

HOW TO PLAY

# Texas Hold 'em Poker



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In this guide, we will explain the basic rules of Texas Hold ‘em Poker. However, should you require any more information or have any questions, our friendly Casino Staff are always on hand to help you and give you advice.

ENJOY THE GAME AND HAVE FUN!

## TEXAS HOLD ‘EM POKER

Poker seems to have originated from the 16th century Persian card game known as “As Nas”. The game was similar to modern 5 card stud. While Poker’s origins may lie in Persia, it truly developed in the United States. Those responsible for Poker’s initial boom were professional gamblers, trying to expand their craft.



## THE AIM OF THE GAME

The aim of Texas Hold 'em Poker is not to beat the house, but to beat your fellow players.

## THE TABLE

Texas Hold 'em is a variation of the standard card game of Poker and requires a minimum of 2 players to play, up to a maximum of 10 per table.

## THE DEAL

Two cards are dealt face down to each player and then five community cards are placed directly in front of the Dealer. The first 3 dealt face up are known as “the flop”, the fourth card, known as “the turn”, and the fifth card, known as “the river”, are also dealt face up. Players have the option to check, bet, raise or fold after each deal, i.e. betting may occur prior to “the flop”, “on the flop”, “on the turn”, and “on the river”.

## THE PLAY

The object is to make the best five card Poker hand; the winning hand will be the highest ranking five card hand consisting of any 5 card combination from the five community cards and the player's two hole cards. The player's hole cards do not need to be included in the combination.

## WHO WINS

The best hand will win the pot, which is made up of all the money bet by all the players in the game. After a winner(s) has been determined the casino will then deduct the commission (rake) from the pot and then another hand will commence.

## COMMISSION (RAKE)

- The rake is 5%.
- No rake is taken if the hand does not reach “the flop”.
- The dealer will advise if the rake has a capped value or if there is a minimum pot where no rake is taken.

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