



TEXAS HOLD'EM QUESTIONS

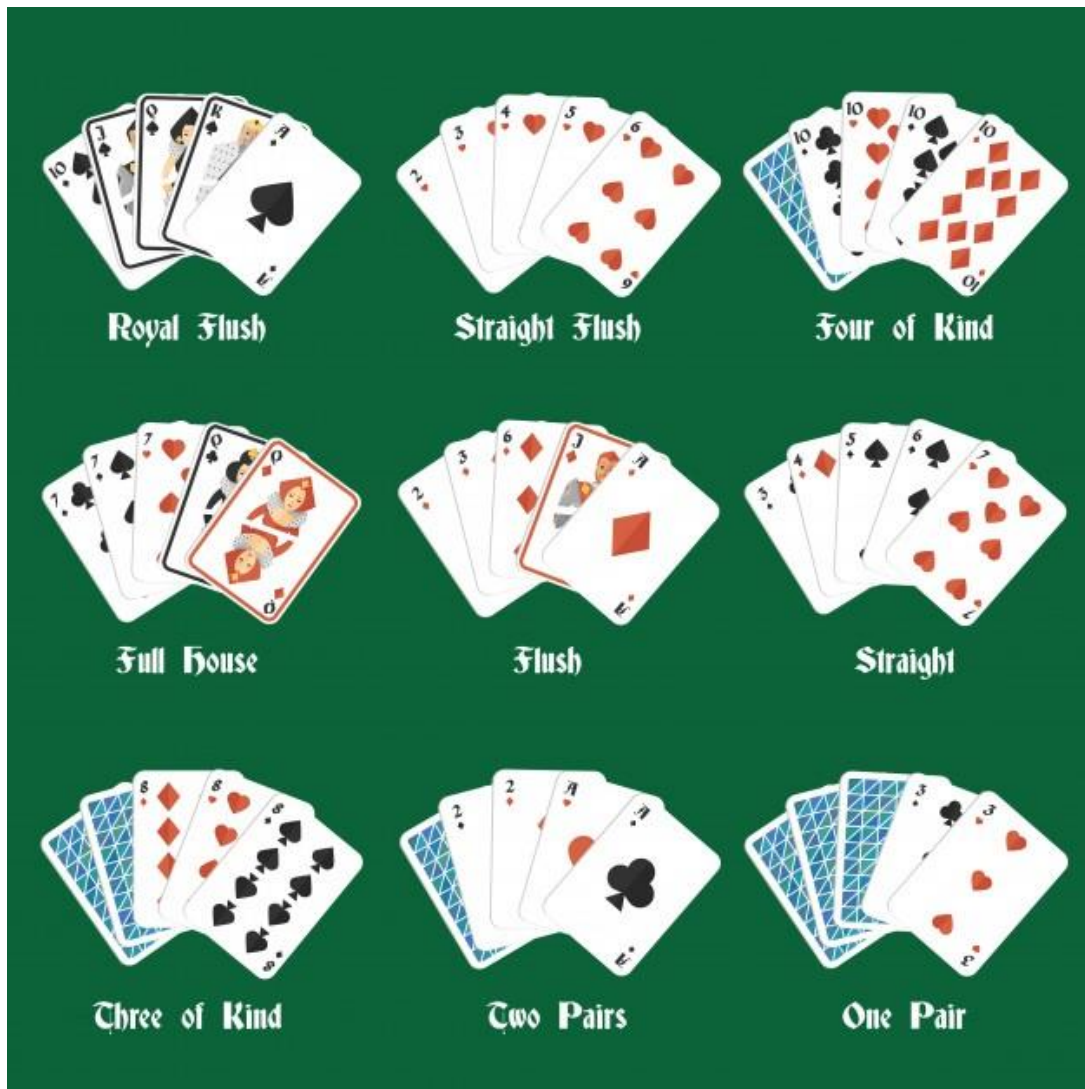
Poker Cheat Sheet for 2020

What is a Poker Cheat Sheet?

A poker cheat sheet is a guide to help you learn the absolute basic fundamentals to play solid poker in order to beat micro and low stake games. Like any endeavour, it takes time, experience and regular evaluation to become a master. The idea behind a cheat sheet is that you can refer to it easily to help you make better decisions than you would otherwise.

Hand Rankings

If you are new to poker, you will need to understand the proper hand rankings. The list below should help you understand the respective hand rankings.





Calculating Outs as Odds

To make better decisions, you will want to know the chances of improving your hand and reconciling that with the amount your opponent is betting. The table below should help you see, at a glance, the approximate percentage of you making your hand for the most common scenarios you will find yourself in. After a while, calculating your outs and converting them to odds will become intuitive. In the meantime, feel free to refer to this table.

Draw Type	Number of Outs	Turn & River (two cards)	River (one card)
Flush & 2 Overcards	15	54%	33%
Flush & 1 Overcard	14	51%	30%
Open End Straight & 1 Overcard	11	42%	24%
Flush	9	35%	19%
Open End Straight	8	32%	17%
Set to full house or quads	7	28%	15%
2 Overcards	6	24%	13%
Gutshot Straight	4	17%	9%
Backdoor Flush or Straight	1	4%	2%



Hand Selection – Open Raising

Choosing which hands to play is very important. It's the first key decision of any poker hand. If you are starting out in poker. The most important thing is to play a selective hand range based on the position you are in. As you lack the post flop skills to profitably make marginal pre flop calls, you will need to be careful about the hands you play. The table below is a guide to hands you can open raise with, if you are first to enter the pot i.e. nobody has raised in front of you. Please note that the table assumes you are opening the hand ranges in the earlier positions too e.g. You open KJ suited in early position therefore you are opening it in mid position too.

Early Position	Middle Position	Late Position	Small Blind
All Pocket Pairs 5s to Aces	KJ/KQ/KT/QJ	Any Ace	NA
AT-AK suited	Suited Aces	All suited kings	NA
KQ suited	Pocket Twos to Pocket 4s	All connectors	NA
KJ suited	Suited Connectors above a 6 e.g. 7h8h	All gapped connectors above a 6 e.g. Q-9	NA
	QJ suited/ KT suited/ QT suited/ JT suited	Any suited cards with at worst 3 gap between e.g. Jd 8d	NA

Please note I have not assigned a hand range for the small blind. I firmly believe this is the worst spot to play Texas Holdem from and don't think it would be wise to advise a hand range from here. Instead, play careful from there. Look to minimise how much you lose and let the strong hands do their "talking" so to speak.



Hand Selection – Calling Raises

As you won't have the pre-flop aggression in the hand, it is important you are calling raises with hands that are at least as equal in value to the likely range your opponent is raising with and preferably in position on them. There is no cheat to knowing what hands you should call player A's raise with. Instead, think about the type of player raising and act accordingly. In other words, if it is a loose player opening, you can widen the hands you call with as he is opening wider than a tight player. If it is a tight player opening, you should be looking to play less hands or hands that can break him e.g. low pairs.

As a very basic guide consider calling raises with the hands below.

1. Any Pocket Pair
2. A Q off suit
3. A J suited
4. A Q suited
5. A T suited
6. K Q suited

Hand Selection – Re Raising AKA 3 Bet

Starting out, I recommend 3 betting with AK suited, Pocket Queens, Kings and Aces. As you develop and gain experience you will certainly be re raising with other hands but this cheat sheet is purely for the new player playing micro/low stakes poker.



Post Flop Poker

You will quickly learn that playing the flop, turn and river is complex. As you are playing a selective hand range starting out, you will not be facing as many difficult situations as a more experience player. Few rules to follow are below:

1. Miss the flop, get out of the way
2. Be wary of straight and flushes if betting gets large
3. Bet 50% or more of the pot when you bet
4. Don't attempt crazy bluff bets when you are multi way
5. Don't slowplay your hands, people will call you down at micro stakes so less need for deception
6. Bet your top pair or better hands
7. Don't get too attached to Ace King if you miss!

Conclusions

This cheat sheet is aimed at the new player coming to poker in 2020 who has no experience but wants to learn fast. Understanding hand rankings, what hands to play and the basic odds are the most simple and fundamental skills to be a competent player, capable of winning at micro stakes. There is so much more strategy and complexity to Texas Holdem that can take years to master but we hope this cheat sheet will help you at the start of your poker journey.