

## **TEXAS HOLD'EM**

Texas Hold'em is the most played poker variant in the world.

A deck of 52 cards is used. The dealer deals two personal cards to each player who has to act during 4 betting rounds (preflop, flop, turn and river), in which the winner is whoever manages to obtain the best combination using 5 cards, including personal and shared cards on the board, visible to everyone in the centre of the table.

In the tournament, each player receives a stack (amount of nominal chips). Hand after hand, players will try not to lose their own chips and to win those of their opponents through a series of actions (call, check, bet, fold, raise, all-in).

The distribution of the cards, which is carried out by the dealer, is represented on the table by an object, usually round in shape (button- dealer), which determines the position from which to start dealing the hand.

At the end of each hand, the button-dealer rotates clockwise to the next player. The game is characterised by two compulsory bets (small blind and big blind) that must be placed by the first two players immediately to the left of the button-dealer.

The tournament is characterised by timed levels that determine the increase of the blinds and, together with the structure of the latter, determine the duration of the game.

### **Royal Flush Poker**

#### **Points:**

5 cards from the same suit from 10 to Ace. By far the highest point achievable.

#### **Straight Flush:**

5 cards values of a suit in a row. E.g. 2 ,3 ,4 ,5 ,6. The ladder with the highest card will win.

#### **Poker:**

4 cards of the same value and a single card.

#### **Full:**

3 cards of the same value (a set of cards) plus 2 cards of the same value (a pair). Between two full houses, the one who shows the highest trio wins.

**Flush:**

5 cards of the same suit but not in a straight.

**Straight:**

5 cards in sequential value with mixed suits.

**Three of a Kind:**

3 cards of the same value and two other single cards.

**Two Pair:**

2 pairs of cards of the same value and a single card.

**Pair:**

2 cards of the same value and three single cards.

**High Card:**

the winner is the one who, in the absence of all other combinations mentioned above, shows the card with the highest value.