

How to play Hyde Park Poker

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COST: Your initial \$5 buy-in is the most you can lose. If all your chips are gone, you still are dealt poker hands. You cannot bet or raise, but you can stay to the end of the hand. If you win, you get your share of the pot, and you again have chips.

Dealers choice. If you can explain it, you can deal it.

25 cents is the maximum bet. There is a limit of 3 raises. You cannot check and then raise when it comes back to you: you may only fold or call the bet. For Texas Hold'em, Omaha/Pinapple (Tx Hold'm variants) and Tic Tac Toe, the first two bets are 10 cents and thereafter 20 cents, with the same 3 raise limit.

Dealer circulates around the table clockwise. The Dealer chooses the poker game to play and describes the rules. If you have questions, ask the dealer before you look at your hand. Your objective is to play the best 5-cards out of your hand. Poker rankings are as follows:

- One Pair
- Two Pairs
- Three of a Kind
- Straight
- Flush (5 cards of the same suit)
- Full House (2 of a Kind and 3 of a Kind)
- Four of a Kind
- Straight Flush
- Five of a Kind

Pure poker is 5-card draw or 7-card stud. There are many variations to these which the dealer can set. Dealer may call wild cards; may declare Hi-Low split the pot; and may declare Aces Hi only or Low Only or Hi-low; and may set the betting restrictions.

5-card draw

Each is dealt 5 cards, then the person left of the dealer starts the first bet. After the first bet and the pot is right, the dealer will ask each player how many cards he wants to exchange for new cards (up to 3). Then a second bet starts by the person left of the dealer. When the "pot is right" everyone has called the bet(s) then everyone's hand is exposed and the best hand wins the pot. There are only two bets in 5-card draw.

7-card stud

Dealer deals each player 2 cards face down (the hole) and then one card up. Highest card up starts the betting. When the pot is right the dealer deals another card up, and highest cards showing up starts the betting. Then a third card up (everyone now has 5 cards) and betting starts by the highest cards showing up. Same thing after the fourth card is dealt up. When the pot is right after the fourth card up, the dealer deals one card down to each and the final bets are made. There are 5 bets in 7-card stud.

Variations to 5-card draw:

- Low card in your hand after the draw is wild (LCAD).

- Certain cards can be called wild by the dealer.

Variation to 7-card stud:

- High Chicago – High spade in "the hole" splits the pot with the best hand.

- Low Chicago – Low spade in "the hole" splits the pot with the best hand.

- Follow the Queen – as cards are dealt up, the card after the queen is wild -it can change.

Other hands we play that are best learned as you play but are described online:

- Omaha

- Texas Hold'em

- No peaky

- Tic-tac-toe

Poker etiquette--Wait your turn to bet, the person to the right of the dealer cuts the deck before he deals, the dealer chooses the game and pays a 5-cent ante for each player. At Hyde Park we bring \$5 and if you lose all of that, you can play on the "county" and hope to win a pot before 4:00.