

Poker Hand Rankings

These are the major poker hands starting with the best. All regular poker hands consists of 5 cards and the order the cards are received doesn't matter.

When dealing with scoring, Aces are high. When dealing with Straights of any kind, Aces are both high and low.

1. **Straight Flush.** This is when you have 5 cards in order all of the same suit. (ex. 4,5,6,7,8 all of hearts). The highest Straight Flush is called a **Royal Flush** (10♥, J♥, Q♥, K♥, A♥). A Royal Flush is still considered a Straight Flush. If two players have a straight flush, then the player with the highest values is the winner. (ex. 5♠,6♠,7♠,8♠,9♠ beats 2♥,3♥,4♥,5♥,6♥.) Ties are possible.
2. **Four of a Kind.** This is when you have 1 4-of-a-value and 1 1-of-a-value. The highest Four of a Kind is a hand with all 4 Aces. If two players both have a Four of a Kind, the player with the highest value of the 4-of-a-value wins. The unmatched card (1-of-a-value) does not matter. It is impossible to have a tie. Example: 5♥, 5♠, 5♦, 5♣, 8♥.
3. **Full House.** A Full House is 1 3-of-a-value and 1 2-of-a-value. When two or more players have a full house, the player with the highest value for the 3-of-a-value wins (even if they have the lowest value for their 2-of-a-value). Ties are impossible. Example: J♥, J♠, J♣, A♣, A♠.
4. **Flush.** Any five cards all in the same suit that is NOT a Straight Flush. If more than one players have a Flush, the one with the highest card wins. (ex. 3♦,5♦,6♦,7♦,A♦ beats 8♦,10♦,J♦,Q♦,K♦). If the highest cards are tied, then compare the second highest cards. Unless both hands have the same 5 values, there will be a winner. Ties are possible.
5. **Straights.** Any five cards in a sequence that is NOT a Straight Flush. (Ex. 4♥, 5♠, 6♥, 7♣, 8♦.) If two players have a straight, the winner is the player with the highest values (4♥, 5♥, 6♠,7♠,8♥ beats A♥, 2♠, 3♠, 4♠, 5♣). Ties are possible.
6. **Three of a Kind.** This is 1 3-of-a-value and 2 1-of-a-values. Note that this is much different from a Full House. If two players have a Three of a Kind, the one with the highest value for the 3-of-a-value wins. The values of the 2 1-of-a-values never matter. Ties are impossible. Example: Q♣, Q♥, Q♠, J♣, 10♥.
7. **Two Pair.** This is 2 2-of-a-values and 1 1-of-a-value. If two players have a Two Pair hand, the one with the highest value for one of their pairs wins. (Ex: 2♠,2♥,K♦,K♥,4♠ beats J♦,J♠,Q♠,Q♥,A♥. If the highest value for the 2-of-a-value is tied, then compare the other lower 2-of-a-values. If those are tied, compare the value of the 1-of-a-values. Ties are possible. A tie would be 4♦,4♥,5♦,5♠,9♦ and 4♠,4♣,5♣,5♥,9♠.
8. **Pair.** This is 1 2-of-a-value and 3 1-of-a-values. If two players have a Pair, then the one with the highest value for their 2-of-a-value wins. If that's tied, compare the 1-of-a-values. Ties are possible. Example: 8♠,8♦,4♦,7♠,10♥.
9. **High Card.** This is 5 1-of-a-values that is not a straight or a flush. This is what I usually get when I play. The highest High Card hand is called "Ace High", which is when the highest value for the 1-of-a-values is an Ace. Ties are possible. Example: 6♦, 9♥, 10♥, J♥, Q♥.

Remember, these are listed from best to worst. The absolute best hand in Poker is a (Royal) Straight Flush and the lowest possible hand in poker is a High Card hand (in particular, the worst hand in all of poker is a "Seven High" hand.)