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POKER TERMINOLOGY

ACTION

A fold, check, call, bet, raise or showdown.

ALL-IN

The term you use when you run out of chips before the hand is complete. All bets and raises following an all-in declaration will be placed in a side pot by the dealer. The all-in player can win the main pot but can not win the side pot.

BETTING LIMITS

As follows: \$1.00 to \$5.00, \$2.00 and \$4.00 and \$4.00 and \$8.00, \$10.00 and \$20.00, \$20-\$40, Pot Limit. Higher limits or other limits can be played on request with the agreement of management and all players involved.

BICYCLE

The best ace to five low ball hand (5-4-3-2-A of any suits). Also called a wheel.

BIG BLIND

The largest blind in a game. Blind: A required bet made before any cards are dealt.

BOARD

1) The board on which a waiting list is kept for players wanting seats in specific games. 2) The five communal cards in hold-em format games.

BLUFF

To bet an inferior hand attempting to eliminate all opponents.

BOARDCARDS

The community cards in the center of the table in hold-em and Omaha. Also called board.

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BOARDPERSON

A casino employee who puts names of players who are waiting for a game on the board.

BOXED CARD

A card that appears faceup in the deck where all other cards are facedown.

BURN CARD

After the initial round of cards is dealt, the first card off the deck in each round that is placed under a chip in the pot for security purposes. To do so is to burn the card; the card itself is called the burn card.

BUTTON

A player who is in the designated dealer position. See dealer button.

BUY-IN

The minimum amount of money required to enter any game.

CAGE

A cashiers window located in the casino where chips or money transactions take place.

CARDS SPEAK

The face value of a hand in a showdown is the true value of the hand, regardless of a verbal announcement.

CAPPED

Describes the situation in limit poker in which the maximum number of raises on the betting round has been reached.

CHECK

To waive the right to initiate the betting in a round, but to retain the right to act if another player initiates the betting.

CHECK AND RAISE

To waive the right to bet until a bet has been made by an opponent, and then to increase the bet by at least an equal amount when it is your turn to act.

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COLLECTION

The fee charged in a game by the house. This fee is taken by the hand or every half hour.

COLOR CHANGE

1) a request to change the deck. 2) A request to change the chips from one denomination to another.

COMMON CARD

A card dealt faceup to be used by all players at the showdown in the games of stud poker whenever there are insufficient cards left in the deck to deal each player a card individually.

COMMUNITY CARDS

The cards dealt faceup in the center of the table that can be used by all players to form their best hand in the games of hold-em and Omaha.

DEAD CARD

A card that is not legally playable.

DEAD HAND

A hand that is not legally playable.

DEAD MONEY

Chips that are taken into the center of the pot because they are not considered part of a particular player's bet.

DEALER BUTTON

A flat disk that indicates the player who would be in the dealing position for that hand (if there were not a house dealer). Often called the "button".

DISCARD(S)

1) In a draw game, to throw away cards out of your hand to make room for replacements. 2) The card(s) thrown away. 3) The muck.

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DOWNCARD

Cards that are dealt facedown in stud-format games, hold-em, Omaha.

FACECARD

A king, queen or jack.

FIXED LIMIT

In limit poker, any betting structure in which the amount of the bet on each particular round is predetermined and does not vary.

FLASHED CARD

A card that is fully or partially exposed.

FLOP

In hold-em and Omaha, the three community cards that are turned simultaneously after the first round of betting is complete.

FOLD

To throw a hand away and relinquish all interest in a pot.

FOURTH STREET

The second up-card in seven card stud or the first board-card after the flop in hold-em and Omaha (also called the turn card)

FOULED HAND

A dead hand. A hand that has been fouled by another players cards mixing with a player's hand.

FLUSH

A poker hand consisting of five cards of the same suit.

FORCED BET

A term used only in 7-card stud. The player with the lowest value card by suit in the first round must open the betting for at least the minimum bet. In Texas hold-em the same is accomplished by what is called a blind bet.

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FULL BUY

A buy-in equivalent to at least the minimum requirement for a particular game.

FULL HOUSE

A hand consisting of three of a kind and a pair.

HAND

1) Five cards arranged to create a ranking in poker games or all of a player's cards on a particular hand. 2) A single poker deal and the events that surround it, from the shuffle to the time a winner is determined.

HEADS UP PLAY

Only two players involved in play.

HOLECARDS

The cards dealt facedown to a player.

INSIDE STRAIGHT

A sequence of four cards that needs one card to fill a straight.

IN TURN

Describing when it is a player's turn to act.

JOKER

The joker is a partially wild card in high draw poker and ace-to-five lowball. In high, it is used for aces, straights, and flushes. In lowball, the joker is the lowest unmatched card in a hand.

KANSAS CITY LOWBALL

A form of lowball also known as deuce to seven, in which the best hand is 7-5-4-3-2 and straights and flushes count against you.

KICKER

The highest unpaired card that helps determine the value of a five-card poker hand.

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KILL OR KILL BLIND

1) A blind doubled in amount in some lowball games required after you win two pots in a row. 2) An oversized blind increasing the stakes in some high-low split games required from a player who wins both the high and the low end of a pot of a prescribed size. 3) A voluntary blind doubled in amount used to increase the stakes in some lowball games.

KILL BUTTON

A button used in a lowball game or hold-em and Omaha to indicate a player who has won two pots in a row and is required to kill the pot, or in Omaha has won both the high and low end of a pot.

KILL POT

A pot with a forced kill by the winner of the two previous pots, or the winner of an entire pot of sufficient size in a high-low split game.

LIVE BLIND

A blind bet giving a player the option of raising if no one else has raised.

LOCK UP

A chip marker that holds a seat for a player.

LOWBALL

A game where the lowest hand wins. The most popular version is ace-to-five lowball, in which the lowest hand (5-4-3-2-A, called a bicycle or wheel) wins.

MISCALL

An incorrect verbal declaration of the ranking of a hand.

MISDEAL

A mistake on the dealing of the hand, which causes the cards to be re-shuffled and a new hand to be dealt.

MISSED BLIND

A required bet that is not posted when it is your turn to do so.

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MUCK

1) Cards that players have discarded. 2) the unused portion of the deck and cards that players have discarded, gathered together facedown on the table by the dealer.

MUST MOVE

In order to protect the main game, a situation where the players of a second game must move into the first game as openings occur.

NO LIMIT

A betting structure where players are allowed to wager any or all of their chips in one bet.

OPEN END

A sequence of four cards, "open" at both "ends," that needs either of two ranks to fill a straight.

OPENER

The player who made the first voluntary bet.

OPENER BUTTON

A button used to indicate who opened a particular pot in a draw game.

OPENERS

In jacks-or-better, the cards held by the player who opens the pot. Often used in the phrase, "show openers." Example: You are first to bet and have a pair of kings; the kings are called your openers.

OPTION

The choice to raise a bet given to a player with a blind.

PASS

1) Decline to bet. In a pass and out game, this differs from a check because a player who passes must fold. 2) Decline to call a bet, at which point you must throw your cards away and have no further interest in the pot.

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PAT

Not drawing any cards in a draw game.

PAT HAND

A complete five card hand (such as a straight, flush, or full house).

PICTURE CARD

A king, queen, or jack, also called a facecard or a paint.

PIP

The symbol used to represent the rank or suit of a card.

PLAY BEHIND

A declaration that you will cover bets beyond the amount of chips in front of you. This differs from table stakes.

PLAYER'S BANK

Money deposited in the cashier's cage into an account for a player.

PLAYING THE BOARD

Using all five community cards for your hand in hold-em.

POSITION

1) The distance from the blinds or the button for any hand. 2) The order in which you act in a particular hand.

POT LIMIT

The betting structure of a game in which you are allowed to bet up to the amount of the pot.

POTTING OUT

Agreeing with another player to take money out of a pot, often to buy food, cigarettes, or drinks, or to make side bets.

PROP

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PROPOSITION BETS

Side bets between players that are not related to the outcome of the hand.

PROPOSITION PLAYER

See public relations player.

PROTECTED HAND

A hand of cards that the player is physically holding or has topped with a chip or some other object.

PUBLIC RELATIONS PLAYER

A house employee who plays in games using his or her own money for the purpose of keeping a short-handed game from breaking up, or starting a new game. Also called prop or proposition player.

PUSH

When a new dealer replaces an existing dealer at a particular table.

PUSHING BETS

The situation in which two or more players make an agreement to return bets to each other when one of them wins a pot in which the other or others play. Also called saving bets.

RABBIT HUNTING

Looking for or asking to see cards that are out of play in order to ascertain what hand you might have made.

RACK

1) A container in which chips are stored while being transported. 2) A tray in front of the dealer, used to hold chips and cards.

RAISE

To call a previous bet while making an additional bet simultaneously.

RERAISE

An increase in a wager at least the size of the previous bet which occurs after a raise.

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RIVER CARD

The final card in any poker game.

SCOOPER

A player who wins both the high and the low portions of a pot in a split-pot game.

SCRAMBLE

A facedown mixing of the cards.

SECURITY CARD

A card used to cover the bottom of the deck, also called a cut card.

SET

Three of a kind, also called trips.

SET-UP

Two suited decks, each with different colored backs, to replace the current decks in a game.

SIDE POT

A separate pot formed when one or more players are all in.

SHORT BUY

A buy-in that is less than the required minimum buy-in.

SHOWDOWN

The final act of determining the winner of the pot after all betting has been completed.

SHUFFLE

The act of randomly mixing the cards before a hand.

SMALL BLIND

In a game with multiple blind bets, the smallest blind.

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SPLIT POT

A pot that is divided among players, either because of a tie for the best hand or by agreement prior to the showdown.

SPLITTING BLINDS

When no one else has entered the pot, an agreement between the last two players (big blind and small blind) to take back their blind bets without playing the hand to conclusion.

SPLITTING OPENERS

In high draw poker, dividing openers in hopes of making a different type of hand. Example: You open the pot with a pair of aces. One of your aces is a spade, as are the three other cards in the hand. If you throw away the non-spade ace to go for the flush, you announce to the table "splitting openers".

STACK

The amount of chips in front of a player.

STRADDLE

An additional blind bet placed after the forced blinds, usually double the big blind in size or in lowball, a multiple blind game.

STRAIGHT

Five consecutive ranks of any suit.

STRAIGHT FLUSH

Five consecutive ranks of the same suit.

STREET

Cards dealt on a particular round in stud-format games. For instance, the fourth card in a player's hand is often known as the fourth street, the sixth card as sixth street, and so on.

STRING BET OR STRING RAISE

A bet made in more than one motion, without the declaration of a raise.

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STUB

The portion of the deck which has not been dealt

TABLE STAKES

1) The amount of money you have on the table. This is your maximum amount that you can lose or that anyone can win from you on any one hand. 2) The requirement that players can wager only the money in front of them at the start of a hand, and can only buy more chips between hands. Table stakes means that you may not remove your chips from the table while play is still on, nor can you add to your chips when a hand is in progress.

TIME

An expression used to stop the action on a hand.

TIME COLLECTION

1) A fee paid in advance for a seat rental. 2) A fee collected by the house every hour instead of taking a rake.

TOURNAMENT

A competition for players to determine who is the best player.

TURN CARD

The fourth street card in hold-em or Omaha.

TRIPS

Three of a kind, also called a set.

UPCARDS

Cards that are dealt face-up for opponents to see in stud-format games.

WAGER

A bet or a raise.

WHEEL

Best ace-to-five lowball hand (5-4-3-2-A of any suit). Also called a bicycle.