

The 5-Card Poker Collection



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Introduction

The 5-Card Poker Collection consists of three different poker variations. All three games are casino versions of popular poker games and are played against the dealer rather than against other players.

In the 5-Card Stud Poker game you ante from 1 to 100 credits. You and the dealer are dealt five cards each. Your cards are face-up, and the dealer's cards are face-down except the first card that is face-up. Based upon your hand and the dealer's exposed card, you decide to play the hand or to fold. If you fold, you lose your ante. If you play, you must place an additional bet of two times the amount you anted. The dealer's cards are then turned face-up. If the dealer's hand qualifies and you beat it, you win. If the dealer's hand does not qualify (an ace and a king or better), your bet is returned and your ante is returned doubled.

In the Double-Down Poker game you ante from 1 to 100 credits. You are dealt five cards. The first four cards are face-up and the fifth card is face-down. The dealer is not dealt any cards. You win in this game based upon the value of your hand. You have to decide whether to stand on your hand or to double-down on your hand. After you decide, your fifth card is turned face-up. If your hand is less than a pair of sixes, then you lose your ante and bet (if any). If you have a pair of sixes through a pair of tens, it is a "push," and your ante and bet are returned. If you have a pair of Jacks or better, then you win. The better your hand, the more you win.

In the Fast-Action Hold 'Em game you are dealt four cards. You keep two cards of your choice and the other two cards are discarded. The dealer is also dealt four cards (you do not see the dealer's cards). The dealer keeps two cards and discards the other two cards. Then five "Community" cards are dealt face-up. These cards are called community cards because both you and the dealer use these cards. To win, your hand must be better than the dealer's hand. The dealer wins ties. Your hand is the best 5-card hand made up of any combination of your two cards and the five community cards. In this game you either win or lose--there is no bonus payoff for really strong hands. If you win, the amount you ante is doubled. If you lose, you lose your ante.

The first two games are played with a single card deck of 52 cards with no Jokers. Fast-Action Hold 'Em is played with six decks.

5-Card Stud Poker

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Does the Dealer's Hand Qualify

In this game you only win if your hand is better than the dealer's hand and the dealer's hand "Qualifies." To qualify, the dealer must have an ace and king or better. So any pair would qualify. This can be frustrating when you have a really strong hand and the dealer does not qualify. If the dealer's hand does not qualify, you get your bet back but no winnings from your bet. You however get double your ante back (your ante is doubled). So if you ante 5 credits and then bet 10 more on your hand, you would get your 10 credit bet back plus your 5 credit ante plus 5 additional credits.

Bonus Payoffs

If you win, you may win a bonus payoff. You win when your hand beats the dealer's hand and the dealer's hand qualifies. Here are the payoffs based on the value of your hand.

Ace-King or Pair	1:1
Two Pair	2:1
Three of a Kind	3:1
Straight	4:1
Flush	5:1
Full House	7:1
Four of a Kind	20:1
Straight Flush	50:1
Royal Flush	100:1

Double-Down Stud Poker

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What's a Push?

Much like in Blackjack, a "push" in Double-Down Stud means you tie against the dealer. You get your ante (and bet if any) returned, but you do not win or lose anything.

Bonus Payoffs

In this game you can win a bonus payoff if you have a strong hand. A pair of Jacks through a Pair of Aces pays 1:1, but a stronger hand pays more.

The payoffs are as follows:

No Pair	Loses
Pair of 2s-Pair 5s	Loses
Pair of 6s-Pair 10s	Push
Pair of Jacks-Aces	Pays 1:1
Two Pair	Pays 2:1
3 of a Kind	Pays 3:1
Straight	Pays 5:1
Flush	Pays 8-1
Full House	Pays 11-1
4 of a Kind	Pays 50-1
Straight Flush	Pays 200-1
Royal Flush	Pays 2000-1

Fast-Action Hold 'Em Poker

In the Fast-Action Hold 'Em game you are dealt four cards. You keep any two of the cards and the other two cards are discarded. The dealer is also dealt four cards (you do not see the dealer's cards). The dealer keeps two cards and discards the other two cards. Then five "Community" cards are dealt face-up. These cards are called community cards because both you and the dealer use these cards to form your hand. To win, your hand must be better than the dealer's hand. The dealer wins ties. Your hand is the best 5-card hand made up of any combination of your two cards and the five community cards. In this game you either win or lose--there is no bonus payoff for really strong hands. If you win, the amount you ante-up is doubled. If you lose, you lose your ante.

This game is played with six decks, so there are some interesting possible hands. For example it is possible to get "5 of a Kind." Actually, a 5 of a Kind hand which is also a flush (all five cards are exactly the same in value and suit) is the highest possible hand.

Below is a ranking of all the possible hands. The list goes from highest value to lowest value.

- Flush with 5 of a Kind
- Royal Flush
- Flush with 4 of a Kind
- Straight Flush
- Flush with a Full House
- Five of a Kind
- Flush with 3 of a Kind
- Flush with Two Pair
- Flush with One Pair
- Four of a Kind
- Full House
- Flush
- Straight
- Three of a Kind
- Two Pair
- One Pair
- High Card

Poker Hands

Suit

Clubs, Hearts, Diamonds or Spades.

Royal Flush

A royal flush is an Ace, King, Queen, Jack and Ten all of the same suit.

Straight Flush

The cards form a straight and are also all of the same suit.

Four of a Kind

Four of the cards have the same value. For example: Four Kings.

Full House

Three of one card value and two of another card value. For example: Three Queens and two Sevens.

Flush

All five cards are of the same suit. For example: All your cards are Hearts.

Straight

All five cards are consecutive. For example: An Ace, Two, Three, Four and Five. Please note that an Ace can also form a straight when used with above the King. Example: An Ace, King, Queen, Jack and Ten.

Three of a Kind

Three cards in your hand are of the same value. For example: Three Nines.

Two Pair

You have two cards of one value and two cards of another value. For example: Two Sevens and two Fours.

Pair

You have only two cards in your hand which match. For example: Two Jacks.

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