

TOP 5 POKER - Rules & Dealing Procedures

1. The layout used for "Top 5 Poker" has either 6 or 7 spots and fits on a standard blackjack size table. Each spot has a "Wager Area" that consists of 4 wager locations: 1) "Ace or Face Community Card", 2) "10's or Better", 3) "Ante" and 4) "Bet". Payouts are posted on the layout between the spots.

2. Top 5 Poker is played using only 1 standard deck of 52 cards.

3. After the cards are shuffled, the dealer first checks to ensure that all players that wish to play the next round have all of their wagers placed. Players make an "Ace or Face Community Card" and/or a "10's or Better" and/or an "Ante" wager in their Wager Area to show they are playing the next round. The house determines which initial wager or wagers are required.

4. The dealer deals 5 cards to each player's spot that has a wager in the 10's or Better and/or Ante wager locations. Each set of 5 cards is dealt face down, to the player's side of the Wager Area, the dealer may deal with one arm motion to facilitate dealing from a shuffling machine. The dealer then deals 5 cards, face down, to himself. Once dealing of the round starts, players that have not placed a wager in their Wager Area are not allowed to play the round. Note: The house will define what constitutes a mis-deal and determine the procedures to handle any such mis-deal.

5. The dealer then places a "Community Card" face up, for all to see, directly in front of his position. The Community Card may optionally be used by any or all players, including the dealer, to form a better 5 card hand.

6. Players evaluate their 5 cards. Players must either fold or play.

Fold: If a player decides to fold, he places all 5 cards dealt to him face down on the dealer's side of his Wager Area.

Play: If a player decides to play, he has two options: a player either plays the 5 cards dealt to him or he elects to use the Community Card in place of one of the 5 cards in his hand. In either case, if a player made an Ante wager, he must wager an additional amount, exactly the same as his Ante wager, placing this wager in his Bet wager location.

Play the 5 cards dealt: To play the 5 cards dealt, the player places his 5 cards, face down, on the player's side of his Wager Area. This player uses only the 5 cards dealt to him (and not the Community Card) to make his Top 5 Poker hand.

Use the Community Card: To use the Community Card as part of his Top 5 Poker hand, the player must discard one of his five cards, face down on the dealer's side of his Wager Area. The player then places his 4 remaining cards, face down on the player's side of his Wager Area. This player uses 4 of the 5 cards dealt to him and the Community Card to make his Top 5 Poker hand.

7. The dealer collects all 10's or Better and Ante wagers from players that have folded and if the Community Card is not an Ace or a Face card (Ace, King, Queen or Jack) the dealer also collects all Ace or Face Community Card wagers.

8. The dealer then collects all folded hands and discards from his right to his left and places them in the discard rack.

9. The dealer turns over his 5 cards. From the 6 cards, encompassing the 5 cards dealt to the dealer and the Community Card, the dealer will make his best 5 card hand. If the dealer's Top 5 Poker hand uses the Community Card, the dealer will place the least favorable of the 5 cards dealt to him in the discard rack. The dealer's hand "qualifies" with a pair or better.

10. The dealer announces whether his hand qualifies and if it does he announces the value of his hand.

11. The dealer then settles all hands from his right to his left. In doing so, the dealer will pick up each player hand in turn and place it face up on the dealer's side of the respective Wager Areas.

Ace or Face Community Card Wagers:

If the Community Card is an Ace or Face card, the dealer pays Ace or Face Community Card wagers according to the "Ace or Face Payouts", regardless of whether the player folds, the dealer's hand does not qualify or the dealer's hand beats the player's hand. Casinos predetermine which of the three following sets of Ace or Face Payouts to offer.

Ace or Face Payouts

Community Card	Payout Table House Adv 1.54%	Payout Table House Adv 3.08%	Payout Table House Adv 3.85%
Ace	4 to 1	4 to 1	4 to 1
King	2 to 1	2 to 1	2 to 1
Queen	8 to 5	8 to 5	3 to 2
Jack	6 to 5	1 to 1	1 to 1

10's or Better Wagers:

If the player folds, the 10's or Better wager is lost. If a player has a 10's or Better wager and his Top 5 Poker hand contains at least a pair of 10's or Better, the dealer pays that player per the "10's or Better Payouts", regardless of whether the dealer's hand does not qualify or the dealer's hand beats the player's hand. Casinos predetermine which of the three following sets of 10's or Better Payouts to offer. Only the highest payout achieved is paid.

10's or Better Payouts

Player Hand	Payout Table House Adv 2.17%	Payout Table House Adv 3.18%	Payout Table House Adv 4.47%
Royal Flush	250 to 1	250 to 1	250 to 1
Straight Flush	75 to 1	75 to 1	75 to 1
Four of a Kind	25 to 1	25 to 1	25 to 1
Full House	15 to 1	15 to 1	10 to 1
Flush	5 to 1	4 to 1	5 to 1
Straight	3 to 1	3 to 1	4 to 1
Two Pair or 3 of a Kind	1 to 1	1 to 1	1 to 1
Pair 10's or Better	1 to 1	1 to 1	1 to 1

Ante and Bet Wagers:

The dealer's hand is said to "qualify" if it contains at least a Pair or Better. The Ante and Bet wagers are settled according to the "Ante / Bet Payout Table". On the "Winning Bet Payouts", only the highest payout achieved is paid.

Ante / Bet Payout Table

Situation	Result
Player folds	The Ante wager is lost.
Player does not fold and Dealer's hand does not qualify	Dealer pays 1 to 1 on the Ante wager and the Bet wager pushes, both regardless of whether or not the dealer's hand beats the player's hand.
Dealer's hand qualifies and beats the player's Top 5 Poker hand	Dealer collects the player's Ante and Bet wagers.
Dealer's hand qualifies and player's Top 5 Poker hand beats the dealer's hand	Dealer pays 1 to 1 on the Ante wager and the Bet wager is paid according to the Winning Bet Payouts.

Winning Bet Payouts

Player Hand	Payout Table House Adv 3.02%
Royal Flush	100 to 1
Straight Flush	25 to 1
Four of a Kind	12 to 1
Full House	5 to 1
Flush	4 to 1
Straight	3 to 1
Winning Hand	1 to 1

12. The house determines the manner by which all cards are to be collected. The dealer places all collected cards in the discard rack, then removes them to be shuffled to start the next round.

Card room operators must not allow wagering limits to exceed the authorized limits set out in WAC 230-15-040 and WAC 230-15-140.

