

Poker Cheat Sheet

Texas Hold'em on one page — rankings, starting hands, betting and odds



HAND RANKINGS — STRONGEST TO WEAKEST

#	HAND	EXAMPLE	DEALT (5 CARDS)	HOLD'EM (7)
1	Royal Flush		1 in 649,740	1 in 30,940
2	Straight Flush		1 in 72,193	1 in 3,591
3	Four of a Kind		1 in 4,165	1 in 595
4	Full House		1 in 694	1 in 38.5
5	Flush		1 in 509	1 in 33
6	Straight		1 in 255	1 in 21.6
7	Three of a Kind		1 in 47	1 in 20.7
8	Two Pair		1 in 21	1 in 4.3
9	One Pair		1 in 2.4	1 in 2.3
10	High Card		1 in 2	1 in 5.7

Each hand beats every hand below it. Ties go to the higher cards, then the kicker; suits are never ranked.

BEST STARTING HANDS

Premium — always raise

A-A, K-K, Q-Q, J-J, A-K
Raise for value from any seat.

Strong — usually raise

T-T, 9-9, A-Q, A-J, K-Q
Great hands; play them more carefully out of position.

Speculative — play in position

2-2 to 8-8, suited connectors, suited aces
See cheap flops in late position; fold to heavy action.

Trash — fold

Offsuit gappers, weak aces, most of everything else
Especially from early seats. Patience is an edge.

THE BETTING ROUNDS

1 Pre-flop

Two hole cards each. Betting starts left of the big blind.

2 The flop

Three community cards dealt face up, then a betting round.

3 The turn

A fourth community card, then betting.

4 The river

The fifth and final card, then the last betting round — survivors go to showdown.

On your turn: check, bet, call, raise or fold.

POT ODDS & OUTS

Count your outs, then **outs** $\times$ 2 $\approx$ % to hit on the next card, $\times$ 4 with two cards to come. Call when that beats the price the pot offers.

DRAW (ON THE FLOP)	OUTS	BY TURN	BY RIVER
Gutshot straight	4	9%	17%
Two overcards	6	13%	24%
Open-ended straight	8	17%	31%
Flush draw	9	19%	35%
Flush + gutshot	12	26%	45%
Flush + open-ender	15	32%	54%