HOW TO PLAY TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER

In HOLD 'EM, players receive two down cards as their personal hand (hole cards), after which there is a round of betting. Three board cards are turned simultaneously (called the flop) and another round of betting occurs. The next two board cards are turned one at a time, with a round of betting after each card. The board cards are community cards, and a player can use any five-card combination from among the board and personal cards. A player can even use all of the board cards and no personal cards to form a hand ("play the board"). A dealer button is used. The usual structure is to use two blinds, but it is possible to play the game with one blind, multiple blinds, and ante or combination of blinds plus an ante.



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ROUNDS OF BETTING

- I. OPENING DEAL Each player is dealt two cards face down, which are known as hole cards or pocket cards.
- 2. FIRST ROUND OF BETTING Starting with the player to the left of the big blind, each player can call the big blind, raise or fold. The big blind has the option to raise an otherwise unraised pot.
- 3. THE FLOP The dealer burns a card, and then deals three community cards face up. The first three cards are referred to as the flop, while all of the community cards are collectively called the board.
- 4. SECOND ROUND OF BETTING Starting with the player to the left of the dealer button, each player can check or bet. Once a bet has been made, each player can raise, call or fold.
- 5. THE TURN The dealer burns another card, and then adds a fourth card face-up to the community cards. This fourth card is known as the turn card, or fourth street.
- 6. THIRD ROUND OF BETTING It follows the same format as the second round, but the size of the bets has usually doubled in limit games.
- 7. THE RIVER The dealer burns another card, and then adds a fifth and final card, or fifth street.
- 8. FINAL ROUND OF BETTING It follows the same format as the second and third rounds.
- 9. THE SHOWDOWN Using the best five-card combination of their hole cards and the community cards, the remaining players show their hands, with the bettor or last raiser showing first. The highest five-card hand wins the pot. (In the case of a tie, the pot is evenly split among the winning hands.)

OMAHA

Omaha is similar to TEXAS HOLD-EM in using a three card flop on the board, a fourth board card, and then a fifth board card, all five cards known as community cards. Each player is dealt four hole cards (instead of two) at the start. The betting rounds are the same as TEXAS HOLD-EM. In order to make a hand count or play after all betting rounds are completed the player must use two hole cards and three board cards. At showdown all four hole cards must be shown to receive the pot.

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