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Texas Hold 'em

In Texas Hold'em, all players receive two down cards as their personal hand, after which there is a round of betting. Three board cards are then turned simultaneously (called the "flop") and another round of betting occurs. The next two board cards are turned one at a time, with a betting round after each card. The board cards are community cards, and after the final round of betting, a player may use any five card combination from among

the board and personal cards. A player may even use all of the board cards and no personal cards to form a hand. Blind bets are used to stimulate action and initiate play. The small blind is posted by the player immediately clockwise from the button, and the big blind is posted by the player two positions clockwise from the button. The player to the left of the blinds initiates action on the first betting round. On all subsequent betting rounds, the action begins with the first active player to the left of the button.

Omaha

Omaha is similar to Texas Hold'em, except each player is dealt four down cards instead of two. In order to make a hand, a player must use precisely two hole cards with any combination of exactly three board cards. The betting is the same as in Texas Hold'em. Omaha is often played high-low split, 8's or better. You may use any combination of two hole cards and three board cards for high hand and another (or the same) combination of two hole cards and three board cards for your low hand.

7 Card Stud

Seven card stud is played with two down cards and one up card dealt before the first betting round, followed by three more up cards (with betting round after each card). After the last down card is dealt, there is a final round of betting. The best five-card poker hand wins the pot. In all fixed limit games, the smaller bet is wagered on the first two betting rounds, and the larger bet is wagered after the delivery of the fifth, sixth, and seventh cards. In structured games (e.g. 6-12, 10-20) if there is an open pair on the fourth card, any player has the option of making the smaller or larger bet.

