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POKER ROOM BAD BEAT JACKPOT

The poker room Bad Beat is offered in Québec casino poker rooms at Texas Hold'em poker gaming tables with dealers. The Bad Beat allows players to win a percentage of the corresponding progressive jackpot or fixed prize, as the case may be, when one of them obtains a hand made up of a predetermined combination that, despite its strength, loses at the showdown.*

To constitute the poker room Bad Beat progressive jackpot or fixed prize when the Bad Beat is offered should a bad beat occur, \$1 is taken from each \$20 or more pot at each Texas Hold'em poker game table.

*Some conditions apply. See complete Bad Beat rules for Texas Hold'em poker gaming tables with dealers.

THE GAME

The maximum number of players authorized at a Texas Hold'em table is ten (10).

THE CARDS

Texas Hold'em is played with a standard deck of fifty-two (52) cards. In decreasing order, the rank of the cards is as follows: Ace, King, Queen, Jack, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2. An Ace may be used to complete a straight flush or an Ace-2-3-4-5 straight.

THE COMBINATIONS

The ranking of Texas Hold'em Poker combinations, in decreasing order, is as follows:

ROYAL FLUSH: Ace-King-Queen-Jack-10 of the same suit.

STRAIGHT FLUSH: Five cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking.

FOUR-OF-A-KIND: Four cards of the same rank.

FULL HOUSE: Three-of-a-kind and a pair.

FLUSH: Five cards of the same suit.

STRAIGHT: Five cards in consecutive order, regardless of suit.

THREE-OF-A-KIND: Three cards of the same rank.

TWO PAIRS: Two pairs.

PAIR: Two cards of the same rank.

HIGH CARD: Card whose value ranks the highest.

When more than one five-card (5) hand contains identical combinations, the five-card (5) hand with the highest ranking card that is not part of any of the above combinations is the winning hand. However, if all the cards that are not part of a combination are of equal rank, the hands are considered to be identical.

This document is a summary of the main rules of poker Texas Hold'em. For detailed rules applicable to poker Texas Hold'em see the complete game rules. Should there be a discrepancy between the rules described in this leaflet and the complete game rules, the latter will prevail.

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POKER TEXAS HOLD'EM

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Texas Hold'em is currently the most popular type of Poker in the world. In this game, players play against one another.

HOW TO PLAY

Using seven (7) cards, you attempt to obtain a five-card (5) hand which ranks higher than that of the other players.



THE MARKER

At the beginning of each game, a puck is moved clockwise to each play position to determine the dealing order and the order of the betting rounds. For the first game, the puck is placed in front of the first position on the dealer's right-hand side.

BLIND BETS

Blind bets must be posted by the first and second players to the left of the position identified by the puck. They must respectively post a "small blind" and a "big blind" before the first card is dealt.

A new player must post a "big blind" in order to take part in the next game at a table where a game is currently in progress.

STRADDLE AND DOUBLE STRADDLE BETS

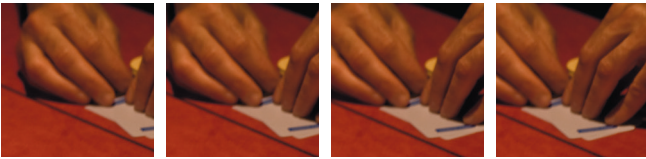
The first player to the left of the big blind (according to the puck's position) can place a straddle bet by wagering twice the amount of the big blind, but must do so before the first card is dealt. In addition, the first player to the left of the person who placed a straddle bet can place a double straddle bet by wagering either one and a half times the amount of the straddle bet or twice the amount of the straddle bet, as indicated at the table, before the first card is dealt.

THE FIRST DEALING ROUND AND THE FIRST BETTING ROUND

Beginning with the first player to the left of the player identified by the puck, the dealer gives each player in turn a first card, dealt face down, and then again, a second card, also dealt face down.

Once all players have received both their cards, the first betting round begins:

- if no straddle or double straddle bets are placed, players can choose to call, raise or fold starting with the first player to the left of the big blind;
- if a straddle bet was placed, players can choose to call, raise or fold starting with the first player to the left of the person who placed the straddle bet. Likewise, if a double straddle bet was placed, players can choose to call, raise or fold starting with the first player to the left of the person who placed the double straddle bet.



“THE FLOP” AND THE SECOND BETTING ROUND
The dealer burns the top card and then deals three community cards called “The Flop”. Players then proceed with the second betting round.

“THE TURN” AND THE THIRD BETTING ROUND
The dealer burns the top card and then deals a fourth community card called “The Turn”. A third betting round follows.

“THE RIVER” AND THE FOURTH BETTING ROUND
The dealer burns the top card and then deals a fifth community card called “The River”. A fourth and final betting round then takes place.

YOUR OPTIONS

- During the betting rounds, situation permitting, you may:
- **PASS (CHECK):** decline to place a bet but retain the right to do so later should an opponent bet.
 - **BET:** place a bet in the pot.
 - **CALL:** match the preceding player's bet.
 - **RAISE:** bet an amount higher than the preceding player.
 - **FOLD:** place no more bets and forfeit the right to win the pot.

THE SHOWDOWN

During the showdown, each player who stayed in the game and still has his two (2) cards makes up the highest ranking five-card (5) hand possible in order to win the pot. He may use his two (2) cards and three (3) of the five (5) community cards, one (1) of his two (2) cards and four (4) of the five (5) community cards, or use all five (5) community cards.

THE POT

The player with the highest ranking hand at the end of the showdown wins the pot. The pot is split evenly among those players whose hands are identical.