

# POKER RANKINGS

- 1) **STRAIGHT FLUSH** – any five (5) card sequence in the same suit. A straight flush is the ultimate natural hand (meaning no wild cards are involved). It is a combination of a straight and a flush – all the cards are of the same suit and all are consecutive. Ranking between straights is determined by the value of the high end of the straight – a royal flush is a straight flush that has a high card value of Ace.
- 2) **FOUR OF A KIND** – all four cards of the same index. Four cards of the same value represents the second strongest hand in poker. It beats everything but a straight flush.
- 3) **FULL HOUSE** – Three of a kind combined with a pair. A full house is a combination of three of a kind and a pair – meaning all five of your cards are part of a set of either two or three of the same value. Ties on a full house are broken by the three of a kind, as you cannot have two equal sets of three of a kind in a deck.
- 4) **FLUSH** – Any five cards of the same suit, but not in sequence. A flush is a hand where all the cards are of the same suit. If each card you have is all one suit, then you have a flush. Don't be fooled into thinking all five cards have to be of the same color. The high card determines the winner when two people have a flush.
- 5) **STRAIGHT** – five cards in sequence, but not in the same suit. A straight is a hand in which all of the cards are consecutive. There is no continuative quality to this poker hand a straight cannot wrap around (meaning it is not a straight if you have a Queen, King, Ace, Two & Three). Standard poker rules state that in the case of more than one straight, the higher straight wins.
- 6) **THREE of a KIND** – Three cards of the same index. Any three cards with the same value is considered three of a kind. The highest set of three wins.
- 7) **TWO PAIR** – two separate pairs. Two sets of two cards of equal value constitute a hand that has two pairs. As usual the pair with the higher value is used to determine the winner of the tie.
- 8) **PAIR** – one pair of two equal value cards.
- 9) **HIGH CARD** – when the hand you are left with has no pairs, and is not a straight or a flush, its relative value is determined by the highest value card. When two players have no pairs, straight or flush the winner of the tie is determined by the highest value card in the hand. If the highest cards tie, the tie is broken by the second highest card. Suits are not used to break ties.

\*\*The ranking of suits from highest to lowest is spades, hearts, diamonds, clubs. Suits never break a tie for the winning prize. Suits are used to break a tie between cards of the same rank (no re-deal or re-draw). In the event of a tie for the winning prize, the two players will each cut a deck of cards, high card wins.