

# HOW TO PLAY TEXAS HOLD'EM



## POKER HAND RANKINGS

1 ROYAL FLUSH 	2 STRAIGHT FLUSH 	3 FOUR OF A KIND 
4 FULL HOUSE 	5 FLUSH 	6 STRAIGHT 
7 THREE OF A KIND 	8 TWO PAIR 	9 ONE PAIR 
10 HIGH CARD 		

## Terms to know:

- **Dealer:** a marker that shows which player is acting as the dealer for that hand, rotating clockwise each round.
- **Blinds:** forced small blind and big blind bets posted by the two players to the left of the dealer to start the action and build the pot.
- **Ante:** a small mandatory bet that all players contribute to the pot before a hand begins. Mainly used in tournaments.
- **Hole cards:** each player is dealt two "hole" cards face down to begin the hand.
- **Community cards:** five shared cards up in the center of the table that all players use, along with their hole cards, to make the best five-card hand.

## Actions:

- **Fold:** throwing away your hole cards and exiting the hand.
- **Call:** matching the current bet without adding more chips.
- **Raise:** increasing the current bet by putting more chips in the pot.
- **Check:** transferring the action to the next player without committing any chips to the pot.
- **Bet:** putting chips into the pot at any time in the hand. It usually refers to postflop action.
- **All-in:** a specific bet, meaning you are putting all your chips in the pot.

## Betting Rounds:

- **Preflop:** after players receive their hole cards, a betting round begins with the player to the left of the big blind.
- **Flop:** the first three community cards are dealt face up, followed by another round of betting.
- **Turn:** a fourth community card is dealt face up, and players bet again.
- **River:** the fifth and final community card is dealt face up, leading to the last betting round.
- **Showdown:** remaining players reveal their hole cards, and the best five-card hand wins the pot.