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Poker Set Instructions

Contents: 200 professional poker chips, 1 deck of playing cards, 1 dealer button, 1 aluminium case.

How To Play: The player to deal the first hand can be decided by any method. The "Dealer Button" is placed in front of the dealer. After each hand is completed, the "Dealer Button" is moved clockwise to the next player who becomes the dealer. The dealer will deal two cards to each player and will place these faced down. These are called "pocket cards". Do not let other players see your cards.

A round of betting will take place. (See explanation of betting below)

The dealer will turn over three (3) community cards, face up, on the centre of the table. These are called the "flop". Thus each player with their own pocket cards and the flop, already has the equivalent of a five card poker hand.

A second round of betting will take place.

The dealer will turn over a fourth community card on the table. This card is called the "turn"; also referred to as "fourth street".

A third round of betting will take place.

The dealer will turn over a fifth community card on the table. This card is called the "river". It is the river of dreams.

A fourth and final round of betting will take place.

Showdown: Each player may use the best 5 of the community and pocket cards to make a hand. The players, who have not previously folded their cards, show their hands. The best hand wins all of the chips that have been bet. If the community cards are the best hand, the remaining players spill the pot.

How To Bet: Betting is always done in clockwise order. The first person to act is the one sitting on the left-hand side of the player who deals the cards. This person has three choices: they can bet, fold (turn in their cards and drop out of the hand) or check (pass the opportunity to bet to the next player). All bets are put into the middle of the table and make up what is called the "pot".

After the initial bet, if there is one, the rest of the players in turn have three choices. They can fold, call (match the bet of the previous player) or raise a bet (call and make an incremental bet). A round of betting is finished when all remaining players have acted at least once and have contributed the same amount to the pot. The cumulative number of raises for each round of betting shall not exceed three.

Unless otherwise stated before the game, you are permitted to check or call a bet the first time through and raise the next time the action comes to you.

The amount of the bets and raises is predetermined prior to the start of the game. During the first two rounds each bet and raise must be in the amount of the minimum bet. During the last two rounds each bet and raise must be in the amount of the maximum bet. The minimum bet should be one half the amount of the maximum bet; for example 2 chips and 4 chips.

To make sure there is always money in the pot, each hand starts with "blinds". Prior to seeing their cards, the first player to the left of the dealer will bet 50% of the minimum bet and the second player will bet an amount equal to the minimum bet. The betting will then continue from the third player. This is only done once, prior to the first round of betting.

As an option you may play a No-Limit game. There are designated blinds and or antes as well as a designated opening bet. After that, any player may bet any amount of money they have on the table. In fact, a player may call for a bet in the amount of all chips in front of them. This is called "all in". A player is never obliged to drop out of contention because they do not have a sufficient number of chips to match a bet. The excess amount of the bet is either returned to the player or used in a side pot with other players who matched the entire amount of the bet.

Poker Hands from Highest to Lowest:

Straight Flush (five consecutive cards of the same suit)

Four of a Kind

Full House (three of a kind and one pair)

Flush (five cards of the same suit)

Straight (five consecutive cards- Aces may be used before a

two or after a King)

Three of a kind

Two Pairs

One Pair

High Card (Ace, King, Queen, Jack, Ten, Nine, Eight etc.)



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