

# Poker is the king of card games. It's easy to learn and fun to play no matter what your skill level.

## Why not try your luck in our Poker Pit?

### What is the objective of the game?

The object of the game is to win the pot by forming the highest ranked five-card Poker hand or have all the other players surrender the pot to you by folding to your bet (bluff).

Game	Deck	No of hole cards	Best 5 card hand using	Betting rounds
Texas Hold'em	Full	2	Any combination of hole and community cards	Two players blind bet to begin. All player bet after hole cards are dealt. Again after the flop, 4th and final community cards are dealt.

### How do I play?

Unlike other casino games, players of Poker play against each other – Lasseters provides the dealers and equipment to conduct the games for a small fee, usually in the form of commission taken from the pot.

- To join a game a minimum amount of chips is required to Buy-In as specified at the table. Chips can be purchased from the dealer.**
- After any blind betting required for the variation of Poker being played, players are dealt their hole cards.**
- A set sequence of betting and dealing of community cards follows specific to the poker variety.**
- Players decide through the betting rounds whether to call, raise or fold.**
- After all community cards are dealt and all betting rounds are completed, the player with the highest ranked hand without folding wins the pot.**

### Ranking of hands:

The descending order of hands is:

Royal Flush	Five top cards of the same suit in sequence. eg. A♠ K♠ Q♠ J♠ 10♠
Straight Flush	Five cards of the same suit in sequence. eg. J♥ 10♥ 9♥ 8♥ 7♥
Four of a Kind	Four cards of the same rank. eg. 9♥ 9♣ 9♦ 9♠ Q♣
Full House	Three cards of one rank plus a pair of another rank. eg. J♣ J♦ J♠ 7♥ 7♣
Flush*	Five cards of the same suit. eg. K♣ J♣ 10♣ 8♣ 7♣
Straight	Any five cards in sequence not being a Flush. eg. A♣ K♦ Q♣ J♥ 10♥
	N.B. The ace counts as a low card also, eg. 5♠ 4♦ 3♣ 2♥ A♠ ('Baby Straight')
Three of a Kind	Three cards of the same rank. eg. 10♣ 10♦ 10♠ 9♣ 7♥
Two Pairs	eg. J♦ J♥ 10♠ 10♦ 8♥
One Pair	eg. K♠ K♦ Q♣ 9♥ 8♦
Five Odd Cards	eg. K♥ J♦ 9♣ 8♠ 7♥

The rank of all cards counts eg. Q:Q:9:9:7 loses to Q:Q:9:9:8.



## Poker terminology

- All-in:** A wager of all ones chips. A player cannot be forced out of a pot because they have run out of chips. A separate pot will be created for the remaining players wagers.
- Betting Round:** A single cycle of players checking/betting/calling/raising/folding. During betting round each player acts on their hand in turn, in a clockwise direction.
- Blind:** A bet made by a player or players without seeing their cards. Small and big Blind bets are placed prior to each hand being dealt.
- Dealer Button:** A marker used to indicate who is last to receive cards and last to act in a betting round. Originally this player would have been dealing the cards.
- Call:** To match the previous bet and or raises made in a betting round. A player may call with all their chips even if it is insufficient to meet a bet/raise. This player is said to be 'going all-in'.
- Check:** To refrain from betting - without folding. A player may not check if a bet (including blind bets) has been made.
- Community Cards:** Cards face up in the middle of the table used by all players to make their best five card Poker hand.
- Flop:** The first three of the five community cards in Holdem. These cards are dealt simultaneously.
- Fold:** To discard one's cards and take no further part in that hand.
- Hole Cards:** A player's cards – dealt face down.
- Pot:** The sum of all antes, blinds and bets wagered in a round.
- Raise:** To increase the amount already wagered in a betting round.

## Poker terminology continued...

- Showdown:** The exposing of players hands and the determining of the winning hand prior to the pot being awarded.
- Wager:** The placing of chips into a pot by a player in any betting round.

## Poker Code of Conduct

Lasseters has established a Code of Conduct to facilitate a pleasant gaming atmosphere for all Poker players.

Management reserves the right to refuse any person from playing and may ask players to leave if their conduct is deemed unacceptable.

Please note the following points from the Code of Conduct Guidelines:

- Play at a reasonable speed, don't cause unreasonable delays and follow the game.
- Protect your hand.
- Don't comment on other players' tactics.
- If a player notices an error they must point it out.
- Colluding/cheating is not tolerated.
- Only English must be spoken at the table with an appropriate vocab/tone.
- Clearly announce your intentions, bet in one hand motion.

## Further questions?

If you are still unsure about how to play Poker, for further information or if you have any questions please see the Lasseters Poker Supervisor for assistance.

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## Texas Hold'em



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