



How to Play Texas Hold'em Poker

The first player to the left of the dealer's button is the small blind and left of the small blind is considered the big blind. Each player is dealt two cards as their initial starting hand, with a round of betting based on these two cards at which time each player must decide to call the bet, raise or fold.

Following the first round of betting, the dealer will burn a card and put three community cards face up in the center of the table (this is called the flop). Now there is the second round of betting.

After the second round of betting, the dealer will burn another card and put the fourth community card (this is called the turn card) in the center of the table. Now there is a third round of betting.

On completion of the third betting round, the dealer will burn another card and turn the fifth and final community card (called the river) in the center of the table, followed by the final round of betting.

Each player may use any combination of the five community cards on the table and the two cards in their hand to make the best five card poker hand. (see ranking of hands)

After the hand is over, the dealer will move the dealer's button to the next player to the left and it starts all over again.