

## General Poker Rules



Texas Hold 'Em is the version of Poker played in many casinos. The 'CHIPS' used by Poker Manias have no monetary value, and are for the purpose of 'FUN' only

### The Shuffle, The Deal and The Blinds

Poker Mania uses a standard 52-card deck with no jokers.

A round disc -- known as a "dealer button" -- moves clockwise from player to player with each hand, to mark which player is the dealer.

The game starts with the two players to the left of the dealer (the button) placing a predetermined amount of chips into the game (pot) before any cards are dealt, ensuring that there's something to play for on every hand. This is called "posting the blinds."

There are two blinds, the "Small Blind" – is placed by the player to the left of the dealer and the "Big Blind" is placed by the second player to the left of the dealer button. The blinds are set by the tournament organisers and generally increase in timely increments in order to speed the tournament. The small blind is always half the unit value of the big blind.

After each game the button moves to the next player and they become the dealer and the two players to the left of the dealer will commence the betting by posting the Small & Big blinds to commence the next game. Two cards are dealt to each player that are face down (only that player may look at them). These are known as the "hole cards".

### Betting Begins

Beginning with the 3rd player from the left of the dealer button commences betting by a call, raise, or fold.

**Call** is when you match the minimum value required as initially posted by the big blind.

**Raise** is when you bet more than the minimum required which was the 'Big Blind'. This is 'No Limit' Texas Hold' Em therefore you may raise as little or as much as you want, however your raise must be in units of the 'Big Blind' unless you don't have sufficient chips to do so.

**Fold** is when you don't wish to bet into this game and your cards are surrendered to the deck until the next game (hand).

All players are given an opportunity to call, raise or fold including the initial 2 players that posted the 'Small' & 'Big' Blinds.

**The Flop** (The first three cards)

After the first betting round, the dealer removes (burns) the top card of the deck. This is to ensure that no one accidentally saw the top card, and to help prevent cheating.

The dealer then opens the next three cards face up on the table. These cards are called the "flop." After the flop, another round of betting takes place, beginning with the player to the left of the dealer (the button).

During this and all future rounds of betting, players can check, call, raise, or fold when it's their turn to bet.

### **The Turn** (the fourth card)

The dealer burns another card and plays one more face up onto the table. This is called the 'turn'.

The player to the left of the dealer (the button) begins the third round of betting.

### **The River** (The fifth Card)

The dealer burns another card before placing the final face-up card on the table. This card is called the "river".

The player to the left of the dealer (the button) begins the 4th and final round of betting.

### **NOTE**

A total of five cards are now opened face up on the floor and are known as the "community cards".

Players can use any combination of the community cards and their own two hole cards to form the best possible five-card Poker Hand.

Any players remaining in the game after the fourth round of betting will reveal their hands.

The player who made the initial bet or the player who made the last raise shows their hand first.