



Texas Hold'em (which is also known as Hold'em) is a version of Poker for between 2-10 players.

Texas Hold'em today is the most popular variation of Poker which gained popularity all over the world due to its fast paced play and very simple game rules.

A hand of **Texas Hold'em** is made of up to 4 Betting Rounds. After the placing of the Blind Bets (see The Blind Bets below please), each Texas Hold'em player receives 2 personal, facedown "Pocket Cards". Throughout the hand, 5 face-up "Community Boardcards" are layed in the middle of the poker table, to be shared by all Texas Hold'em players.

After the fourth (and final) Betting Round is over, there is the Texas Hold'em "Showdown". The Texas Hold'em player who creates the highest ranking (valued), five card, Poker hand, using any combination of their 2 Pocket Cards and the 5 Community Boardcards, wins the Pot!

Texas Hold'em, A Step-by-Step Guide

Step 1: The Blind Bets (Small Blind & Big Blind Bets)

The first Texas Hold'em player "Sitting-in", in a clockwise fashion to the left of the Texas Hold'em Dealer, places the "Small Blind" Bet (half the table's Lower Limit Stake - on tables with Stakes higher than one dollar the Small Blind is rounded down to the nearest dollar) (see Betting Rounds & Limits below please)

The second Texas Hold'em player Sitting-in, in a clockwise fashion to the left of the Texas Hold'em Dealer, places the "Big Blind" Bet (equal to the table's Lower Limit Stake).

Step 2: The Pocket Cards - The First Card Deal

The Dealer distributes 2 facedown "Pocket Cards" to each of the Texas Hold'em players. The cards are dealt in a clockwise fashion, one card at a time, starting with the Texas Hold'em player to the left of the Big Blind.

Step 3: The First Texas Hold'em Betting Round Betting Limit: Lower Limit Stake

The first Texas Hold'em player to the left of the Big Blind set going the first Betting Round. The Betting Round then proceeds, in a clockwise fashion, around the poker table, with each player acting in turn. In this Betting Round, each player is required to at least "Call" the Big Blind, in order to remain in the game. The Betting in this Round is set at the table's Lower Limit Stake.

Step 4: "The Flop" - The Second Deal

The Dealer places the first 3 "Community Boardcards", face-up, in the middle of the table. These cards are shared by all the Texas Hold'em players of the table.

Step 5: The Second Texas Hold'em Betting Round Betting Limit: Lower Limit Stake



The first "active" (has not Folded) Texas Hold'em player to the left of the Dealer initiates the second Betting Round. The Betting Round then proceeds, again - in a clockwise fashion, around the table, with each active Texas Hold'em player acting in his turn.

Step 6: "The Turn" - The Third Deal

The Dealer places a fourth Community Boardcard, face-up, in the center of the table.

Step 7: The Third Texas Hold'em Betting Round Betting Limit: Higher Limit Stake

The first active Texas Hold'em player to the left of the Dealer set going with the third Betting Round. The Betting Round then proceeds, again - in a clockwise fashion, around the table, with each active Texas Hold'em player acting in turn. The Betting in this Round is set at the table's Higher Limit Stake.

Step 8: "The River" - The Fourth & Final Texas Hold'em Deal

The Texas Hold'em Dealer places a fifth Community Boardcard, face-up, in the middle of the poker Table.

Step 9: The Fourth and Final Texas Hold'em Betting Round Betting Limit: Higher Limit Stake

The first active Texas Hold'em player to the left of the Dealer initiates the fourth and final Betting Round. The Betting Round then proceeds, again - in a clockwise fashion, around the table, with each active Texas Hold'em player acting in turn. The Betting in this Round is set at the table's Higher Limit Stake.

Step 10: It's time for The Texas Hold'em Showdown!

Once the fourth Betting Round has been completed, if more than one Texas Hold'em player remains active in the hand, there is a **Texas Hold'em** "Showdown".

In the Texas Hold'em Showdown, each active Texas Hold'em player combines any combination of their 2 Pocket Cards, and the 5 Community Boardcards, to create the highest ranking (valued), five card, Poker hand possible (please check the [Hand Ranking](#) Chart page of this site).

- Both "Pocket Cards" & three "Community Boardcards".
Or
- One "Pocket Card" & four "Community Boardcards".
Or
- All five "Community Boardcards" (referred to as "Playing the Board").

The active player who creates the highest ranking Poker hand wins the Pot, minus the Pot won by any players holding higher ranking "All-in" hands and the "Rake"

The hand is then concluded, the Dealer Button moves to the next player Sitting-in, in a clockwise fashion, and a new **Texas Hold'em** hand is dealt...