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Learning The Game Of Texas Hold `Em Poker

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Texas Hold `em poker is the most popular of all poker games and is commonly found in casinos

throughout America. It is so popular, in fact, that it is also featured as the main event of the World Series of Poker and World Poker Tour competitions. Commonly played among 2 to 10 people, Texas Hold `em poker can accommodate up to 22 players. The versatility in the number of competitors plays a large role in the game's championship inclusion. Most televised poker tournaments begin with a larger number of players, which is acceptable in Texas Hold `em poker.

The objective of Texas Hold `em poker, much the same as other similar games, is to win the money bet by all of the players. The "pot," as it is called, is awarded to the player who has the best poker hand or who convinces the other players to fold their game. Players are required to place blind bets, which means they are not able to view the other player's cards.

Texas Hold `em poker has been widely shown in a number of major motion pictures and quickly grew to become a popular spectator event. The ultimate competition of suspense, drama and a big winner at the end combine to attract a large audience. Shown on ESPN during various poker championships and on the big screen, many players wanted to learn how to play the game.

So, just what does it take to be a successful Texas Hold `em poker player? Everyone has heard of a `poker face,' which is a large part in preventing the other players from reading your physical reactions to the drawn cards. Because the cards drawn are done at random, this the best advantage over the competition. By not showing either disappointment or enthusiasm, the player will gain an instant advantage in that no other players are able to assess their ability to win. Some gamblers refer to `bluffing' when they believe that someone is betting boldly in an effort to scare the other players into folding. In this scenario, it can be difficult to know whether a player is extremely confident or courageous and it is this mystery that surrounds the `bluffing' term.

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Texas Hold'em

By Adel Awwad

Texas Hold'em has become the most popular variation of Poker currently being featured in the gaming world. Due to the popularity of Poker parties, the World Series of Poker and the World Poker Tour, more and more people are developing an interest in Poker. Further, the game of Texas Hold'em is of particular interest to gamblers.

Texas Hold'em is usually played with several people (usually more than 2 and less than 22). The game begins with the dealer doling out two cards face down, to each player. These are the cards that are shown and are the cards referred to as the "showdown." Then, each player makes a bet, after which the dealer deals a "burn card." The players are then dealt three community cards, face up, and then the second betting round begins. After this second better round, another burn card is dealt and then another community card. Finally, another betting round is held. This is followed by one or two more betting rounds and then the showdown.

The showdown is the official name for the final hand. When a player makes their bet and all of the other players in the game fold, then that player is the game winner and is awarded the money in the pot. If two players, or more, remain, then that is the showdown round. Each player must play the best hand of five cards that he can get from the seven cards (the two hole cards and five community cards). If the best hand is shared by the two players, then the pot is split between the remaining players.

This overview of Texas Hold'em is simply that, an overview. There are many different tips and tricks, particularly when playing in casinos whether the casino is virtual or real and the rules can often vary from site to site within an online casino arena. The best thing to do before joining a game of Texas Hold'em Poker is to check the rules of regulations of each online casino to be sure you comply.

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