



POKER

Rules of Play



Basics

Poker is played with a standard 52-card deck, all suits being of equal value for game decisions.

The aim is to have the best combination of five cards at the end of a game (in the showdown) or to be the last player with a live hand.

We will gladly explain the game upon request. Simply speak to the Poker Floor-Person.

The Spielbank Wiesbaden offers both **Texas** and **Omaha Hold'em** poker.

Texas- and **Omaha Hold'em** are versions of poker which use community cards. In Texas Hold'em every player is dealt 2 face-down cards (hole cards) and in Omaha Hold'em four hole cards. In addition, five more community cards (the board) are placed face-up in the middle of the table for all players. In order to determine the best hand at the showdown, every active player must select the best five card combination from his hole cards and the five community

cards. In Texas Hold'em, it doesn't matter whether three, four or all five community cards are used for this. However, in Omaha Hold'em, a player must use two of his hole cards and three community cards.

A "dealer" (croupier) manages the game. Every player plays for himself and against all other players.

Minimum-Buy-in: Before his first game, every player must have a determined minimum amount in chips on the table in front of him.

Table Stakes: All poker games are played with Table Stakes, i.e. during a game in progress, a player cannot bet more money than he currently has on the table in front of him.

The Table Stake may not be reduced during the game except for the pot. The Table Stake may only be increased between games, at least up to the current minimum buy-in, or more.

Dealer Button: For each game, one of the players is designated the fictional "dealer", identified by the Dealer Button in front of him. After every game, this Dealer Button moves clockwise to the next player. This means that every player has the strategic advantage of being the last person to speak in a round.

Limits: In the Spielbank Wiesbaden both Pot-Limit and No-Limit variations are played, which differ as follows:

Pot-Limit: The betting range from a fixed minimum and the current amount in the pot.

No-Limit: There is only a lower limit for bets and no upper limit, except for the Table Stake.



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Blinds: The starting bets to be made by some of the players prior to the first deal (the Initial Deal) are the so-called blinds.

Tax: The bank charges a set fee for organising the game, which is taken from the pot.

Game play

1. The deck of cards is shuffled in a shuffler.
 2. **Starting bet:** Before the Initial Deal, the first player after the Dealer Button, moving in a clockwise direction, plays the Small Blind and the second player the Big Blind. None of the other players have to make a starting bet.
 3. **Initial Deal:** For the Initial Deal, the dealer gives each player his cards face-down, one after the other, starting with the first player after the Dealer Button.
 4. **The first betting round:** The player after the Big Blind is the first to speak. He can fold, call - i.e. place a bet equal to the Big Blind - or raise within the current limit. All subsequent players, including the player with the Dealer Button must then make a declaration. On his turn and provided he wants to remain in the game, the Small Blind player has to bet the difference between his blind and the highest bet made so far. On his turn, the Big Blind player has another option: if all other players have only played the amount of the Big Blind, he may raise it. However, the Big Blind player only has this option in the first betting round and he only has it once. Only those players who, at the end of a betting round, have bet the same amount as all other players in that betting round may remain in the game. If all players have made their
- declarations and there are still at least two players left in the game at the end of the betting round, the game continues as follows: The dealer places three cards face-up in the centre of the table, the so-called flop.
5. **The second betting round:** From this round onwards and for all other rounds, the first player after the Dealer Button must speak first. He may fold, check - i.e. pass the game onto the next player without making a bet, or place a bet within the game limit. The subsequent players must make a declaration in the same manner, with every player after the opener having the opportunity to raise the current bet within the game limit. The same procedure is conducted in all further betting rounds. Once all players have made a declaration, the dealer deals another card - the fourth board card - known as the turn.
 6. **The third betting round:** Once all players have made a declaration, the dealer now uncovers the final card - the fifth board card - the so-called river.
 7. **The fourth (final) betting round:** All players make a declaration.
 8. **Der Showdown:** All players still in the game show their cards in the predetermined order. The player with the best five-card combination wins the game.
- The game ends with someone winning the pot - without a showdown - if all players bar one have folded.



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The ranking of poker combinations, in ascending order, are as follows:

1. Royal Flush



Ace, King, Queen, Jack, 10 of the same suit

2. Straight Flush



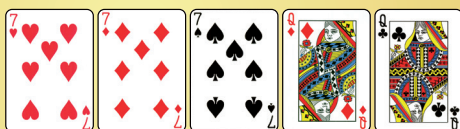
e.g. Jack, 10, 9, 8, 7 of the same suit

3. Four of a kind



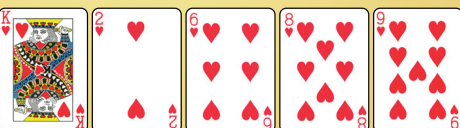
e.g. four sixes

4. Full House



Three of a kind and a pair

5. Flush



Five cards of the same suit, regardless of value

6. Straight



Straight run, e.g. 5,4,3,2, ace, regardless of suit

7. Three of a kind



e.g. three fours

8. Two pairs



e.g. a pair of fives and a pair of threes

9. One pair



e.g. two Kings

10. High Card



Five cards that cannot be combined. The highest card decides.

House decisions cannot be challenged.

Tips

In accordance with legal requirements, all employees of the Spielbank Wiesbaden are paid by means of their tips. In poker it is customary to tip 1% of the pot.

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