

TEXAS HOLD'EM

Hold'em varieties follow this basic format.

ANTE

You place an initial bet, called an ante, to signal that you are playing this hand.

HOLE

Each player is dealt two cards face down ("the hole"). This is followed by a round of betting, during which you can either fold, check, or raise your bet.

THE FLOP

Three community cards are dealt face up ("the flop"), followed by another round of betting.

THE TURN

A fourth community card ("the turn") is dealt face up, followed by more betting.

THE RIVER

Finally, a fifth community card is dealt face up, followed by a last round of betting.

PEARL OF GAMESENSE

Poker can get intense. Taking frequent breaks can **keep you fresh** and help you make good decisions.

HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS?

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Straight facts about POKER



Get flush with the facts.

This game guide is meant as an introduction. The official rules are available at: massgaming.com/rules



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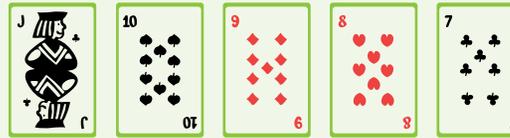
KNOW THESE like the back of your hand.

The following hands are common to all types of poker. Ranked from high to low:

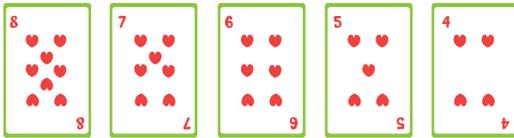
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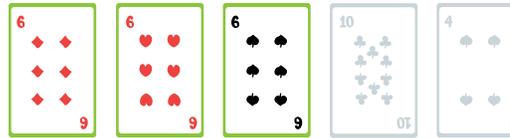
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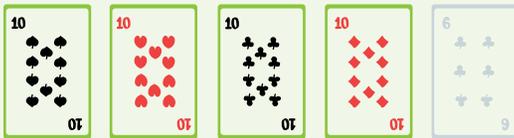
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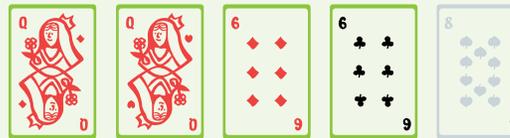
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3 FOUR OF A KIND



8 TWO PAIR



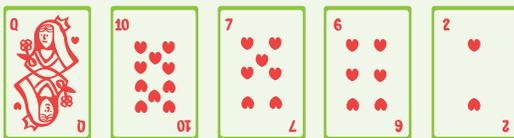
4 FULL HOUSE



9 PAIR



5 FLUSH



TERMS YOU'LL NEED TO KNOW

Blind Bet

In some forms of poker, players sitting at certain spots on the table will have to make a wager before seeing any cards

Call

To make a wager equal to the amount of the wager made immediately prior

Check

To waive the right to start betting, while retaining the right to act if another player begins to betting

Fold

To refuse to call a raise; the player leaves the hand and discards his or her cards

Raise

To make a wager higher than the last bet

TYPES OF POKER

Stud

In stud poker games like Five Card Stud and Seven Card Stud, players are dealt some cards face up and some cards face down.

Omaha High Poker

Similar to games like Texas Hold'Em, players are dealt 4 cards face down, and combine 2 of their cards with community cards in order to make the best hand.