

Poker Hand Rankings

What Beats What in Poker?

In the game of poker, what beats what? This listing below shows the best possible 5 card hands assuming no wild cards or jokers. They are listed from best to worst.

Standard Hand Rankings

Royal Flush

This is a straight and is made up of an Ace, King, Queen, Jack, and Ten. Each of the cards is from the same suit.



Straight Flush

A Straight flush is a hand made up of cards that are all from the same identical suit.



Four of a Kind

Four of a Kind is a hand where four of the cards have the same rank.



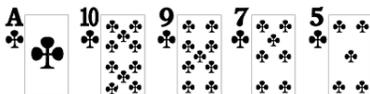
Full House

Full House is a hand where three of the cards have equal rank as do the remaining two.



Flush

Flush is a hand where the five cards are from the same suit but not necessarily in consecutive order.



Straight

In a Straight, each of the cards in their hand is in consecutive order but from different suits.



Three of a Kind

In a Three of a Kind hand, three cards in a person's hand have an identical rank.



Two Pair

Two Pair is a hand, which consists of two pairs, each made up of cards with different ranks.



One Pair

A One Pair hand has two matching cards of equal rank.



High Card

A High Card is a catchall for hands that do not meet any of the above criteria.



Hand Ranking Rules:

The following general rules apply to evaluating poker hands, whatever set of hand values are used.

- Individual cards are ranked A (high), K, Q, J, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, A. Aces only appear low when part of an A-2-3-4-5 straight or straight flush. Individual card ranks are used to compare hands that contain no pairs or other special combinations, or to compare the kickers of otherwise equal hands. The ace plays low only in ace-to-five and ace-to-six lowball games, and plays high only in deuce-to-seven lowball.
- Suits have no value. The suits of the cards are mainly used in determining whether a hand fits a certain category (specifically the flush and straight flush hands). In most variants, if two players have hands that are identical except for suit, then they are tied and split the pot (so 3s 4s 5s 6s 7s does not beat 3d 4d 5d 6d 7d). Sometimes a ranking called high card by suit is used for randomly selecting a player to deal. Low card by suit usually determines the bring in bettor in stud games.
- A hand always consists of five cards. In games where more than five cards are available to each player, the best five-card combination of those cards plays.
- Hands are ranked first by category, then by individual card ranks: even the lowest qualifying hand in a certain category defeats all hands in all lower categories. The smallest two pair hand (2d 2s 3d 3c 4s), for example, defeats all hands with just one pair or high card. Only between two hands in the same category are card ranks used to break ties.

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