

# EXACT POKER BASICS

A „must have” poker guide for every amateurs!

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„The golden rule is never, ever reveal your hand before the end of play”

„There's only one thing in poker worse than a bad loser- a bad winner ”

## Standard rules of Poker

### The deck of cards.

A standard deck of 52 cards is used, sometimes with the addition of two jokers that are included in the pack. Typically, Poker is a game played with one deck, although in clubs or any organised games, two decks of contrasting colours may be used to speed up play. While one deck is being dealt, the other is being shuffled and prepared for the next hand. While the new hand is being dealt, the previous dealer will collect the cards, shuffle them and place them to his left. When a new hand must be dealt, this deck is passed on to the new dealer. In more professional games, where two decks are in use, the left-hand opponent of the dealer cuts the deck for the next hand. This prevents, that the mixing of the cards and the cut of the deck are done by the same player.

In gambling casinos, clubs and at all professional games, any player may ask for a new pack of cards at any time. When new cards are being introduced they must be in a mint condition, that is sealed in their original packaging. The seal is broken and the cellophane removed in full view of all players.

### Dealing cards.

Except in casinos, where the house is the dealer, each player deals a hand in turn. As with all transactions in Poker, dealing is done in a  
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**Ain't misbehavin' (attitude at poker table).**

Like they told you in high school, a few good manners never did anyone any harm, and when it comes to poker, a bit of grace can take you a long way. It's not about being nice, it's about being canny - you're out to win, and courtesy is just another tactic

LET'S BEGIN WITH A CONFESSION. We don't always behave ourselves. In fact, we've been known to cause the odd scuffle in our time. And we're certainly not advocating that you behave at the poker table as if you're dining out with your grandparents. Far from it. We  
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## **Texas Hold'em.**

### **About...**

Texas Hold'em is one of the most dramatic and popular varieties of poker in the world, and it seems like everywhere you turn there is another show, another website, or another article dedicated to the subject. But, how do you play the game? How does it differ from classic poker games, such as Five Card Draw? And what exactly is a Flop, anyway? This article will walk you through a Texas Hold'em game from start to finish, you will learn Texas Hold'em poker rules, and by the end you will be ready to "Shuffle Up and Deal!"

A full Texas Hold'em table typically has nine or ten players; any less and the game may be referred to as short handed. To determine who begins the game a single card is dealt to each player; high card will be the first dealer. The dealer position is indicated by a white plastic chip referred to as the button, which is also what the dealer position is called, sometimes referred to as being on the button. After each round of play, sometimes called a hand, the dealer button rotates to the left, ensuring that everyone gets to play in this and all other positions.

### **Concise rules.**

Texas Hold'em couldn't be any easier. The two players to the left of the dealer post the small and big blinds to get the betting started. (Blinds are forced bets you have to make to stay at the table, otherwise everyone would fold until they were sitting on a monster.) Then

everyone gets dealt two cards face down (known as the hole cards). From here, the first round of betting takes place, purely on the strength of these two cards, starting to the left of the big blind and continuing clockwise until everyone has matched the bet (currently the big blind but this can go up with a raise) or folded their cards.

### Community cards

Then a card's burnt (dealt face down to avoid anyone cheating by playing with a marked deck) and you get what's known as the flop, the first three community cards, dealt face up, that everyone can use to make a hand. There's another round of betting, starting to the left of the dealer (or button), before the turn card, and another before the river and final round of betting. If there's still more than one player in the hand, the cards are revealed and the pot awarded to the player with the best hand.

based on a ranking system (see right). More often than not, the first two rounds of Texas Hold'em are played without cards being shown.

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