

Texas Hold 'Em

Venue: Virgin River Poker Room

Fee: \$30.00

Format: All players start with \$5,000 in tournament chips.

Rules:

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All levels are 15 minutes

Blinds	Limit
50-100	100-200
100-200	200-400
200-400	400-800

15 minute break

Blinds	Limit
500-1000	No Limit
1000-2000	No Limit
2000-4000	No Limit
4000-8000	No Limit
5000-10000	No Limit
10000-20000	No Limit

Texas Hold'em poker is by far the best game for a beginner to learn. The betting structure can vary. Sometimes antes are used, but most games start with two players to the left of the dealer placing out a predetermined amount of money so there is an initial amount to get things started. This is called *posting the blinds*. The dealer shuffles up a standard deck of 52 playing cards. Each player is dealt two cards face down. These are called your hole or pocket cards. Then there is a round of betting starting with the guy to the left of the two who posted the blinds. This round is usually referred to by the term *pre-flop*. The amount a player can bet depends on what kind of game it is.

Much like most games of poker, players can call, raise, or fold. After the betting round ends, the dealer discards the top card of the deck. This is called a *burn card*. This is done to prevent cheating. The dealer then flips the next three cards face up on the table. These cards are called *the flop*. These are communal cards that anyone can use in combination with their two pocket cards to form a poker hand. There is another round of betting starting with the player to the left of the dealer.

After the betting concludes, the dealer burns another card and flips one more onto the table. This is called the *turn card*. Players can use this sixth card now to form a five card poker hand.

The player to the left of the dealer begins another round of betting. In many types of games, this is where the bet size doubles. Finally, the dealer burns a card and places a final card face up on the table. This is called the *river*. Players can now use any of the five cards on the table or the two cards in their pocket to form a five card poker hand.

There is one final round of betting starting with the player to the left of the dealer. Players use a combination of their pocket cards and the community cards to form a poker hand. The player who shows the best hand wins! There are cases where players with equal hands share the winnings.

Awards: Medals will be awarded to the top three players following the event.

