

HOW TO DEAL TEXAS HOLD'EM



Step 1: Preparing

Ensure that you have a standard 52-card deck and shuffle it up before dealing. Assign the dealer button, and then two players to the left of the dealer must post the small blind and the big blind for the first hand.



Step 2: Preflop

Once the blinds are posted, you can start dealing cards. Give cards one by one to each player starting with the small blind moving clockwise until everyone has two hole cards. When everyone has their cards, the preflop betting action starts with the player to the left of the big blind, also known as “under the gun”, and go around table clockwise.



Step 3: Dealing the Flop

When all preflop betting action is completed, it is time to deal the first three community cards faced-up, called the flop. Once the flop is dealt, the new betting round starts with the player in the small blind position. If they have folded preflop, go around the table in a clockwise order until the first player to still have cards.



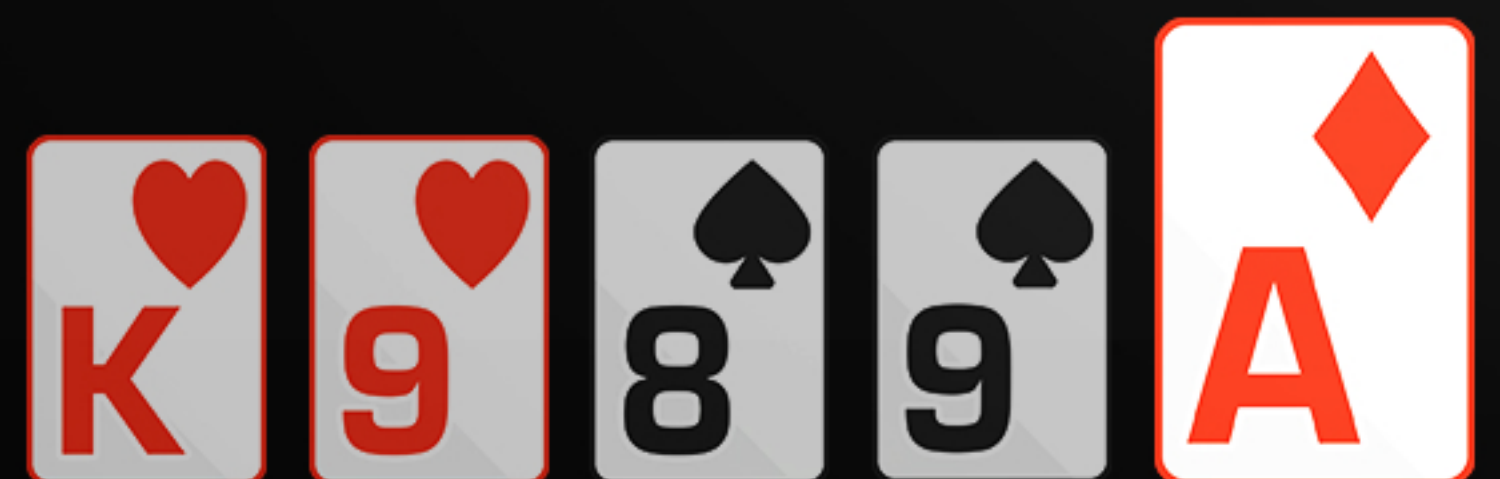
Step 4: Dealing the Turn

Once all flop action has been completed and you have collected any folded cards, you can proceed to dealing the turn. This time around, you are only dealing one face up community card next to the three you dealt earlier. The betting action again starts with the small blind or the next player to still have cards, and ends when all players have acted on their hand.



Step 5: Dealing the River

Once all action is completed, you will repeat the exact process to deal the final community card, the river. Place the next card face up next to the flop, and turn to complete the five-card board in the middle of the table. Once the river card is dealt, all players will get one last chance to act on their hands before the showdown in the same order as on the precious streets.



Step 6: Showdown

The hand only goes to showdown if more than one player still has hole cards after all river betting is completed. At this point, players should turn their cards over in the same order they made bets on the river. The player who took the last aggressive action is expected to show first, with other players following him in a clockwise rotation. Next, determine the winner by comparing the hands the players have shown and move to the next hand.

