

HOW TO PLAY POKER

With several games and limits to choose from, there is a poker game for everybody.

The aim of the game is for one Player to beat all other Players and win the combined wagers or pot, by using their best five card Poker hand. This is achieved by showing either the highest ranking hand at showdown or by being the last person remaining in the hand due to all other players folding.

HOW TO PLAY

Hold'em and Omaha are the main variations offered at Christchurch Casino. A hand in one of these games consists of an initial deal, community cards and four possible betting rounds. Players bet against each other's hands. A Player may choose to withdraw from any round of play in Poker if they don't think their cards are good enough - this is known as 'folding'. By doing so you need not contribute further to the pot but instead forfeit all claims to the pot.

When you play Poker at Christchurch Casino, the role of the Casino is simply one of host. We provide a Dealer, the necessary equipment and a safe, controlled environment. In return for these services, the Casino takes a small amount from the pot at the end of each round of play or during the course of a hand.

To reserve a seat in a Poker game, simply advise the Poker Supervisor of your desire to join a game.

HOLD'EM

Players are dealt two cards face down, the initial deal; the first round of betting takes place. The first three community cards, the 'Flop', are then opened simultaneously; the second round of betting takes place. The fourth community card, the 'Turn' is then dealt; the third betting round takes place. The fifth community card, the 'River' is then dealt; the fourth and last betting round takes place. Once all the betting has finished we have the 'Showdown', the winner is the Player with the highest ranking five card Poker hand using a combination of any of the seven cards dealt.

OMAHA

Omaha is played the same way as Hold'em except players are dealt four cards face down during the initial deal. At the showdown, the winner is the player with the highest ranking five card Poker hand using a combination of any two of their four hole cards with any three from the five community cards.

BETTING LIMITS



















































NO LIMIT: The largest amount you can bet or raise is the total amount of chips you have in your 'chip stack'.

POT LIMIT: The largest amount you can bet or raise is the amount that is in the pot.

STRUCTURED: The amount you can bet or raise is fixed for each round of betting. Eg. if you were playing a \$2/\$4 fixed game you could only bet or raise \$2 in the first two betting rounds and \$4 in the second two betting rounds. Only 3 raises are allowed per betting round.

ORDER OF HANDS

The descending order of poker hand values for a 52 card deck is:

1	ROYAL FLUSH	    
2	STRAIGHT FLUSH	    
3	FOUR OF A KIND	    
4	FULL HOUSE	    
5	FLUSH	    
6	STRAIGHT	    
7	THREE OF A KIND	    
8	TWO PAIRS	    
9	ONE PAIR	    
10	NO PAIR	    



POKER GLOSSARY

ANTE - A predetermined contribution to the pot by all players before any cards are dealt in a hand.

BET - A player's wager

BETTING ROUND - A complete cycle from the first person to act to the last person to act.

BLIND - A compulsory bet placed before the first card is dealt. Most games have a small and a big blind for each hand. The blinds are live bets. The big blind can win the pot if it is not called or raised.

CALL - Placing a bet equal to the highest legal bet in that round or going all-in if remaining chips are less than the size of that bet.

CHECK - Not initiating a bet or surrendering a hand, but retaining all rights to act in the event a bet is made. A check shall only be an option if no blind is placed or bet made.

CHIP STACK - The entire amount of chips a player has on the table is called their 'Chip Stack'

CHECK-RAISE - Initially checking in a betting round and then raising a bet that is subsequently made.

COMMUNITY - Cards dealt face upward which can be used by all players to complete their best possible hand.

DEALER BUTTON - An object on the table which designates the dealer or last to act in a round. The button is moved one position in a clockwise rotation at the conclusion of each hand.

FOLD - To surrender a hand or refuse to call a bet.

HOLE CARDS - A player's concealed cards.

POT - The total amount of wagers made in a hand.

RAISE - A bet within the table limits that is an implicit call plus an amount in excess of the previous bet or raise by at least as large an amount.

SHOWDOWN - The revealing of each player's hand still legally in contention for the pot after the completion of all betting to determine the winner of the pot.

WAGER - An action by which a player places gaming chips into the pot on any betting round.