



Poker Hand Rankings

All ten hands, best to worst, with the exact odds of each

HAND	EXAMPLE	5-CARD HANDS	CHANCE	ODDS	HOLD'EM, BEST 5 OF 7
1 Royal flush A, K, Q, J, 10, all one suit		4	0.00015%	1 in 649,740	0.0032%
2 Straight flush Five in a row, all one suit		36	0.0014%	1 in 72,193	0.028%
3 Four of a kind Four cards of one rank		624	0.024%	1 in 4,165	0.168%
4 Full house Three of a kind plus a pair		3,744	0.144%	1 in 694	2.60%
5 Flush Any five of one suit, not in a row		5,108	0.197%	1 in 509	3.03%
6 Straight Five in a row, mixed suits		10,200	0.392%	1 in 255	4.62%
7 Three of a kind Three cards of one rank		54,912	2.11%	1 in 47	4.83%
8 Two pair Two different pairs		123,552	4.75%	1 in 21	23.5%
9 One pair Two cards of one rank		1,098,240	42.3%	1 in 2.4	43.8%
10 High card No combination - the top card plays		1,302,540	50.1%	1 in 2	17.4%

Totals: 2,598,960 possible five-card hands and 133,784,560 seven-card deals. "Chance" is the share of five-card hands; the last column is how often each hand is the best five of seven cards, as in Texas hold'em.

Breaking ties

Pair vs pair	The higher pair; if equal, kickers from the top down
Two pair vs two pair	Top pair first, then the second pair, then the kicker
Trips or quads	The higher rank; then the side cards
Straight vs straight	The higher top card; 10 to A is the highest, A-2-3-4-5 the lowest
Flush or high card	Highest card, then the next, down all five
Full house vs full house	The three-of-a-kind part first, then the pair
Identical five cards	The pot splits

Worth knowing

- ♦ **Suits never rank.** Spades, hearts, diamonds and clubs are equal, so a suit never breaks a tie.
- ♦ **Kickers.** The side cards decide between equal hands: A-A-K-7-3 beats A-A-Q-J-10.
- ♦ **Five cards only.** A hand is always the best five cards. In hold'em you may use both, one or none of your hole cards.
- ♦ **The ace plays high or low** in a straight, never in the middle: Q-K-A-2-3 is not a straight.
- ♦ **Rarer beats commoner.** Every hand on this sheet beats every hand below it, whatever the cards.