



HOW TO PLAY TEXAS HOLD'EM, FOR BEGINNERS

Texas Hold'em is by far the most common form of poker played today due to its popularity there are even several TV shows of the game. Besides being popular Texas Hold'em is also the best game for a beginner to learn, the game can be learned after a few minutes and after just a few hours of practice you can be playing fairly well against other beginners, but to really get good you must play often. Texas Hold'em is played the same way in the casino, online casinos and in your home with your pals. Texas Hold'em is played in the following manner: 1. Betting structures can vary. In Texas Hold'em rarely are antes used. Most Texas Hold'em games start with first two players on the dealer's left placing predetermined bets. These players are called the small and large blind, and their bets are called posting the blinds. 2. Each player receives 2 cards face down. These cards are called your pocket cards and they are the only cards that are unique to you. 3. After each player is dealt their hole cards a round of betting takes place starting with the player to the left of the 2 blinds this round of betting is called the pre-flop. Just like in any other poker game a player can call, raise or fold during their turn. 4. After the Pre-Flop round is over the dealer will remove the top card from the deck and discard it, this is called the Burn Card. This is done to make sure that no cheating is done. The dealer will then turn over 3 cards in the center of the table. This round is called the Flop. Any player may use any of these cards to make the best 5 card hand possible, but you are not allowed to actually touch the cards, each player can use the same cards if it helps them, this is why your hole cards are so important. 5. As with the pre-flop there is now another round of betting, it is at this point you will start to see players folding. 6. After the betting is over, the dealer will burn another card, then deal the fourth of the communal cards. This card is called the Turn card. 7. Again another round of betting begins and now is when you will start to see the size of the pot really grow. 8. One last time the dealer burns the top card before turning over the last card of the game, called the River card. Players now have all 5 of the communal cards and their own hole card to make the best 5 card hand. 9. One last chance is given to raise the bets or get out of the game. After this each player still in the game will show their cards. This is called the Showdown. The player with the best hand is declared the winner and wins the pot. Now that you know the basic order of the game you are ready to start playing Texas Hold'em. Hold'em is a simple game to learn but if hard to master. This is the part that will take you many hands and many dollars, but if you put in the time you will be rewarded for it.

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