



# RULES FOR PLAY – TEXAS HOLD'EM

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- The player to the left of the dealer's button places the small blind which will be a stipulated amount. The player seated second from the dealer's left places the big blind which will be double the small blind. Players must only blind bet in turn. In tournament play there are no optional third or live blinds.
- The cards are dealt clockwise round the table starting with the player in the small blind position.
- Each player will receive two cards both dealt face down.
- After the initial deal has been completed, betting will commence with the player to the left of the big blind, who must call, raise, or pass (fold).
- Betting continues round the table until all players have called or folded.
- After the first round betting has been completed, any discarded hands are collected together and kept separately from the deck. The top card of the deck is considered "dead" and is burned; face down in the centre of the table. The next three cards ("the flop") are then turned face up in the centre of the table.
- The second round of betting starts with the first active player to the dealer's left.
- On this and all further rounds of betting a check is permitted until a player makes a bet.
- After the second round of betting has been completed again the top card of the deck is "dead" and burned and the fourth card ("the Turn") is dealt and placed in the centre of the table.
- The third round of betting commences, following the same rules as for the previous round.
- On completion of the third round of betting, the top card of the deck is "dead" and burned and the fifth and final card (the "River") is turned and placed in centre of table.
- The final round of betting now commences and once the last person has bet/checked, there is a show-down to find the winning hand. All players involved turn their cards face up. The best five card Poker hand wins. The dealer is responsible for awarding the pot.
- The winning hand rankings are detailed below – highest first:
  - Straight Flush
  - Four of a Kind
  - Full House
  - Flush
  - Straight
  - Three of a Kind
  - Two Pairs
  - One Pair
  - High Card(A kicker or highest other card(s) will determine the winner of equal hands. Ace is high.)