



Poker Hand Rankings

The hardest thing about playing poker is learning the poker hands. If you can learn these or have them close to hand then you are 90% of the way there. Here's a list of the possible hands and how they rank, together with a short definition. If you're not confident yet why not have this page printed out or open while you play.

Royal Flush



The daddy of all poker hands, a royal flush is a straight flush involving the 10, Jack, Queen, King and Ace.



Straight Flush



A straight with all the cards in the same suit.



Four of a kind



Four cards of the same rank, for example four Queens.



Full House



A combination of a pair and three of a kind.



Flush



Five cards of the same suit, for example five diamonds.



Straight



Five cards in sequential rank order, for example 8, 9, 10, Jack and a Queen. An ace may be used as both a high and a low card.



Three of a kind



Also called **trips**, this is where you have three cards of the same rank, for example three sevens.



Two Pair



Two sets of cards of the same rank, for example two queens and two sixes.



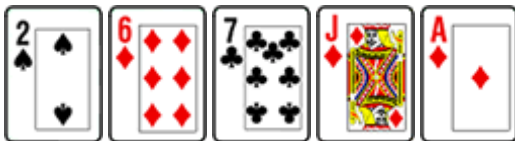
Pair



Any two cards of the same rank, for example two Queens. The ranking of pairs mirrors that of the cards in general, so the strongest pair is a pair of Aces and the weakest a pair of 2s.



High card



The highest ranked card is an Ace, and the ranking runs from the Ace down through the picture cards all the way to 2.

