

Poker Basic Rules

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Poker rules are specific formats that describe how a particular poker game should be played. Most of the poker rules are general with some variations specific to the game type. In order to play a wise strategy in a game, we need to be sure and informed about the applicability of the poker rules right from the beginning.

Poker rules per betting are defined as:

- Limit – In limit betting round one cannot bet more than a certain amount of chips as pre-determined by the small and big blinds or beyond the chips in hand.

- No limit – In no limit betting, there is no restrictions about the amount of chips that one should put in to the pot for the bet. A player has the liberty to exhaust all of his chips in the bet and in some purchase even more chips to bet.

- Pot limit – In pot limit betting, the player is supposed to bet the chips equaling the value of the pot at a time. No player can bet less than the pot value. Poker rules per winning hands are defined as:

- High hand wins- The player with a high hand card splits the pot. • Low hand wins- The player who has the best low hand card splits the pot.

- High/low wins- The pot is shared between the high and the low hand. The sharing is not always equal.

If the high hand has an equally ranking low card, then the sharing is 3/4 for the high rank card with best low and 1/4 for the low hand. If 2 people have a low hand, then half the pot is split by the high hand and the remaining half is split between the two low hands.

Sometimes if there are no low hands the high hand takes the pot for self in full.

Some other poker rules you need to know are:

- The dealer is the last to play and is denoted by a white chip. The dealer position is rotated clockwise by rotating the chip to each player in the absence of a house dealer.

- The person left to the dealer is supposed to make the small blind bet, which is half the big bet. • The person left to the little blind bet is supposed to make big bet, which is usually double the little blind.

Poker rules are many and more defining the best of strategies. Cited above are just a few basics which everyone needs to know.