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HOW TO PLAY **TEXAS HOLD 'EM**

1. THE DEALER, STARTING TO HIS LEFT, DEALS EACH PLAYER 2 CARDS FACE-DOWN.

2. THEN BASED ON THOSE CARDS ALONE, THE 1ST ROUND OF BETTING BEGINS TO THE DEALER'S LEFT.

3. NEXT, 3 COMMUNITY CARDS, KNOWN AS "**THE FLOP**," ARE DEALT FACE-UP IN THE CENTER OF THE TABLE. BETTING BEGINS AGAIN WITH THE FIRST PLAYER STILL IN THE HAND ON THE DEALER'S LEFT.

4. THE 4TH COMMUNITY CARD, "**THE TURN**," IS DEALT TO THE CENTER, FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER ROUND OF BETTING.

5. THE 5TH AND FINAL COMMUNITY CARD, "**THE RIVER**," IS DEALT AND A FINAL ROUND OF BETTING BEGINS.

6. THE PLAYERS REMAINING IN THE HAND THEN TURN THEIR CARDS OVER TO REVEAL THE WINNER.

DUE TO SEVERAL ROUNDS OF BETTING AND THE GAME'S "NO-LIMIT" STYLE, THE POTS CAN GROW FAST AND FURIOUSLY. HOWEVER, SINCE 5 OF THE 7 CARDS ARE SHARED BY THE ENTIRE TABLE, THE ABILITY TO PULL OFF A GOOD BLUFF IS KEY. THE BEST CARDS DON'T ALWAYS WIN THE HAND, THE BEST PLAYERS DO.
HOLD'EM TAKES A MINUTE TO LEARN AND A LIFETIME TO MASTER.

BEST POKER HANDS ACCORDING TO RANK

ROYAL FLUSH

STRAIGHT FLUSH ACE HIGH SUITED

STRAIGHT FLUSH

5 CARDS IN A ROW

4 OF A KIND

4 MATCHING CARDS NON-SUITED

FULL HOUSE

A PAIR AND 3 OF A KIND

FLUSH

5 CARDS OF THE SAME SUIT NOT IN ORDER

STRAIGHT

5 CARDS IN A ROW NON-SUITED

3 OF A KIND

3 MATCHING CARDS

2 PAIR

2 SETS OF MATCHING CARDS

PAIR

2 MATCHING CARDS

HIGH CARD

HIGHEST SINGLE RANKING CARD

