

Learn the many faces of POKER



How to play, the payouts and more.



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HOW POKER works



Everyone knows poker but not everyone knows how to play poker. Even those who think they know how to play usually have a lot to learn.

HOW TO PLAY POKER

The objective of poker is to finish the game with a poker hand of the highest value. When playing table poker in a casino, you only need to have a better hand than the dealer, not all the other players at your table. Some casinos have separate poker rooms where you play against other players.

POKER HANDS, FROM HIGHEST TO LOWEST VALUE

1. **Royal Flush** A, K, Q, J, 10, all the same suit.
2. **Straight Flush** Five cards in a sequence, all in the same suit.
3. **Four of a Kind** All four cards of the same rank.
4. **Full House** Three of a kind with a pair.
5. **Flush** Any five cards of the same suit but not in a sequence.
6. **Straight** Five cards in a sequence but not of the same suit.
7. **Three of a Kind** Three cards of the same rank.

8. **Two Pair** Two different pairs.
9. **Pair** Two cards of the same rank.
10. **High Card** When you haven't made any of the hands above, the highest card plays. In the example below, the Jack plays as the highest card.

POKER PAYOUTS

Each variation of poker is different but generally speaking, you're paid even money if you win. If you bet \$10, you win \$10. If you tie the dealer, sometimes it's a push and you keep your bet and sometimes you lose your money. Many variations of poker have optional side bets that pay different odds depending on your hand.

READY
TO PLAY?

WHAT KIND OF POKER would you like to play?



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ULTIMATE TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER.

Ultimate fun awaits.

Create the best five-card poker hand possible, using two cards you're dealt in combination with the five community cards. You only have to beat the dealer's hand to win, not the other players at the table. The game is played with one standard 52-card deck.

HERE'S THE DEAL

- The earlier you bet, the more you can bet.
- You don't have to fold until you see all the community cards.

LET'S PLAY

1. Place equal bets for the ante and blind.
You can also add an optional trips bonus bet.
2. The dealer deals two cards to each player and to himself, all face down.
3. You can either check, or make a "play" wager, which must be three or four times your ante.
4. The dealer reveals the three-card flop. If you have not yet made a play wager, you can do so now by betting double your ante. Or you can simply check.
5. The dealer reveals the final two community cards. If you have not yet made a play wager, you must either fold or make a play wager equal to your ante.
If you have already made a play wager, you can't make another.
6. Create your best hand using any of your two cards and the community cards and compare it to the dealer's.

PAYOUTS

The dealer needs at least a pair to qualify. Here are the payout options.

DEALER DOES NOT QUALIFY	
Your hand is better than the dealer's.	Play bet pays 1 to 1. Ante bet is a push.
Dealer's hand is better than yours.	Play and blind bet will lose, Ante bet is push.
DEALER QUALIFY	
Your hand is better and you have less than a straight.	Play and ante bets pay 1 to 1. Blind bet is a push.
Your hand is better and you have a straight or better.	Play and ante bets pay 1 to 1. Blind bet pays, according to pay table.
Dealer's hand is better.	Play, ante, blind bets lose.
Your hand is equal to the dealer's.	All bets push.
Your final five-card hand is a three of a kind or better.	Trips bonus bet pays, according to pay table.

Blind Payout

HAND VALUE	PAYOUT
Royal Flush	500 to 1
Straight Flush	50 to 1
Four of a Kind	10 to 1
Full House	3 to 1
Flush	3 to 2
Straight	1 to 1

*Pay tables may vary at the casino

Trips Payout Schedule

HAND VALUE	PAYOUT
Royal Flush	50 to 1
Straight Flush	40 to 1
Four of a Kind	30 to 1
Full House	8 to 1
Flush	6 to 1
Straight	5 to 1
Three of a Kind	3 to 1

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THREE CARD POKER.

As easy as 1-2-3.

Play three-card poker against the dealer, or bet that you'll get a pair or better in your three-card hand. Or do both at once.

LET'S PLAY

1. Make an **ante** wager and optional "pair plus" wager.
2. The dealer deals each player three cards and takes three, face down.
3. After looking at your three-card hand, you can fold. You'd forfeit your ante but the pair plus wager can still win, if you made one.
4. To keep playing against the dealer, place a "play" bet equal to your ante.
5. Compare your three-card hand to the dealer's.

PAYOUTS

The dealer needs at least a Queen to qualify. If your hand beats the dealer's qualifying hand, you win even money on both the ante and play wagers. Your ante bet pays a bonus according to the payout table.

If your hand ties the dealer's qualifying hand, both the play and ante wagers are a push. If you made a pair plus bet and your hand contains a pair or better, you win, according to the pair plus pay table.

If the dealer doesn't qualify, you win even money on the ante wager and the play wager is a push.



ANTE BONUS PAYOUTS	BONUS PAYOUT
Straight Flush	5 to 1
Three of a Kind	4 to 1
Straight	1 to 1

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To play based on your cards only, not against the dealer's hand.

- Make a "pair plus" wager.
- The dealer deals you three cards.
- If your hand contains a pair or better, you win, according to the pay table.

PAIR PLUS PAYOUT	BONUS PAYOUT
Straight Flush	40 to 1
Three of a Kind	30 to 1
Straight	5 to 1
Flush	4 to 1
Pair	1 to 1

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FOUR CARD POKER.

Four out of five ain't bad.

In Four Card Poker, you get five cards to make your best four-card hand but the dealer gets six cards to make a four-card hand. You can play against the dealer, “aces up” or both.

3 WAYS TO PLAY

- 1 **Against the Dealer** – Make an ante bet to play against the dealer’s hand. The best four-card hand wins. On a tie, you win.
- 2 **Aces Up** – Place a bet on the aces up spot. You win when you’re dealt a pair of aces or better, even if the dealer ends up with a better poker hand.
- 3 **Automatic Bonus** – If you get one of the top three possible poker hands—Four of a Kind, Straight Flush or Three of a Kind—you get an automatic bonus payout on your ante bet. The automatic bonus is paid even if the dealer ends up with a better four-card hand.

HAND RANKINGS

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| 1. Four of a Kind | 5. Straight |
| 2. Straight Flush | 6. Two Pair |
| 3. Three of a Kind | 7. Pair |
| 4. Flush | 8. High Card |

Ante Bonus Pay Table

HAND VALUE	BONUS PAYOUT
Four of a Kind	25x Ante Wager
Straight Flush	20x Ante Wager
Three of a Kind	2x Ante Wager

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Aces Up Payout Schedule

HAND VALUE	BONUS PAYOUT
Four of a Kind	50 to 1
Straight Flush	30 to 1
Three of a Kind	7 to 1
Flush	6 to 1
Straight	5 to 1
Two Pairs	2 to 1
Pair of Aces	1 to 1

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Multi-Game Progressive

An optional side bet that links a variety of poker games to a common progressive jackpot. Made at the same time as the basic game wager, the bet pays out if your five-card hand is a Three of a Kind or better, regardless of the basic game outcome.

Multi-Game Progressive Payouts

WINNING HANDS	PROGRESSIVE PAYOUT
Royal Flush	100% of jackpot
Straight Flush	10% of jackpot
Four of a Kind	300 for 1
Full House	50 for 1
Flush	40 for 1
Straight	30 for 1
Three of a Kind	9 for 1

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Playing more doesn't mean you'll win more. If you add it all up, you might lose more than you win.



Money Spent

**HAVE OTHER
QUESTIONS?**

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