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Are you looking to play Texas Holdem online? The following poker websites will allow you to play Texas Holdem on the internet.
Click on each of the links below to play Texas Hold Em online.

Party Poker – <http://www.partypoker.com/index.htm?wm=2032830>

Let me take a minute to introduce you to PartyPoker.com ...the number # 1 Texas Hold em poker site on the internet for people who like Texas Holdem!!!

Since launching in 2001, we have been the fastest growing Texas Holdem player site in the world. Thousands of players play Texas Hold em daily on our site—especially those who like to play Texas Holdem with other internet players who also like to play Texas Hold em. We offer a variety of poker games and tournaments for your pleasure for people who enjoy Texas Holdem. We also offer FREE internet Texas Holdem play at our play money tables. You can learn how to play Texas Hold em for free and see how our games/tournament work at no cost. Play access and getting started is easy. If you enjoy playing Texas Holdem games, we have something for you. Texas Holdem fun and excitement is what we are all about! To play Texas Hold Em at Party Poker, please click the following link:

<http://www.partypoker.com/index.htm?wm=2032830>

Empire Poker – <http://www.empirepoker.com/index.htm?wm=1701693>

Do you love Texas Hold em ? We bet you'll love playing Texas Holdem at Empire Poker.

Thousands of players interested in playing Texas Holdem play cards daily at Empire, and there are many good reasons why they play Texas Hold em there!

We offer a variety of Texas Hold em games and tournaments for people interested in playing poker online. We also offer FREE Texas Holdem play at our play money tables, for as long as you like. Play Texas Holdem on our free software live with other players at no cost while you learn the rules.

In addition, we make every effort to ensure a fair and safe environment for all Texas Holdem players who play poker. To play Texas Hold Em at Empire Poker, please click on the following link:

<http://www.empirepoker.com/index.htm?wm=1701693>

Poker Room – <http://www3.pokerroom.com/?ref=4097>

Poker Room --- the #1 Website on the Internet for people who love Texas Holdem!

At Poker Room, we are committed to giving you, the Texas Hold em player, the ultimate gaming experience. That's why we provide a full free "play money"

Online Demo version of our internet Texas Holdem software. It is identical to the Real Money version, so that you can get the true feel of our software

before playing Texas Hold em for Real Money on the internet. You will receive \$1,000 in free play poker money to play Texas Holdem with. However, if

you spend it all, your Demo Account will be replenished automatically so you can play more Texas HoldEm. No obligations, no limits – just loads of

fun for the Texas Holdem fan. We offer players who love to play Texas Holdem on the internet the chance to play the most popular games and our software is easily downloaded and free of charge. The graphics are smooth and the Texas Holdem gaming is sharp, fast and hassle-free.

To play Texas Holdem at Poker Room, please click on the following link:

<http://www3.pokerroom.com/?ref=4097>

Any of the above poker rooms are excellent options for those looking to play Texas Holdem...click thru to each of the links to play Texas Holdem with other poker players.

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The History Of Texas Holdem Poker

By Adel Awwad

Texas Holdem is a variety of Poker, a card game which originated in the 19th century. The origins of Poker are still disputed to this day, with a number of conflicting accounts about where it came from, and who first played it; similar games exist back to the Renaissance period. The word `Poker' actually comes from the German word `pochen', which means "to knock".

However, most accounts generally agree that it was French settlers who first played Poker in New Orleans around 1830. It may have been introduced to them by Persian traders, as it bears strong similarities with the 16th century Persian card game As Nas. The popularity of Poker meant that it quickly spread throughout the USA, along the transport routes of rivers and railroads. It became especially popular when played amongst cowboys in the Old West.

Texas Holdem, or Hold'em as it is also known, is today one of the most popular versions of Poker in the world. Although nobody is really sure where this version was first played, it seems clear that Texas was the state of origin! Some reports say that the first ever game was played in Robstown in the 1900s and it spread to Dallas in 1925. Texas Holdem has enjoyed widespread recognition ever since.

The popularity of Texas Holdem was widely increased in 1970. In this year, the Horseshoe Hotel and Casino was opened in Las Vegas by Benny Binion. Binion decided to take over a small invitational Poker tournament from Riverside Casino's Tom Morehead. What was the name of the tournament? The World Series of Poker and the game of choice was Texas Holdem.

Binion focused on the gambling element of the game by devising the idea of rapidly increasing antes and blinds, so that a winner could be produced within a relatively short space of time. In 1972, 8 players took part in the World Series of Poker tournament; thirty years later, the 8 had increased to 800! This annual tournament is now recognised as the most important in the world. In the last five years, the increasing popularity of televised tournaments means that Texas Holdem has become a part of mainstream television.

Additionally, through modern innovations in technology, Texas Holdem Poker has branched off in new directions. Games can now be played directly through the internet, or even on a cell phone! The game's simplicity and huge entertainment value have contributed to its popularity, which shows no sign of decrease. Texas Holdem is clearly the most famous Poker game in the world.

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