Video Poker Rules, Procedures and Notes

The Objective of   Video Poker is to draw the highest poker hand possible.

The deck consists of 52 cards.

Possible hands recognized by the machine are:
> Jacks or Better - a pair of Jacks, Queens, Kings, or Aces
> Two Pairs
> Three of a Kind - three cards of the same rank
> Straight - five cards in consecutive order
> Flush - five cards of the same suit(clubs, diamonds, hearts, spades)
> Full House - Three of a Kind and one pair
> Four of a Kind - four cards of the same rank
> Straight Flush - five cards in consecutive order of the same suit
> Royal Flush - A, K, Q, J, 10 of the same suit

Aces can be used in both low (A, 2, 3, 4, 5) and high (A, K, Q, J, 10) straights.

Procedures

1) Insert one to five coins in the slot by clicking on the coin slot image.
> The Payoff columns will be highlighted to indicate the amount that will   be paid for the highest hand that will be dealt.
2) Press the 'Deal' button.
> Five cards will be dealt and the highest hand dealt to you will be highlighted in yellow.
3) Press the 'Hold' buttons below the cards you wish to hold.
> The buttons will be highlighted and the text will change to 'Held'.
4)Press the 'Deal' button again.
> Cards will be dealt to replace those not marked as 'Held'.   The highest hand dealt to you will again be highlighted in yellow and the sound of coins dropping will be played if you win anything.   The "Insert Coins" sign will be highlighted indicating that the machine is ready to accept more coins.

Using the Keyboard

Enter or Return deals the cards.
Spacebar or '+' on numeric keypad inserts coins.
1 through 5 on the keyboard or keypad holds the cards.

Sounds

The sound of coins falling will play the same number of times as the number of chips won.

To stop the sound of coins falling, click the left mouse button or any key.   Exiting the program will also stop the sound.   The sound will continue to play if the window is minimized or you switch to another application.

When starting up, the program checks for the existence of a wave sound driver in the control.ini file.   If there is one present the Sound On feature in the menu will be checked.   You can turn all wave sounds off while playing to speed up the play of the game.

Editing Payoffs

The maximum payoff allowed when changing payoffs is 5,000.   Payoffs cannot be edited while playing a hand.

File Notes

The CASRES2.DLL and the PSDSHADE.DLL files must be in the current directory, windows directory, or a directory in your path statement.   The best place to put the files is your Windows System directory.   An error message will be displayed if the program cannot find the files.   Other PSD products may use the same files.

Saving Game Data
(option available after program is registered)

The Save and Restore Options will save and restore the current payoff settings and the total money won.

Game data can also be automatically saved on exit and restored on entry to the program by using the following command line arguments:

/r - restores data on entry
/a - saves data on exit

Command line examples:

C:\VPOKER\VPOKER.EXE /r/a
C:\VPOKER\VPOKER.EXE /a/r
C:\VPOKER\VPOKER.EXE /a
C:\VPOKER\VPOKER.EXE /r

These arguments can be set in the Program Manager's *Program Item Properties* Dialog Box or typed in the *Run* Dialog Box of the Program or File Manager.   Be sure to use lowercase letters and leave one space between the path statement and the arguments.