

Get The FACTS

Table Games

Make Your CHOICE



Atlantic
Lottery

Informed play means responsible play!

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.

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.

Tips to Keep Gambling Fun

- Set a budget and stick to it
- Set a time limit and stick to it
- Maintain a gambling journal
- Avoid gambling when intoxicated
- Take frequent breaks
- Balance gambling with other activities

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 opponent's hand, your position, community cards 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:

The cards you are dealt have no sequence and are distributed randomly in suits and value. Player skill plays a role but you are playing against chance.

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.

For more information visit

<http://www.alc.ca/English/ResponsibleGaming/>