



HOW TO PLAY TEXAS HOLD'EM

Texas Hold'em has become such a popular Game that most tournaments now days are Texas Hold'em games, and there are even 2 or 3 television shows dedicated to the game. Texas Hold'em is a 5 card poker game, but instead of each player being dealt 7 cards, the dealer deals 5 cards in the center of the table, these cards are used by all the players to make the best hand possible. To make your hand each player is also dealt 2 cards and the object is to use the cards in your hand and the ones on the table to make the best hand you can. There are 5 rounds of Texas Hold'em Poker and they are: The Pre-Flop The Flop The Turn The River The Showdown During a Texas Hold'em game between each round there is a round of betting, and is when players with bad hands may fold. In the game of Texas Hold'em the first round is the pre flop. During this round the big and the small blinds place their bets, the big and small blinds are the first two players to the dealers left. Before the players are allowed to look at their cards the small blind must place a bet of half the table minimum and the next player who is the big blind must place a bet of the table minimum and then the dealer gives each player their hole cards. The hole cards is the name of the 2 cards each player has that are exclusively theirs, these cards guarantee that each player has a chance to make a better hand than the other players, without them all you would have is the 5 communal cards. In Texas Hold'em the next round is the flop. This is when the dealer deals out the first 3 of the 5 communal cards. It is during this round that most players will fold; betting in this round is usually very conservative because 2 more cards are still needed and betting big on the chances that the cards you need are the ones that will appear is taking a big chance with your money, one that can cost you to bust out of the game early. The third round is called the turn. The turn is when the dealer puts out the 4th communal card. At this point you can get a good idea of your chances of getting a winning hand and now is when the betting starts to heat up, and more people will drop out of the game. The river is the last of the 5 cards to be turned over by the dealer. At this point all the cards available to make the hands have been put out, this is also the last time to bet before turning over the cards. The last round of Texas Hold'em is the showdown, this is when all players turn over their cards and a winner is declared. You now have all the information you need to start playing Texas Hold'em.

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