

Terms used

ALL IN - To bet the remaining amount of a player's table stake.

BLIND BET - Compulsory bets placed prior to the deal of the hole cards.

BUCK - A marker used to indicate the last player to receive their hole cards in a round of play.

CALL - To make a wager equal to the total wager placed by a previous player.

CHECK - If no opening bet is made in the second, third and final round of betting, no other player is required to bet.

COMMUNAL CARDS - The cards dealt to the centre of the table, which may be used by all players to form a hand.

FOLDS - A player who no longer wishes to continue with their hand may pass their cards to the dealer and take no further part in the round of play.

HOLE CARDS - The original two cards dealt to each player.

POT - The total of all wagers placed by players in a round of play.

RAISE - A bet made that is greater than the amount of the previous wager made.

STRING BETTING - A player does not place their entire wager in one movement and does not verbally announce their intentions.

The Reef Hotel Casino Code of Conduct

All players must adhere to The Reef Hotel Casino Code of Conduct as failure to do so may result in the player being asked to vacate the poker area.

Any decision made by The Reef Hotel Casino in respect to violations of the code of conduct shall be final.

Players are required to make a decision on their hand within acceptable time limits.

Players must ensure they do not show their cards, either deliberately or inadvertently, to another player.

If a player becomes aware of another player's cards then all players must be shown those cards.

Players are not to communicate information to another player in respect to the cards whether the cards are active or inactive.

Players are expected to keep all chips visible on the table while playing and are not to remove or add to any part of their table stake unless allowed by the rules.

During a round of play only English must be spoken.

Players not involved in the game should remain quiet and not comment on the continuing round of play in any manner.

Conversations considered to be disruptive to other players, during a round of play, will not be tolerated.

Players must also ensure that they do not display any form of body language that could be construed as communication with another player.

If a player observes an error being made, they must inform the dealer.

Players should announce their intention in respect to their hand. All wagers declared must be placed in one motion.

'String betting' will not be tolerated.

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How to Play Texas Hold 'em Poker

Texas Hold 'em Poker has developed into one of the most popular and widely played poker games around the world. The game requires skill and strategy to win and now you have the opportunity to test your abilities against other players.

The Game

Texas Hold 'em Poker is played at a table with up to 10 players at a time.

Each new player joining the game must start with a table stake within the table limits.

Prior to the hand being played two designated players are required to make a blind bet. These players are located to the left of the buck. These players are required to make a wager in accordance with the table limits.

Each player is then dealt 2 cards. A round of betting commences.

Each person in turn from the last blind bet may fold, call or raise.

In all further rounds of betting, the first active player to the left of the buck will be the first to act on their hand and may check or bet. If the player checks then all other players may check. Players are required to fold, call or raise once any player has placed a bet.

At the completion of the first round of betting three cards are dealt face up - This is called "The Flop" and is followed by a second round of betting.

Another card is dealt face up - This is called "The Turn" followed by another round of betting.

A final card called "The River" is dealt face up and the final round of betting is completed.

The winning hand consists of the best 5 card hand formed from the player's 2 hole cards and the 5 communal cards.

Players are required to place an equal amount into the pot for each betting round for them to continue in the game with the exception of a player going "All In" with insufficient funds to call the previous wagers.

If in any round of betting a player goes "All In" but has insufficient funds to match the previous wagers placed, the player will only be entitled to the pot formed that is covered by that player's total wagers.

The player will not be eligible to any other subsequent pots formed in the round of play.

The Reef Casino will either charge a prepaid participation fee or commission from the winning pot(s) for the purposes of conducting the game.

ROYAL FLUSH: eg A♠ K♠ Q♠ J♠ 10♠

The highest hand in Texas Hold 'em Poker —the top five cards in the deck (10, Jack, Queen, King, Ace), all in the same suit.

STRAIGHT FLUSH: J♥ 10♥ 9♥ 8♥ 7♥

Five consecutive cards of the same suit, other than a Royal Flush. (The Ace may also be counted as one.)

FOUR OF A KIND: 9♥ 9♣ 9♦ 9♠ Q♣

Any four cards of the same face value, plus any other odd card.

FULL HOUSE: J♣ J♦ J♠ 7♥ 7♣

Any three cards of the same face value, plus any other two cards of the same face value other than the face value of the first 3 cards.

FLUSH: K♣ J♣ 10♣ 8♣ 7♣

Any five cards of the same suit, but not running consecutively in face value.

STRAIGHT: A♣ K♦ Q♣ J♥ 10♥

Five cards, of two or more suits running consecutively in face value.

THREE OF A KIND: 10♣ 10♦ 10♠ 9♣ 7♥

Any three cards of the same face value, plus any other two odd cards.

TWO PAIRS: J♦ J♥ 10♠ 10♦ 8♥

Any two cards of the same face value, plus another two cards of the same face value (but different from the first pair), plus any other odd card.

ONE PAIR: K♠ K♦ Q♣ 9♥ 8♦

Any two cards of the same face value, plus any other three odd cards.

