

POKER TEXAS HOLD´EM

It is an exciting variant from Poker, in which the players play against one another. It is played with a standard French 52- card deck which includes Ace, K, Q, J, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2, no jokers. The Ace may be used as the lowest before 2 or the highest after K. The maximum number of players is 10 (ten) and the minimum 2 (two), who are necessary to make a forced bet, also called "small blind" or "big blind".

The object of this game is to get the best possible combination using 5 (five) cards out of seven in every hand; each player is dealt two face down cards and the other 5 community cards are dealt out face up -the first three, called flop, are dealt out together and the next two, called turn and river, are dealt separately and placed in a line on the table to form a 5-card game.

The player has three options: fold, check or call. At the conclusion of the final betting round, the highest hand is awarded the pot; in case of a tie, the pot may be divided.

The possible combinations are as follows; they are ordered from bottom to top:

HIGH CARD: no two cards have the same rank; the five cards are not in sequence, and the five cards are not all the same suit.

PAIR: Two cards of the same rank, plus three other unmatched cards.

TWO PAIR: Two cards of the same rank plus two cards of another rank (which match each other but not the first pair) plus one unmatched card

THREE OF A KIND: Three cards of the same rank plus two unmatched cards.

STRAIGHT: five cards of sequential rank but in more than one suit.

FLUSH: five cards of the same suit, not in rank sequence

FULL HOUSE: three matching cards of one rank, and two matching cards of another rank.

FOUR OF A KIND: four cards of one rank, and an unmatched card of another rank

STRAIGHT FLUSH: Five cards in a sequence, all of the same suit.

ROYAL FLUSH: It is an ace-high straight flush.