

# Player Reference

## Ranking of Poker Hands

Hand	Description
<b>Royal Flush</b>	The best possible straight flush. Ten, Jack, Queen, King, and Ace all of the same suit.
<b>Straight Flush</b>	Cards of five consecutive ranks, all of the same suit.
<b>4 of a Kind</b>	Four cards of any one rank, and any other card.
<b>Full House</b>	Three cards of one rank, and two cards of a second rank.
<b>Flush</b>	Five cards of the same suit that doesn't make a straight.
<b>Straight</b>	Cards of five consecutive ranks when not all five are of the same suit.
<b>3 of a Kind</b>	Three cards of the same rank and two unrelated cards.
<b>Two Pair</b>	Two cards of one rank, two cards of another rank, and a fifth.
<b>One Pair</b>	Two cards of the same rank and three other unrelated cards.
<b>High Card</b>	Known as a 'Busted Hand'. Five unrelated cards – no pair, no flush, no straight.

## Qualifying Round Chip Values

Color	Value	Number Per Player
White	\$5	10
Red	\$25	14
Black	\$100	6

## Qualifying Round Blind Structure

Round	Little Blind	Big Blind	*Raise Increment	Minutes	Limit
1	\$10	\$15	\$15	15	No Limit
2	\$15	\$25	\$25	15	No Limit
3	\$25	\$50	\$50	15	No Limit
4	\$50	\$100	\$100	15	No Limit
5	\$100	\$200	\$200	15	No Limit
6+	Blinds double every 15 minutes.				

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## Rules of Play

1. The tournament consists of a single Qualifying Round at each table followed by a Championship Round comprised of table winners. This is a no limit Texas Hold 'Em "freeze-out" format, with play continuing until one (1) player has accumulated all of the chips.
2. In addition to the Qualifying Round winners, additional Championship Round participants may be selected by a random drawing or by auction in order to ensure there are a minimum of eight (8) Championship Round players.
3. This tournament uses a "modified moving button rule." This means that if the player who is designated with the little or big blind goes bankrupt, then the button goes to the next active player to the left. The two players to the left of the moved button become the little and big blinds. An active player must always be designated as the dealer.
4. All players will start the Qualifying Round with \$1,000 in tournament chips. Chip values and the number of chips per play are shown on back.
5. The Qualifying Round will use the blind structure shown on back.
6. All players in the Championship Round will begin with a new allocation of \$2,000 in tournament chips. The Little Blind will begin at \$100 while the Big Blind will be \$200; blinds will double every 15 minutes.
7. There are four rounds of betting per hand played (i.e. pre-flop, flop, turn and river.) In addition, there is a limit of three (3) raises per betting round. Any raise equal to or greater than the big blind is allowed.
8. The dealer button will start to the immediate right of the dealer for the Qualifying and Championship Rounds.
9. There will be no missed blinds. If a player is absent when due a blind, the amount of the blind will be posted from the player's chips. If the action reaches the player and the player is not present, their hand will be declared dead. Note: Chips will be pulled for players who do not show after 30 minutes.
10. Players will be given a reasonable time to make their wagers. However, if no bet has been placed after one (1) minute, a warning will be issued and the minimum bet must be made.
11. If a player has insufficient chips to cover a blind, he/she must use all remaining chips and declare "all-in." The pot will be divided into parts: the pot that the 'all-in' player has a chance to win (the "main" pot) and the pot he/she doesn't have a chance to win (the "side" pot). If the 'all-in' player does not win the hand he/she is eliminated from the tournament.
12. All hands will be declared dead in the event of a misdeal.
13. All chips and cards must be kept in plain view, on table, at all times. Any player caught flashing or deliberately showing his/her cards to another player or spectator will be subject to disqualification.
14. No string bets are allowed.
15. Sharing of chips between players is not allowed.
16. All disputes must be handled at the table before completion of the hand. Poker dealers will defer to the event chairman for a ruling. The event chairman will solve all protests in a manner deemed by them to be fairest to all parties and that ruling will be final.
17. The last person with chips remaining during the Championship Round wins the grand prize. If two players are eliminated from the Qualifying Round on the same hand, the player who started that hand with the most tournament chips will be deemed the higher finisher.
18. The grand prize is subject to state and federal taxes and are the responsibility of the participant.
19. Tournament chips have no monetary value.
20. Please note that our dealers will gladly accept tips on behalf of the St. Louis Arc!



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