



❧ HOW TO PLAY TEXAS HOLD'EM ❧

Texas Hold'em has recently become one of the most popular card games to play at any casino. Though it may seem confusing, the game follows a simple set of rules that can be learned by anyone. The game relies on a combination of strategy AND luck which can make it more interesting than other games. The goal is to win as many hands as possible, thereby increasing your chip stack.

Structure

- The game is played with at least two and up to 10 players per table
- The game starts with each player receiving two cards face down
- An initial round of betting occurs
- "FLOP" - The dealer then places three community cards face up in the middle
- Another round of betting occurs
- "TURN" - A fourth community card is placed face up in the middle
- Another round of betting occurs
- "RIVER" - A fifth community card is placed face up in the middle
- A final round of betting occurs
- Anyone left in the hand will turn their cards face up for a showdown
- The player with the best 5 card hand out of their 2 and the 5 community cards wins the pot
- In the case of a tie, the pot is split between the winners

Blinds

- Two forced bets or "Blinds" are wagered before any cards are dealt on the table
- The players responsible for the "Blinds" are predetermined by the position of the dealer button
- The dealer button moves clockwise one position after each hand is finished
- The "Big Blind" amount is determined by the dealer or director and can raise over time
- The "Small Blind" is usually equal to half of the "Big Blind"

Betting Round

- After the initial two cards are dealt, the player to the left of the big blind acts first
- The player has the option to "Call", "Raise" or "Fold"
- If a player "calls" he must match the previous players bet (or blind) with his own chips
- If a player "raises" he can wager any amount of at least double or greater than the previous bet
- If a player does not have double the amount of chips to raise he can bet "All-in"
- An "All-in" occurs when a player bets all of his remaining chips
- If a player "folds" he throws away his cards and loses only the chips which have been wagered
- After the "Flop", the player has a new option to "Check"
- If a player "checks", he does not bet any chips, but stays in the hand
- A player can only "check" if no previous bets have been made during the betting round
- All other bets must be equal to or greater than the current "Big Blind"
- After a player has decided which option he chooses, the next player makes his choice
- A betting round ends when all players have "checked", "folded" or "called" the highest raise

Winning

- Any player left at the showdown can show their cards. The player with the best hand wins the pot. Please refer to the DAD's Poker Night "Poker hand ranking card" to determine the best hands