

Texas Holdem

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This very well may be the most popular card game known to man (besides go-fish). It starts off with the dealer dealing everyone two cards. The dealer will deal out 2 cards to everyone. Then the player to the left of the dealer has to put out a small blind, and the player next to him has to play a big blind. (small blind = half of the bet needed to play the hand, big blind = full bet needed to play the hand) Then the rest of the players have the choice if they want to keep or discard their hands. First bets are in. After that the dealer will take the top card, discard it, and then throw down the next three cards, this is called the **flop**. After that the next round of betting goes through. Once each player decides to raise/call/fold, the dealer will discard the next top card and then place another card on the table, this is called the **turn** card. Betting round number 3 is now in session. After all the betting is done, the dealer will discard the next top card, and then he will place the final card on the table, this is the **river** card. Now the final round of betting is on, after all bets are in and everyone is done, starting clockwise (from the dealer) the players will turn up their hands. If you are beat before it comes to you, you do not have to show your cards. And that is the basics of Texas Holdem.

