to the full minimum bet.
7. The dealer shuffles one full deck of 52 playing cards. (In a Texas Hold'em game, a disc or other marker is used to indicate which person is the "dealer" for the round.).

8. Every player receives two cards face down (the 'hole cards'), starting with the player to the left of the dealer going clockwise and with one card at a time.
9. The first betting round starts with the player directly to the left of the big blind going clockwise. Every player has the option to fold, call or raise.
10. After the first betting round, the dealer then flips the next three cards face up on the table. These cards are called **the flop**. These are communal cards that anyone can use in combination with their two pocket cards to form a poker hand.
11. A second round of betting takes place starting with the player seated directly to the left of the dealer button going clockwise. Every player can choose to check, bet, fold, call or raise (the last two only when a player has bet in front).
12. After the flop comes **the turn**. There are now four community cards on the table.
13. Another round of betting starts similar to the betting round on the flop.
14. The turn is followed by **the river**. Again, it is turn for the fifth cards are faced up on the table.
15. The last betting round follows. This betting round is similar to the betting rounds on the flop and the turn.

16. After this round of betting, all of the players remaining in the game begin to reveal their hands. This begins with the player to the left of the last player to call. It's called the showdown.
17. If two or more players have the same hand, the next highest card in the player's hand is used to break a tie. This is called the kicker.
18. If there is no kicker card and the tied players have used both hole cards, or have the exact same hand, then the pot is split between them
19. **Any five cards will be picked by the machine to make the player's best five cards hand, and these five cards consist of two cards from player's hole cards and three cards from five community cards.**
20. The dealer button is then passed clockwise to the next player and another round of playing begins.

The ranking of hands in Hold'em or Omaha is the same as almost every other poker variant:

Poker Ranking of the Hands (From highest to lowest)

	1. Royal Flush: Ace, King, Queen, Jack, 10 in the same suit.		6. Straight: Five cards in sequence, but not in the same suit.
	2. Straight Flush: A five card sequence in the same suit.		7. Three of a Kind: Three cards with the same value.
	3. Four of a Kind: Four cards of the same value.		8. Two Pair: Two pairs of cards.
	4. Full House: One pair and three of a kind.		9. One Pair: One pair of cards.
	5. Flush: Five cards of the same suit, but not in sequence.		10. If the hand has no other combination, its worth is determined by the highest card in the hand.