

Table Games

Putting your cards on the table



Charlottetown Driving Park
ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

Informed play means responsible play!

With the growing popularity of table games, poker is an excellent and enjoyable form of entertainment. Table games allow the player to contribute their level of skill within the game process, making it an interactive and enjoyable form of entertainment.

Understanding the Game;

The object of poker is simple: win the money in the pot by either having the best poker hand (highest ranking five card hand) when the wagering is done or by forcing all other players out of the hand.

Almost all poker games use a regular deck of 52 playing cards, comprised of four suits (clubs, diamonds, hearts and spades). Each suite has 13 cards ranking as follows from the highest to the lowest: ace, king, queen, jack, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2; however, in some games the ace can also be counted as the lowest card.

Each hand of poker is, in essence, a self contained game in which someone will be awarded the pot. A new hand is initiated by the dealer who deals out the cards according to the rules of the particular game. Each player in turn, proceeding clockwise from the dealer, may either **bet** or **check/pass**. If a player makes an opening bet, the next player clockwise has three choices: **fold**, **call** or **raise**.

At the end of the last betting round, all players that are left in the hand have a **showdown** in which the player with the best hand is awarded the pot.

Remember that not all hands will reach the showdown stage; very often, a player will win the pot because all other players have folded their cards.

Common Table Game Misconceptions;

Myth: If you play your hand the same way each round, you increase your chances of winning.

Fact: Poker is a game of many variables. Your hand, your opponents, your position and the action that preceded you are all factors that have to be taken into account during a hand. No two hands are alike which means you can't play every hand the same way.

Myth: There is no randomness involved in table games.

Fact: Although player skill plays a role in the game, the cards you are dealt have no sequence and are distributed randomly in suites and value.

Myth: You must never fold on the first hand.

Fact: Folding should never be ruled out as an option, especially if you think you are beaten by other players.

For some players, it is easy to lose track of time and money spent while playing the table games. It is important to remember that the table games are intended for entertainment, not as a way to make money. Get the facts and educate yourself on how the games work.

Make Your CHOICE

*If you choose
to play table games,
we hope they provide you with
the entertainment experience you were expecting.*

Here are some tips to help you play responsibly;

- Before playing, plan ahead. Set a money and time limit, and stick to it.
- Before playing, ensure that you are educated on the rules of the game.
- Know your poker ability & skill level.
- Keep your emotions under control.
- Avoid playing when intoxicated or under the influence of mind altering substances.
- Take breaks when needed.
- Only play with your entertainment budget.
- Balance gambling with other activities.
- Explore resources such as the library or the Internet to gain knowledge about the game you would like to play.

If you have any questions regarding the rules or procedures of poker at the Charlottetown Driving Park Entertainment Centre (CDPEC) speak to a poker supervisor.

For more gaming information, look at the other brochures in this series or visit our Gaming Information Centre, located adjacent to the gaming floor.