

## How To Become A Gambling Pro!

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## The History Of Online Poker

Other types of online gambling sites were launched before the first online poker room. Online sports books were introduced in the mid 1990's which was also the time of online casinos sprouting up around the web.

It wasn't until 1998 that the first online poker forum was launched. Planet Poker, which has since become a relatively small poker room, enjoyed the status as the sole online poker forum for a short period of time. Other online sites entered the fray soon after. Paradise Poker was launched in 1999 and would soon become the industry leader.

Today, there are many, many sites to choose from. A search for the most popular sites for online poker show over 1,000 matches, and a Google search gives over 50 million matches for references to online poker sites.

The major sites include Poker Stars, Party Poker, Full Tilt Poker, Pacific Poker, and Bodog Poker. Many offer the chance to play with "fake money" or real money. You can accumulate points at some sites that can be redeemed for merchandise bearing the site's name.

Another feature with most sites includes the offer of bonus cash with a real money deposit. Often, you can receive a code that matches the amount of your deposit up to a certain amount. For example, make a $\$ 50$ real money deposit into your Party Poker account and you will receive $\$ 50$ free making your total bankroll $\$ 100$.

It's a matter of personal preference as to which site is best. We will remain objective in this book and will not be able to tell you which site to go to. Each one has its distinct features that appeal to the everyday player.

Online venues may be more vulnerable to certain types of fraud, especially collusion between players. However, they also have collusion detection abilities that do not exist in brick and mortar casinos. For example, online poker room security employees can look at the "hand history" of the cards previously played by any player on the site, making patterns of behavior easier to detect than in a casino where colluding players can simply fold their hands without anyone ever knowing the strength of their holding. Online poker rooms also sometimes check player's IP addresses in order to prevent players at the same household or at known open proxy servers from playing on the same tables

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## Poker 101

Following is the ranking of general poker hands from highest to lowest.

1. Royal Straight Flush - 10-J-Q-K-A, all of the same suit.
2. Straight Flush - five cards, of the same suit, in order, such as 2-3-4-5-6 all of diamonds.
3. Four of a Kind - four of the same card, such as K-A-A-A-A.
4. Full House - a set of three of a kind plus a pair, such as 8-8-Q-Q-Q.
5. Flush - five cards of the same suit
6. Straight - five running cards not necessarily of the same suit, such as 6-7-8-9-10
7. Three of a Kind - three cards of the same value, such as 10-10-10
8. Two Pair - four cards with two of the same value and the other two of the same value, such as $8-8$ and $A-A$
9. One Pair - two cards of the same value, such as 2-2
10. High Card - any one card with the highest value

## Slang for specific hands:

A-A - American Airlines, bullets, pocket rockets
A-K - Big Slick, "Walking back to Houston"
A-J -- Ajax
K-K - Cowboys
K-Q - Marriage
K-J - Kojak
K-9 -- Canine
Q-Q - Dames, divas, ladies, the Hilton sisters
Q-J - Maverick, Oedipus Rex
Q-7 -- Computer Hand
J-J - Jokers, hooks
J-5 - Jackson Five, Motown
10-5 - Five and dime
10-2 -Doyle Brunson
8-8 - Snowmen, Octopuses

7-7 - Hockey Sticks, walking Sticks
7-2 - The Hammer
5-5 - Nickels, presto
5-4 - Jesse James (for his Colt .45)
4-4-Sailboats
2-2 - Ducks

## Poker Vocabulary

Ace-High
A five-card hand that has no hand combinations (flush, straight, pair etc), but contains one Ace.
All-in
When you bet all your money on a hand, either voluntarily in the belief that you have the strongest hand, or because do not have enough money to cover the full amount bet by someone else. You then contend for the pot in an amount proportional to what you contributed.

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## Playing Texas Hold'em

Hold 'em is probably the best known and most popular form of poker today.

Each player starts with two hole cards. There are three rounds of community cards. These are dealt face up, for every player to use, with betting after each round. Players make the best 5card hand using any combination of the five community cards and two hole cards.

Each new hand begins with a small blind, a big blind, and a round of betting. The betting rules vary depending upon whether the game is Limit, Pot Limit or No Limit.

Once the first round of betting is complete, the dealer then puts out the first three community cards, or "the flop". There is a round of betting. The dealer then puts out the fourth community card or "the turn". There is a round of betting. The dealer then puts out the fifth community card or "the river". There is a final round of betting. After the last round of betting, the pot is awarded to the best hand.

All Hold 'em games include a small blind and big blind. These are forced bets, and are determined by the position of the button. These bets are considered live, and every player in the hand must either call the big blind, raise, or fold. The button moves clockwise around the table, giving each player a turn being the button, small blind, and big blind.

In Limit Hold 'em, each betting round has a fixed bet. In $\$ 5 / \$ 10$, the small blind is $\$ 2.50$, the big blind is $\$ 5$, and the first two rounds of betting are in increments of $\$ 5$. The last two rounds of betting are in increments of $\$ 10$. There is a maximum of three re-raises per betting round.

In Pot Limit, a player can bet any amount from the minimum bet to the size of the pot. In a $\$ 5 / \$ 10$ pot-limit game, the small blind is $\$ 5$ and the big blind is $\$ 10$. The first player can call the big blind (in this case, $\$ 10$ ), or raise to any amount up to the size of the pot. A raise must either equal or exceed the previous bet or raise. In this case, a pot-sized raise would be $\$ 25$ ( $\$ 5$ small blind $+\$ 10$ big blind $+\$ 10$ call), meaning that, in total, player three can bet up $\$ 35$. Supposing player three makes a pot-sized raise, the total pot is now $\$ 50$.

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If the next player wants into the hand, they must call $\$ 35$, which is the size of player three's bet. If they want to raise the maximum, they would bet $\$ 120$, which equals the size of the pot ( $\$ 50$ ) plus a $\$ 70$ raise ( $\$ 35$ call + $\$ 35$ raise).

In No Limit, a player can bet any amount from the minimum bet to the maximum number of chips they have in front of them. As in pot limit, a $\$ 5 / \$ 10$ No Limit game means blinds of $\$ 5$ and \$10.

Here are some general guidelines for pocket cards. They are not steadfast, but can give you something to go by. Of course, the (S) means suited.

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## Pot Odds And Outs

Probability and odds are huge factors in Texas hold 'em. Players use odds to determine their actions. The chances of finishing a flush or a straight, the probability of getting an over card, the percentage of times you're going to flop a set to match your pocket pair are all important factors in poker. Knowledge of these statistics is a key to winning. In online games especially with very few (if any) tells, statistical knowledge becomes the main factor when choosing whether to bet, call, or fold.

Pot odds decisions are one of poker's most elementary, yet it is one of the most common mistakes made by amateur players at all levels. You will most likely always find a player who is making bad pot odd decisions or ignoring them entirely, meanwhile paying off the rest of the table!

In Texas Hold 'Em, you commonly use outs and pot odds the most. This is also the starting point for those who want to learn about poker odds. To those out there who "ain't good at countin' much", you better get good because that is how it's done. Outs are defined as a card in the deck that helps you make your hand. At this point it's only simple division.

The numerator (top number) will be the number of outs you have. The denominator (bottom number) is the number of cards left that we haven't seen. The result will be the percentage chance of making one of those outs. Therefore, the most math you'll be doing will be dividing small numbers by 50 (pre-flop), 47 (after the flop), or 46 (after the turn)

Pot odds are as easy as computing outs. You compare your outs or your chance of winning to the size of the pot. If your chance of winning is significantly better than the ratio of the pot size to a bet, then you have good pot odds. If it's lower, then you have bad pot odds.

For example, say you are in a $\$ 5 / \$ 10$ hold em game with Jack-Ten facing one opponent on the turn. You have an outside straight draw with a board of 2-5-9-Q, and only the river card left to make it. Any 8 or any King will finish this straight for you, so you have 8 outs (four 8's and 4 K's left in the deck) and 46 unseen cards left. $8 / 46$ is almost the same as a 1 in 6 chance of making it. Your sole opponent bets $\$ 10$. If you take a $\$ 10$ bet you could win $\$ 200$. $\$ 200 / \$ 10$ is 20 , so

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you stand to make 20x more if you call. $1 / 6$ higher than $1 / 20$, so pot odds say that calling wouldn't be a bad idea.

The next step is to use bet odds and implied odds. That's tougher, because it involves predicting reactions of other players. With bet odds, you try to factor in how many people are going to call a raise. With implied odds, you're thinking about reactions for the rest of the game. One last example on implied odds...

Say it's another $\$ 5 / \$ 10$ hold em game and you have a four flush on the flop. Your neighbor bets, and everyone else folds. The pot is $\$ 50$ at this point. First you figure out your chance of hitting your flush on the turn, and it comes out to about 19.1\% (about 1 in 5). You have to call this $\$ 5$ bet versus a $\$ 50$ pot, so that's a $10 x$ payout. $1 / 5$ is higher than $1 / 10$, so bet odds are okay, but you must consider that this guy's going to bet into you on the turn and river also. That's the $\$ 5$ plus two more $\$ 10$ bets. So now you're facing $\$ 25$ more till the end of the hand.

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## Playing The River

The River Card. Showdown. It's time to see who is taking down the chips, and who is drowning in the river. River play is fairly simple. If you have the best hand either by strength of good cards early, or luck of the draw on the river, now is your final chance to get a few more chips from your opponents.

Some "classy" players will check here, even though they know they have the top hand, and thus save their opponents a few dollars to put back in their wallet. Unless it's a long time friend, I would advise taking his wallet, emptying it of its contents and then stuffing the wallet down his throat. There are winners and there are losers in poker. If you are looking for "courtesy play", then play with family. The world of poker is like Jack London's icy wastelands where only the strong survive.

The only real advice we can give on river play is to almost never fold. If you have been playing good cards up to this point in the hand, then you at least have a shot at holding the winning cards. By now the pot is large enough that it also makes good money sense to stay in.

Unless you did not complete a pure draw hand, call any bets. Don't get the reputation as someone who can be bluffed off the river. If this happens, you'll just face more and more bluff bets on the river. On the other hand, if you get the reputation as someone who can't be bluffed, then no one in their right mind will attempt it.

The only other times you should consider folding is when an extremely conservative player who never bluffs has been calling towards a draw hand the entire hand and now it looks like he has hit his card. Or when there are two or more players who start betting and raising on the river, you can be sure that at least one of them holds the goods. You can make a case for folding here.

Pot odds dictate that you bet or call on the river, unless you are practically positive you are beat.

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## The Untapped Benefits Of Gambling

## Why gamble and why don't?

Most people are unhappy about being labeled as gamblers since the disgrace would forever harass them. People have several reasons regarding the sport of gambling. Few gamble for fun, some to forget problems, another few to just pass the time. There are people who gamble seriously and there are others who are simply addicted to gambling.

Gambling is not all that downbeat, if you realize that there certain untapped benefits from gambling which are not very visible and are beyond the race track or the walls of casino or even bingo social hall.

## Employment

The employment ratio attributed to the existence of casinos in Las Vegas is around 60 percent. One would not be able to perceive the situation if the casinos suddenly stopped functioning.

## Entertainment

Gambling is no doubt the essence of entertainment provided people limit themselves and sprinkle discipline within them. Some people are too optimistic about recovering all their lost cards in the next game and hence continue the game. These constitute hardly a quarter of the gambling population who are not responsible enough and get into indecent gambling.

However there is the other 75 percent of population who gamble responsibly. They are those who know the entertainment value of gambling and never get into opinions where they are blinded to make huge money the very first time they hit the card!

It is a sad fact that only a very minor portion of gamblers realize how destructive gambling can ever get. It is true that friends, families, jobs, properties, crime etc saturate the destruction brought by gambling when there is no application of self discipline.

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## Charity Work

The winnings coming from gambling tricks and activities have donated the much required financial resource for every worthy cause. Lotteries and Bingos are being utilized in many cases in a way that every win contributes a percentage of jackpot reward to various charity institutions.

At times celebrities manifest their competence in different games such as the card game of poker in a way that the audience is entertained and the winnings go towards the charitable organizations they represent.

## Health benefits

Studies have revealed that population which is 65 years or older who gamble have considerably fewer reports of health issues be it depression, alcoholism or bankruptcy. They find gambling very therapeutic as in a way it keeps them alert by exercising their mind.

Retiree gamblers are most often recreational gamblers who value the entertainment quotient of gambling. It was concluded that they stay healthy because they begin by being healthy and not because of gambling.

To conclude, it is not just the act of gambling that develops as harmful or beneficial to any individual. It is but the resolution of the individual which would help him rule excessive gambling rather than excessive gambling ruling up on him.

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## Know Which Form Of Gambling Is For You

Gambling goes on for various reasons since its evolution. The most fundamental purpose for people to gamble is for entertainment. It is more like a chance-game which entails whatsoever is at stake, most often being money. Betting or gambling started around 2300 B.C., leaving artifacts like dices in and around India, Egypt, China and Rome. In a very recent survey, around 63 percent of American population feel legalized gambling is not junk and around another 22 percent of people would want the betting trend to be further expanded. Be it dice, roulettes or computer mouse, you can essentially decide what exactly suits you the best. Following choices would help you to decide the best.

## Casino Games

Casino Games are those betting games which are usually played within Casinos. One can win straight through it with apt tactic and positive mathematical probability approach. Few examples are cited below:

## 1) Poker

Poker is one of the most often played casino game. A Persian Game by name "al nas" was supposed to be the originating game for today's Poker. A deck of cards is used in poker for several rounds of betting. If you manifest the best hand, you win the pot. This would also say that skill and strategy is mandatory in poker winnings.

## 2) Online Casino

Online Casino games are those played over the internet; virtual casino games. Though the rules match the original Casino Games, players could either be computer generated or actual ones.

## 3) Slot machines

Slot Machines are betting machines that use a coin to spin a reel-set which is generally towed by a lever. You need to achieve alike patterns to get through this game.

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## 4) Roulette

In 1942, a French mathematician by name Blaise Pascal came up with this betting game of Roulettes. Here a small ball would hit a number and that is what you bet upon.

## Fixed-odds gambling

In such types of betting, you would have to bet on precise outcome of any particular event such as motor racing, horse racing, baseball, ice hockey, jai alai etc.

## Sports betting

Sports betting are a boom factor within the gambling industry, although it is illegal in quite many countries. Here the bets depend upon the number of points in the sport like football or baseball. Most commonly bets in such cases are either against odds, against the spread and against the combination of odds and spread.

## Arbitrage betting

This is often termed as 'gambling involving no risk'. In Arbitrage betting, the concept is more like betting on a specific result but by means of varied betting groups. As this is more like an investment procedure, a huge sum of money is involved when compared to gambling in generic ways.

Always ensure you think of gambling more like your pastime rather than considering it as a spring for money. Ascertain to set aside a spending limit before engaging in any forms of gambling. It should always remain in moderation and should never hinder your priorities in life.

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## All About Free Online Poker

From amateurs to pros, everyone can play poker at the card player poker. There's a something for everyone in it, and the best deal about it is that it's absolutely free. All that is required to play this game is just a subscription, and that's it. What's more is that you can win prizes for playing the game and winning against opponents from all over the world. Registrants are eligible to win a lot of prizes apart from participation gifts, and have the unique opportunity of winning repeatedly if they develop their skills. Amateurs can select the level they want to play, and after a few sessions can upgrade their skills to the next level. Once you get the hang of the game, there is no stopping you. Unlimited gaming time is probably the most important tag-line of card player poker. You can continue playing till you are drop dead tired, and still you wouldn't want to stop playing the game.

Not all other websites offer such privileges, such as free playing, unlimited playing time and guaranteed prizes for the winner. One such offer is the regular scheme which is priced at $3000 \$$; this is a meager amount to pay for unlimited playing time and winning expensive gifts for just participation. Signing up for playing online poker is just as easy as the decision you've made. All you have to do is enter your name and email id in the newsletter. For those who wish to experience the adrenaline rush again, online poker can be played for a second time. There are no limits to the number of times a person can register. And definitely there is no limiting enjoyment a player derives from playing the poker game. Poker has been satisfying the adrenaline thirst of millions since the early 1900's, and is still on top of the ladder. Owing to its adaptability over the ages with the increasing number of players, poker has become a favorite even with the younger generation.

After entering your name and email id in the newsletter, you will be directed to the last and final instruction. The final step in the registration process is selecting the card which appears at the top of the dropdown menu. This step is mainly for security purpose, and after the card has been chosen, the form can be sent by clicking the submit button. After a positive confirmation from the site, there is no barrier between you and the poker game. As it has been stated earlier, a person can enroll for any number of times especially in cases when an email id that was used for registration has become dysfunctional. A new id can be created and the player can register in the same website and start playing again.

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Creating a username of your choice and registering in the site is one of the easiest things to do. No wonder Card player has maximum popularity with people of all age groups who are interested in playing online poker. Privacy is assured to those who register through card player, their email ids will not be given to anyone, and also their anonymity will be maintained. Only their names and email ids are asked, no other information is required by the site. An existing address is required only if the player has won a prize or a gift during tournament season. They will have to provide their existing address without any mistakes to ensure proper delivery. There is no need to worry about sore losers trying to get even with you. Considering all these options along with maximum security offered, why the wait? Get registered and start playing now.

## What Is The Best Online Poker Site?

## The genesis of poker

The exact age people actually started playing poker is heavily disputed. This game has many variations. So it is possible that it was born in several different places. It is common belief, however, that poker was invented by the Chinese way back in the 10th Century A.D.

People believe that poker came from Chinese dominoes. It is said that Emperor Mu-Tsang of China played a game of domino cards, a possible ancestor of poker, with his wife a day before the 969 A.D. new year.

Some others feel that poker in fact has its roots in as-nas, a Persian game. This game which was first played in and around the 17th century was a 5 player game and was unique in the fact that it had only 25 cards in the deck with 5 different suits.

Some others claim that "poque", a French card game was the true ancestor of poker. It was invented in 1480 by the French who settled in New Orleans. They used the normal deck of cards.

## Dawn of the Era of Online Poker

People invented games in the bygone era which resulted in poker. Now poker itself has reinvented itself into a new form -Online Poker. People are crazy about this game which offers many advantages over normal casino poker. This craze is spreading fast among all age groups and types of people.

## Best Poker sites

The best poker site is most probably one of those listed below. Novices can view these sites to find the site that suits him/her the best to improve his poker playing.

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## 1) The forums on CardsChat.com

This is probably the best poker playing site online. It has a forum for exclusively poker and another for other card games. Poker players can read the various topics in the forums.
www.cardschat.com is the place to go if you want an active poker forum.

## 2) Learn Texas Hold'em

This is easily the best online pokers site for beginners. Here there are various write-ups on hold'em, advanced poker strategies and poker rankings. There are various poker tables, tips, and even a question and answer section in the site.
www.learn-texas-holdem.com is a must visit for beginners.

## 3) Celebrity Poker Showdown

It is the official site of the poker program on Bravo TV. It has complete videos of games and tip for gaming. It is the most famous poker site in the world wide web. If fame was everything, this site will win hands down.

It has an interactive flash animation on playing Texas Hold'em. It also features the poker great Phil Gorden

Play poker with the celebs at www.bravotv.com/Celebrity_Poker_Showdown

## 4) Poker Babes

It includes the profiles of prominent poker champions. You will be shocked to see the number of women champions in this man's game

It is the best site for women poker players. It has many perks for women players and offers them a lot of priceless tips for excelling. After all, why should boys have all the fun?

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All women poker players must visit www.poker-babes.com

## 5) Online Poker Guru

It is indispensable for poker rules, strategies, tips and tricks. It also runs down the memory lane by presenting the history of poker and poker vocabulary. It is among the best novice sites. This site is the true guru in teaching poker for novices.

Let the Guru teach you how at www.pokeronlineguru.com

## 6) Poker News

This site is a strong contender for the best poker site award. It offers unbiased reviews of other poker sites and helps users to join the poker room that suits them best. This is the place you need to be in if you want to stay in touch with poker and other poker players.

Get to know the latest in poker www.pokernews.com

## 7) Poker terminology glossary

This site has a comprehensive list of poker slang, definitions, terms and other must-knows for basic poker play. It cannot be done without for beginners. Even experts may have to cross check with this list at times.

Learn poker slang and terminology on www.conjelco.com/pokglossary.html

## 8) Low limit Omaha

This site stands out in providing novices the various possible starting hands of poker and also gives strategies for hi/lo split low limit Omaha games.

Check out these strategies at www.lowlimitomaha.com

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## Secret Formula Of Black Jack Winners

When one plays black jack, a very important aspect to keep in mind is that there will be four times as many cards which have the value 10 as other values. Having this in mind, an individual should assume the card that he/ she draws from the pack will have the value of ten.

With this in mind, a gambler might realize if he/ she has any hand that may have a value above 12 is likely to face defeat or rather bust, which refers to loss in Black Jack terms. Similarly if gambler's card is 2-6 it's likely take a card which leads to him drawing again, causing him/ her to lose.

Counting the number of cards helps in making the odds even more favorable to a gambler than a dealer. Of course, this demands a lot of charts and pages to be memorized. Possession of a guide that is professionally crypted could be of great help. Various writers have various counting methods and systems. It is good to obtain many opinions about different styles and sort out which one works the best.

An individual becomes perfect with practice. Investing money and time with the training software available on the internet in order to learn the game, it would reap benefits at the casinos.

On entering a casino, one should make the right choice of the table to play. If the individual notices that dealers has many chips and the gamblers seems to be losing more than winning, looking for another table is recommended. Similarly, if the individual observes that the gamblers at a particular table have been triumphant, then it is sensible to join that table.

The dealer could be rewarded by giving tips when an individual is triumphant. If dealers come to know that they will get tips when a gambler wins, they might start rooting and doing subtle acts of help like making less thorough shuffles and creeping deeply in the shoe before they areshuffle thus allowing gamblers to infer an accurate count of cards.

When dealers start losing too much of their money for the casinos, pit bosses will most likely swap dealers.

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Even though it is highly impossible to spot a perfect game, a person must be aware as to how few of the regulations affects gamblers.

It is important to know that the lesser number of packs the casinos use, the more of an advantage it is to the gambler.

## Best Gambling Ebooks

Gambling fans who gamble over the internet are those who benefit the most of the gambling ebooks. These books include information on the various games at the casino, statistics for you to analyze, strategies that you can use and tips on winning.

## Here are some masterpieces.

Blackjack - The complete Strategy - Focuses on winning a blackjack game. It includes tips on various skills one needs to possess for winning at blackjack including tips for card counting and effectively managing your money. It comes with a money back guarantee for a year and four bonus offers.

Loophole In Sport Betting System - This book by Richard Koh gives its reader information about the various loopholes in the sports betting.

Casino Betting Systems - It has information on a wide range of topics pertaining to online gambling games such as craps, roulette, video poker and slot contests, put together masterfully by Fawzia Awwad

Casino Gambling Made Easier -Contains winning strategies for the five best online games including craps, blackjack, baccarat etc. It also provides the reader tips for managing his wager and a list of the finest Laughlin and Las Vegas casinos with illustrations.

More Casino Gambling Made Easier - Another book by Gayle Mitchell, opens up working strategies for different games including roulette, live poker and sports book. It provides the ten worst possible bets by a poker player and also a travelogue guiding you through the best casinos around the world.

Paying To Win - This extensively covers 16 different casino games. It also has pertinent links to sites for roulette, baccarat, craps and other casino games adored by one and all

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Hot to beat the casinos easily: A must have e-book which can guide one at making money from the casino and enjoy the fun by keeping it with yourself. It has many tips on how one can easily beat the casino in games like craps and roulette and also on how a person should stick to his budget.

Winning systems: With over 50 gambling systems with which you can win, these are professionally written guides that study gambling systems in depth and were previously sold commercially for a fortune.

Secrets Of Ex-Blackjack Dealer Revealed: This book directs the reader with ways to will constantly at blackjack within just forty pages.

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## The Famous People In Gambling

Gambling is a sought-after activity these days. It attracts all age groups and keeps them interested. Gambling is a very enticing offer if one decides to do money. Eventually, they get hooked to it. They should keep in mind that it is just a game which works purely on luck.

Gambling is any game where your money or any tangible item of value is at stake. It entirely depends on the skill of a person to manipulate the game.

There is no doubt that gambling can be a money-spinning option. It is precisely why it's been mighty successful and sill ruling the world.

People still do not have an idea about how or who started gambling. Blackjack, slot machines and poker are the most popular ways of gambling nowadays.

A list of people who had a contribution to this game of gambling is given below:

1. Liberty Bell was the very first slot machine invented by Charles Fey back in 1985. The idea of a slot machine struck him in 1985, when he was a mere car mechanic in San Francisco.

The first slot machine created by him was fabricated out of three spinning wheels in three shapes: diamonds, hearts and spades and a "cracked" Liberty Bell drawn at each reel.

In 1907, another maker wanted to reproduce machines similar to Charles Fey's. Henry Stephen Mills was successful and came out with the slot machine named Operator Bell.

Since then slot machines have been evolving and very popular even today.
2. Nobody either knows how a game of Blackjack started nor do they who started it. None of them that time thought it is going to be famous and so didn't bother to know the history of it.

However, blackjack was mastered in few years and people even had strategies to combat it.

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In 1958, McDermott, Cantey, Baldwin and Maisel devised a strategy for the game of blackjack. The strategy caused so much commotion with the gamblers and the statisticians.

These four geniuses had a mere hand calculator to devise this strategy or the game of blackjack. They later went on to write a book called "winning blackjack". It is still the most preferred book all over the world.

All this paved way to the modern gambling world, we live in, in the name "card counting techniques". These people have immensely contributed to gambling. Gambling, being a negative aspect in the society today, is still ruling the world thanks to these people. They have made gambling a truly great phenomenon.

## How To Deal With A Gambling Problem

Gambling problems arises when one tends to crave for more money by excessive gambling. Gambling when overdone leads to bankruptcy and dysfunction of relationships with your loved ones.

Gambling is very addictive and hence unless you are determined to risk it, you might end up in misery. Winning and losing is a part of gambling and it all depends on how much the individual is mentally stable to take the defeats in gambling.

Acknowledging the game of gambling is the first step to solve gambling problems. Gamblers Anonymous has posted the following questions to test you.

1. Did you ever avoid school or work for gambling?
2. Has gambling made your life at home unhappy?
3. Has your reputation been affected by gambling?
4. Has your life been remorse after a game of gambling?
5. Did you choose to gamble and pay your debts?
6. Has gambling brought your ambition and aspirations down?
7. Did you ever wanted to win back all the money you had lost in gambling?
8. Did you have the urge to win more after you tasted some success?
9. Have you ever gambled and emptied your pocket?
10. Did you borrow money and gambled any day?

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11. Did you go to the extent of selling things just to gamble?
12. Were you hesitating to use "gambling money" for your daily expenses?
13. Has gambling made you careless person?
14. Did you want to gamble for more hours than you wanted?
15. Have you ever resorted to gambling to forget your worries?
16. Did you want to commit an illegal act to finance gambling?
17. Have you lost on sleep because of gambling?
18. Does disappointment or argument spur you on to gamble more?
19. Did you want to celebrate success for a few hours after gambling?
20. Have you ever attempted suicide after failure?

A person having gambling problems would say a "yes" to at least seven questions posted above.

These tips given below should help you out off gambling problems, if any:

1. It is advisable to take just the money needed to gamble than taking credit cards and ATM cards along.
2. Do not gamble for a long time.
3. There are always more chances of losing than winning in a game of gambling.
4. Make sure you don't use the money you won again.
5. When you do not have any more money to gamble, drop the idea without borrowing.
6. Take help of people who are not addicted to the game and seek proper advice.

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## Bingo For Beginners

Bingo is among the easier games, it fundamentals can be grasped without much effort. To play this game all you need is bingo chips, bingo cards, and fast eyes. In short this game is child's play.

## Objective of the game

The aim of the game is to finish a pre-determined pattern with the least number of calls. The patterns to be filled are decided upon before the game begins. The pattern can be a full vertical, a X , a horizontal, a box, a diagonal, or what is called as the black out (this involves filling out the entire card)

## The Bingo Card

A basic bingo card has the alphabets $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{G}-\mathrm{O}$ printed across the top, each of the alphabet refers to five columns. The columns have numbers ranging from one to seventy-five. The 75 numbers are divided equally between the five columns. The column with B printed above it has the numbers one to fifteen, I has the numbers sixteen to thirty, N column from thirty-one to forty-five, G has numbers ranging from forty six to sixty, the last column O contains numbers from sixty one to seventy five. Each of the columns should contain only 5 numbers from the above specified range.

The card should form a grid and the middle cell that is the third row of the column N should be empty.

After completing the above pre-requisites you can start playing the game. The rules of the game are:-

The game begins when the host intimates everybody of the pattern that should be formed.

Then the host will announce the first alphabet, from the letters B-I-N-G-O and then will announce a number from zero to seventy.

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Look for the announced numbering your card, if you spot it then mark it immediately.

The announcing of numbers continue until some one completes the pre-determined pattern.

If you have completed the specified pattern, then yell out 'bingo' immediately to indicate that you have completed the pattern. When a person yells bingo, it is a sign that the game is won.

The winning card is then verified to check whether all numbers in the pattern have been marked correctly.

The game can end with a single pattern or continue for multiple patterns or until black-out as described above.

The prize is given immediately after a person yells bingo.

## Gambling Addiction: How To Get Rid Of It

Gambling is one of the many vices that lie in wait in today's society.

Most people have a great tendency is getting addicted to gambling if they are hooked up with it.

One of the serious social issues is gambling. The society is trying to muster it. Not only do the gamblers lose money but, also lose their family and their own life. This is mainly why this problem needs to be solved.

For those who want to get out of this habit, there are different methods and various measures to treat it. Some of them are given below.

## 1. Medicines can treat about anything.

Medicines, therefore, can they treat addictions to gambling as well. Gambling addicts are usually treated through medications which are in the form of Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors or the SSRR or anti depressants. This type of medication is given to pathological gamblers to treat them and has been proved successful.

## 2. Psychological treatment

Cognitive behavior is what is associated with the problem of addiction to gambling by many of the psychologists. It is therefore better to let them undergo this cognitive behavior therapy. During the process they are taught to replace their negative ideas with positive ideas.

## 3. Group therapy can be another method

Group discussion can help gamblers in getting treated. In this way they will be allowed to discuss personal problems that have brought them to this condition.

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This also helps them as the gamblers would be listening to various stories from other gamblers which probably occurred to them also. This lets them look at it in a different angle and find out what went wrong in their situation.

It is quite necessary to put an end to this addiction. It has been dominating the society as well as created problems among students in colleges. In just a year there has been a huge increase of $84 \%$ at the University of Pennsylvania, in the Annenberg Public Policy Center. It was said that $11.4 \%$ of the male students were fond of betting on cards at least once a week.

Quite a few gamblers are college students. They make up to $1.6 \%$ of the whole population. It probably looks little but it quite an issue as it has been increasing at an alarming rate.

The best way of cure to the addiction is to reduce the number of chances of playing. The chances of getting addicted are brought down as you play less.

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## Tips On Beating The Odds!

The 'play to win' attitude is that which works in gambling and not 'bet and leave if you lose'. There may be a million ways to gamble and also the same amount of chances to lose. But of course you need to face it.

It is a must to get to know all the rules that the game follows, which you are playing to be on the winning side. Chances of overpowering and beating the bookies will increase if you master a lot of game strategies and also keep in mind some simple advice before you jump into any of the gambling activities.

The tips that are mentioned aim at improving your winning potential but, you should remember that gambling is not about winning and is for fun. It is just to help you defeat the number of times you lose.

Below are quite a few tips that can be applied to any gambling activity. These tips however are not completely perfect but will sure help one in winning.

1. Keeping it small - It is good for your pocket if you put in small amounts at a time. If you are completely sure of winning then betting big time is perfect. You may have lost money at the end of the game but you sure would have enjoyed it for quite a while.
2. Betting with lucky pals- Many hands will be available for gambling. You need to bet with the lucky people of the day. If the day is not supporting you, then you should just live with it. It is said that 'the mark of an inexperienced man may not believe in luck'.
3. Keep an eye on the pattern- Move in the direction of flow. Bet on those players or numbers which are getting the most number of wins. Predict their chance by keeping in mind their history of loses and wins. This will help you in better decision making.
4. Avoid favorites- Unhealthy judgment about favorite numbers, players is held back by good betting. Your judgment can be improved by weighing the odds by keeping a look at other prospects that have wining possibilities.
5. Unleash psychic powers- the best answer is that which comes first to your mind.

Playing on inner psychic powers does pay.

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6. Stop ahead- you should always be in control of your own winnings. You should take on gambling more than it takes on you.
7. Gamble for fun- People do gamble to win but, we do have to remember that it was created as a fun time activity. The last thing you should do is invest in gambling.

## Online Casino Trivia....Great Bonuses!

Online gambling has many advantages. It offers a large variety of games that you can never get tired of! You can train yourself at various games. It allows you to refine your skills. You can even play the game of your choice from wherever you are at any time!

Online gambling is the internet's fastest growing section and offers a large range of games such as blackjack, poker, slots and lots more. With the facilities available today, these games can be enjoyed right from home.

Although it appears confusing at first, one gets the feel of the games pretty soon and they can be enjoyed by everyone. Casinos also offer bonuses for winners. One such bonus is the trivia questions or incentives.

All casinos offer bonuses for online gambling. Even without a large investment, players can play games of their choice. So people play at particular sites and keep returning to them. For such players trivia is offered as incentive.

## In order to get bonuses, there are some rules.

- Players with free accounts can win only a limited amount.
- For players with free accounts, the winning money will be paid after a small time. This is because the records of the player are checked meticulously before the money is handed out.
- Withdrawal for people with free accounts must be done only through certain means of payment.
- It is required that a free account be open for a particular number of days before payout.


## Some of the popular sites and the bonuses offered by them are

1. River Nile Casino - free $\$ 15$ plus additional casino bonus.
2. Virtual City Casino - free $\$ 10$ plus additional bonus
3. Aceshigh Casino - free $\$ 15$ plus additional casino bonus
4. Crazy Vegas Casino - free $\$ 10$ plus additional bonus

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3. Aztec Riches Casino - free $\$ 10$ plus additional casino bonus
4. Lucky Emperor Casino - free $\$ 10$ plus additional casino bonus
5. Jackpot City Casino - free $\$ 25$ plus additional bonus
6. Club Player Casino - free $\$ 16$ plus additional casino bonus
7. Casino Kingdom - free $\$ 16$ plus additional bonus

- An amateur gambler should choose a licensed casino that offers good payout and bonuses.
- Then, to start playing, download the required software that is free.
- The next step is to set up an account into which all the money won is sent. The player should be careful and type in the data correctly.
- Now the person can choose any game offered by the site.
- With enough practice, one will be ready to play for money. This needs payment through Western Union, NETeller, Stormplay or any credit card.
- Now one can try all the games available and claim the bonus!
- For information on the ways to claim winnings, check the websites of the casino.
- Enjoy!


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## Secrets To Win Any Gambling

Gambling can be great fun, but not when you end up on the losing side always. If you cannot to afford to play around with your money then do not go in for gambling, choose betting instead. Betting is a safer option, and you can end up making good money.

The pre-conceived notion about betting is that it depends solely on luck and chance, but if you do some simple math and apply it to along with a dash of common sense, more often that not you will taste success.

Some of the secrets to winning in gambling are listed below.

## 1. Choosing the right game

The first and foremost thing that you need to do before taking the plunge is to select the game. There are numerous games to select from. Once you have selected a game make sure you master its nuances.

## 2. Learning about the game

It goes without saying that knowledge is power. Learn all the basic rules of the game. Money spent on buying good gambling books is an excellent investment. You can also download tips and secrets from the internet. This gives you the edge.

## 3. Setting a bet

When you are setting a bet, it is important to take into consideration the situation of the game. If you win, then put in half of what you had put in the previous round, whereas if you lose it best to revert back to your least bet. This can be termed as progressive betting. This technique is advisable for novices.

## 4. Checking the odds

If the odds on a game are more than $3 \%$ in favor of the casino, then give it a skip. The most popular games in the gambling circuit are blackjack, poker and craps.

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## 5. Watching the trend

Pay close attention to your wins and losses and calculate the ratio of wins to losses. Do not keep betting if you are on an extended losing streak.

## 6. Sticking to a strategy

Pick and choose a strategy that is best suited to you. There are a lot of proven strategies, choose one from them. Do not make the mistake of going in without a strategy as you can end up losing a lot of money.

## 7. Don't be greedy

Greed can cause your downfall, exercise caution while placing bets.

## 8. Show optimism

Back yourself to win the money. Never expect to win every time, but it also important never to lose heart.

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## Beat That Slot Machine

Slot machines are quite popular in casinos. The experience of playing by turning the wheel and its looks draws everyone towards it. The thrill you get while you are playing on one of these slot machines will keep people coming back for it even if they do not win. To increase your chances of becoming rich and also making your game worthwhile a few tips are given below.

You need to make sure you know the machine you are going to play. This may sound quite stupid to you but most of the players do miss out on knowing what they are playing on.

You sure should go on for the highest repayment that is available. Remember you are gambling. There are chances that favor you to win. Get going, play and win!

At all times play the maximum coins. Jackpots are generally paid on maximum coins played. In this way you get a high payback and also your chances of hitting the jackpot increases.

Always remember to check on the payback percentage if it is online or even if it is a casino. Some do offer more than $90 \%$.

The amount you can gamble for should be kept in mind. You need to be wise on your spending. Your money can be gone in a few seconds. It is important to plan on your money before it is gone.

Machines that need inexpensive games are also available. These are single pay line machines. This does not risk you of losing all the money and similarly you have chances of making it big.

You could increase your playing time by playing on three or two coin slot machines with the amount of money you put in.

If your budget is small for playing slots, forget the idea of progressive slots online. The pay outs are cheaper than the normal slot machines. Your budget may increase in a few minutes that you played.

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When you hit on a jackpot, take your money and quit. Especially if it's at your first spin, it increases your hopes of plying another round. This is a game of chance, it is better you leave then let the machine have it for itself.

The rules of beating a slot machine may work in the same way as spinning a normal wheel that stops and produces a matching pattern of pictures or numbers. Go on and have fun on spinning the wheel and try to hit the jackpot.

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## Raking It In At Video Poker

Only $21 \%$ of all the hands dealt are winning hands and this is a fact. The other $79 \%$ are pretty much losers. The reason there is a difference between losers and winners is because the winner knows what to do with $79 \%$ of the hands dealt.

If you want to increase your chances of making money and winning at video poker, promise loyalty and embrace the following tips. Select a machine that gives a payment of 6 for flush wins and nine for full house wins.

A progressive machine would pay five for a flush win and eight for a full house win and if you would rather play with one of these then make sure that the quarter machine offers to pay at least $\$ 2,500$ or at least 10000 dollars on a dollar video poker machine, and the nickel machine offers to pay a jackpot of at least 250 dollars. You must remember to bet on the maximum coins to collect royal flush bonus from a progressive machine.

If you are new at playing, it is recommended that you play with the least denomination on the machine. You can play with higher denomination once you get better at video poker.

To get playing credit, use the slot card, if he casino has such arrangements. First you must find out each dollar's point equivalent. Then you must find out the worth of those earned points.

Read every hand that you get patiently. As your opponent is not another person, you are not going to be pressed for time, so you can play as slowly as you want.

A common mistake is that people think that the ace is the most vital card. But it is actually the jack that is the most vital. It is more lucratively advantageous than the ace.

There are an endless number of video pokers you could play. But each has its own specific strategy. If you still in the learning stages, restrict your choice to two.

Play a portable video poker game or on the computer to improve your skills at it. There are zero risks involved in testing your skills.

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## Here are some tips for playing:

1. If you hold your pair with a kicker, your payoff reduces by $5 \%$.
2. If it is possible for you to draw three and achieve a royal flush, avoid drawing four cards.
3. Except while drawing a one card royal flush, stay on a five card hand that is winning.
4. Do not ever draw one and try for the straight flush by breaking a flush.
5. Break your flush only to draw royal flush.
6. Never draw the straight flush by breaking your straight.
7. If you are holding a jack or something better, avoid drawing five.
8. Never leave a four or a ten card draw.

# Poker And Gambling - 3 Advantages Of Staying Completely Online 

## Old Age Poker Games

At those days, a poker game was played using only a deck consisting of 20 cards. Then, 4 players will keep a bet on which player has the best hand and hence the most valuable.

After some time, the game spread at the speed of forest fire to the other parts of America, the presence of the game headed along the west alongside California Gold Rush. Later, the game got its complete 52-card deck.

Later, the flush was added to the game, and slowly more and more additions were made to the game at the time of American Civil War. Many modifications were taken in like stud poker that is a 5-card variant of poker game, straight poker and draw poker.

Wild cards were introduced by the Americans in the year of 1875. Later in the 1900s, split-pot and lowball poker were developed in the poker game. Community card games in poker were introduced in the year of 1925 .

Thanks to US military, the game of poker eventually spread to various other countries, mainly to the Asian countries.

Poker game wasn't always taken as a game to be played. Before the 70s, poker was usually absent at casinos due to the lack of security measures for checking on the people who cheat in the game. Casinos didn't open poker rooms for playing black jack and roulette even till the 80s and 90s.

## Poker at the Present

People's interest was renewed thanks to the setting up of much better security techniques along with lots of promotion and tournaments being held.

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Also, advent of online gambling or online poker helped the game to reach new heights. Online gambling or online poker gave life to the poker game which was held stagnant for a long time.

Many people of all skills and levels began to get a likeness to the poker game due to the introduction of online gambling or online poker. Amateurs and beginners began to bring themselves together to get to learn further or start learning about gambling online or online poker.

Online gambling or online poker helped the common people to learn how to play the poker game. The game which was once restricted to be enjoyed by rich businessmen alone at casinos rolling high could now be played by the common man too.

## Advantages of Online Gambling or Online Poker

Online gambling or online poker has many advantages over the mortar and brick poker games. Listed below are a few advantages of the online gambling or online poker game which have been proven many a time by the poker game fanatics:

1. Massive cheating caused the casinos of those days to close their business and move on to roulette or blackjack games. The game is still open to fraudulent tactics such as collusion of players even when security measures were taken into account in the poker game.

Gambling online or online poker uses a software which automatically monitors the game and detects patterns in the games of any player to identify any possible collusion between 2 or more players.

Gambling online or online poker software is also able to check any player's IP addresses to be able to see if 2 or any more players are playing from the same area which is a form of fraudulent tactics used in the game.

Moreover, online gambling or online poker software can share data to another software virtually such that gambling online or online poker software can very easily keep a record of players having fraudulent records and then ban the players from playing any more in the poker game.

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2. Online gambling or online poker is so famous that tournaments called satellite tournaments are being watched by real poker tournaments. The winners of the satellite tournament are given entry into the real tournaments like World Series Poker which takes places only once a year.

Actually, in the year 2003 and 2004, the winners of World Series Poker, Greg "the Fossilman" Raymer and Chris Moneymaker, got entry into the World Poker Series by winning the online gambling or online poker tournaments.
3. A noticeable advantage in online gambling or online poker is that there is no psychological factor in the game. The players of online gambling or online poker games don't face each other. Each player is far away from another player and they play together only in a virtual game room.

No body can observe another player's body language or reaction and instead of that, players have to focus on the betting patterns to get an idea of other player's card hands.

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## Free Online Poker Games

Poker industry got a huge growth thanks to introduction of online poker. The uprising of online gambling similar to online poker has made gambling online a craze among seasoned players as well as non gamblers.

The free poker games online gave a new life to online poker by helping the amateurs to learn the game with out losing much money and also enjoy the game.

The new offer of free poker games online by the poker sites online helped the online poker to prosper and a big hit among the new as well as seasoned players. Though it is easy to learn free online poker, the amateurs have no idea on where to start.

Free poker games online can be found being offered in more than 100 poker websites online. Is there any way to differentiate between the real online tutoring poker website and a normal website which doesn't seem to provide any help or assistance to the amateurs by a gambler of poker or a prospective player?

## The Reason Why Free Poker Games Online Aren't Enough

An amateur who has no idea how to play a game of poker or doesn't know any of the various strategies to use in a game of poker can improver his skills by trying out the free poker games online. A nice way to get along with the poker games software available online is by playing the free poker games available online in the poker websites.

It is really fun to play the poker games online. But however, the gamblers or players should be very careful and aware when playing the poker games online. They should also remember that while playing the poker games online does not give you the overall experience of playing poker games online.

You need spend any money while playing the free poker games online unlike the normal poker games online. Gamblers or players should know that playing the game without keeping money at risk will degrade the spirit of the game for the gambler.

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The actual reason regarding this issue is that, no financial incentive is being offered to the players while playing the free poker games online.

The disadvantage of playing free poker games online is that it cuts out the skill part of the game. The technique of bluffing also doesn't work when playing free poker games online. There should reasoning by the players on why they must fold for an all-in while they can call as they aren't playing with real money.

The players playing free poker games online need not have any worries on calling off on any bad bets as they need not spend any money. The most important thing is they have nothing to risk which is one important thing while playing real poker games online.

While playing free poker games online, the game becomes a random game, where the win in every hand is usually by the best poker cards rather than a win by a good player.

## Comments on Free Poker Games Online

The above information on free poker games online shouldn't be misinterpreted as playing these free poker games online is not beneficial for improving the skills of a gambler.

These free poker games online were created so that amateurs need not spent lots of money playing the real poker rooms online. After some time, the gamblers having gained a little experience can move on to the risky real time poker rooms online or buy chips and play at the poker game rooms in the actual casinos.

While free poker games online improves the skills of an amateur, it doesn't mean that if he continues the game it will make him a better player. A gambler should get the real feeling of the game. Other than knowing how to play poker games online, a gambler should be able to get the feel on what the poker games rub off from an amateur. This makes the player more brave and will make the player take more risks later in the future. A gambler should remind himself that in a real time poker game table online, an amateur or beginner does not have even the smallest idea on who his opponent is. The free public tables are similar to a box of different chocolates where a gambler will never be able to know what he'll get.

## Gambling - A Game With Lady Luck

A mother had finished dressing up her 2 daughters for school by 5 in the morning. After this, she'll head for the casino for a dose of some gambling activity.

Does it sound like a "really absurd to be real" situation? Think again

Today, gambling looks like a day to day activity that people overlook too easily. But, they do not realize the potential harm being caused to their lives due to gambling.

Usually, gambling also known as betting is a type of game that involves valuables and money being put at risk. All the valuables or money are at a risk as the chances of wining is really low or is completely dependent on chance. But, you can always use some kind of evil ways to win, but still you can never be completely sure of winning the game.

Gambling are of many forms: 1 of the types is beatable while the other is unbeatable.

The games that can easily be trampled hence creating a numerical positive probability through use of strategy are called as beatable games. A few of them are poker, although it can be classified as game requiring skill; Pai Gow poker, Tiles, video poker, slot machines, horse racing, sports bets.

If none of the strategies in the game helps the player to win the game, then it becomes an unbeatable game. Some common examples on these types are baccarat, roulette, keno, slot machines, craps, casino war, pachinko, faro, 3card poker, 4 card poker, pyramid poker, red dog, Spanish 21, Caribbean stud poker.

Both unbeatable gambling and beatable gambling can be found at the casinos. There are still many more gambling games that aren't being played in the casinos like mahjong, backgammon, lottery, coin tossing games like head and tail, a few carnival games such as Hanky Pank and The Razzle.

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Another type of gambling game is the fixed odds gambling which can be seen in events such as football, hors racing, tennis, baseball, golf and many other sports that entice hundreds of people on betting on the winning team.

Still the same, these are all different types of gambling which does not have a chance of having continuous wins.

In gambling, the people generally try to get back what and all they lost during the course of the game. A few people continue to play the game having a belief that they shouldn't cut the monotony of their luck. By doing this, they keep betting and end up placing them selves at a risk of having a loss rather than a gain.

Many people who play gambling claim that they play just for pleasure or for a recreation. Many others say that they play it to earn some money and gambling is a really easy way to do earn money.

Since gambling involves a lot of types of mental activity, along with stress and mentality of winner, it is possible to become addicted to the game. In the future, it may affect the person who is involved in the game of gambling.

With all these psychedelic effects due to gambling, a few people even engage in betting whether a statement is false or true, or whether an event will take place at a particular time with another person. This happens generally on situations where 2 people debate against each other with strong views against each other. Generally, The 2 people place bets for money or for fun just to make their point on a certain issue.

Due to the bad effects of gambling, many legal jurisdictions decide not to legalize the gambling activities. Due to this, all contracts that have led to debts because of any gambling activity are taken as unenforceable by law.

This is the reason gambling is a risky activity. People who gamble merely do not understand the harm of gambling to them. As told, never put good money just after bad money. If by any chance you are involved in gambling, stop immediately to avid any loss on your side.

## Poker Games Online At Pacific Poker

Pacific poker is no strange thing for a person who plays online poker games, a poker online that is supported by the Casino On Net, which is leading online casino.

One of the pacific poker's features is a 24 -hour customer support especially for the clients. According to their budgets and skills, the poker room can be chosen by the players. Apart from this, there is an assurance that people are playing against other real people.

The player has the free option to choose a no-download or download software for the3 poker game which is offered by pacific poker. The software makes navigation very easy and also has a feature which saves the seat of the person who has got disconnected from their dial up connection when playing poker.

Each day, apart from these, pacific poker conducts poker tournaments online where anybody can participate. In their free roll tournaments which are monthly, players are allowed to choose high or low limit games. Another thing that pacific poker offers are promotions like money added and free rolls.

If any player any of the games of pacific poker, the winner can choose his form of payment for the prize he's won.

A few popular games available in the website of pacific poker are Texas Hold Em, Omaha High Low, 7-Card Stud, Seven Card Stud, and Texas Holdem.

Texas Holdem game is the most popular type of game in the online poker world as well as in Pacific Poker rooms. Using a 52-deck card, up to ten players can play the game. An equal chance at handing cards is given to all the players by using the dealer button. In the Texas Holdem games, the person who manages to get, out of the possible seven, best five card hand wins the prize.

Omaha High Low game is another game that is found at pacific poker. This game is another type of Texas Holdem. With the move before the flop, it's a little different from Texas Holdem.

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Four hole cards are dealt faced down at the starting hand. Apart from this, at the centre of table, five board cards which are taken as community cards are dealt faced up. Almost all of the times, The people who play Texas Holdem and are used to it get confused with the rules of Omaha High Low game which is completely the reverse of the rules of Texas Holdem. But after they get used to it, the fame is really enjoyable to play. Omaha High Low of Pacific Poker has a bigger pot money to be won and it's also an exciting game.

The 3rd Pacific Poker game is Seven Card Stud game. There are 5 betting rounds in each game of Sven Card Stud and up to eight players are allowed to play. Two cards are dealt faced down at the beginning of the game, 4 cards faced up and finally the last card faced down for every player online beginning from the player to the left of card dealer.

The person who has the best five cards out of 7 cards dealt is the winner of Pacific Poker's Seven Card Stud game. He wins the pot as he's got the best hand.

The 4th poker game online is Texas Hold Em in Pacific poker. A maximum of eleven players can play the game which is also played with 52-deck card. This game is so popular that it's shown in movies and television shows around the world. World Series Poker and World Poker Tour are a few of the tournaments held for it.

Pacific Poker's Texas Hold Em begins with players dealing their 2 hole cards face down. Starting from the player to the left of button, it's done by each and every player. The game is won by the player who makes the best 5 cards with the help of the community cards and his hole cards.

The 5th and final of all the games of Pacific Poker is 7-Card Stud game. In this game, the players get to have more than one cards faced up. This game is the game most played by the poker players in all the public card rooms. In pacific poker, this game has 3 versions. They are High-Low Split, Low, High games. In the Low game, the pot is won by the person who gets the lowest hand, whereas the person who gets the highest hand wins the High game of 7-Card Stud. In High-Low split of 7-Card Stud, the whole pot is won by the person whose hand is the highest of all if no body is fit enough for the lowest hand.

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## Playing Online Poker For Fun

From the inception of playing poker online, the game has undergone a change for life. Mortar and brick casino games are so saturated with hassles for a novice who's playing poker for the first time that it was reserved for the rich businessmen only.

Making online poker available to beginners is a good idea because then they can play the game for fun. The play for fun type of poker doesn't stop with eradicating the fear that newbie's feel while playing; it also helps them master the game without causing significant damage to their purses.

## -- Tracing the game play while playing Fun Online Poker

Novices and beginners are required to track the play. In the usual casino poker, it is more challenging to track plays. While playing the conventional poker, it becomes easy to track ones winnings, although knowing details on every aspect of his game is tough.

One will not be able to know about the entire hand history, but if one wish to, then he or she should make a note after each hand. This makes tracking in the brick and mortar casino poker games very distracting and time consuming.

While playing poker in play for fun format, it becomes easy for novices to track one's game. Almost all the 'play for fun' web sites have an option known as hand history. It is an option that helps a player track all the poker actions that a he / she or his counterpart makes.

This facility of tracking each hand in poker games played online is a boon in disguise in many ways. Almost all the software applications are able to process one's hand histories in a play for fun type of game, and return's detailed summaries to every play.

While playing online poker games, tracking plays include not only the exact statistics of every winning and rake. The tallies of every winning and rake are useful for purposes regarding taxes.

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This variety of poker also provides the detailed responses of a poker game. The novices who are keen on improving their game may utilize these statistics for identifying their weaknesses.

Such statistics may also help in keeping an eye on 'leaks’ of player's in playing for fun poker. When person's winnings are lost due to a mistake that he committed, it is known as a leak.

Analysis as detailed as this was unavailable earlier in the playing for fun genre of poker. But with the propagation of 'playing for fun' type poker, it has become a regular feature among serious players of poker.

## -- Advantages in Playing for Fun Poker games

A usual tradition in the conventional casinos is that they provide faithful customers with food, accommodations and their merchandise free of cost!

But playing for fun type of poker, which is played online, has introduced a new innovative method to reward their loyal clients. The poker room's online reward valued customers by means of deposit bonuses. The client is given a bonus code which is to be entered while placing a deposit in an account. This bonus code can either add a percentage or may set an amount of bonus chips in which is added with the original amt of deposit.

Excluding this, many playing for fun poker rooms are hiring important managers who can develop new methods to make their faithful and loyal players happy.

## -- The playing for fun poker compatibility

Many playing for fun poker rooms comes with Microsoft Windows software that can be easily downloaded. However, such Microsoft software needs a software emulator for it to function on Linux and Mac's.

However, many playing for fun poker rooms have customers who run their games on a Mac or Linux.

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## -- Poker Portal On the net

The poker portal online is a site that provides info about poker. These poker portals online contains poker news, results of poker tournaments, strategies for poker and reviews about poker.

Many of the poker portals that are on the net contain a very large amount of content that deals with poker; but still there are other sites which are available just to function as mere go-between or conduits to web sites other than it. Such sites contain the regular playing for fun type of poker rooms which helps in molding the beginners and novices to the actual brick and mortar casinos.

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## Poker Tricks - Playing The Trump Right

Are you an addict to poker or just a beginner? You will need a lot of poker chips if you are playing poker seriously. The poker chips transcended the game of poker into a completely different game. Poker chip tricks are being used for poker chips nowadays. Mind you, these are not any kind of cheap tricks! These tricks for poker chips have been developed after long tough hours of playing the game of poker. A method to kill waiting time has been developed by poker addicts. These tricks are also used to intimidate the other poker players. There would have been some time when you've seen a player rotate his poker chips stack randomly using just a single hand. Magic coin tricks are also being done using poker chips by a few poker fanatics. It is a really serious discipline and also something fun to watch at. You need many hours to learn and master these tricks with poke chips. A serious poker chips trick master is different from serious poker player. Most of the times, the trick players are also the poker fanatics, the poker chip tricks has crossed the mere game of poker. There are tournaments being held in the US for poker chip tricks.

Poker chips vary from each other. Also, these chips come in variable shapes and sizes. But the weight of the poker chips are standard, there are lighter chips and heavier pieces. The weights of the 2 basic poker chips are 11.5 gms and 13 gms . But still, there are variations in these values which depend on the maker of the poker chips. 10 gms chips are also available. The popular type of poker chips is made using clay and plastic. There are some chips which are made using mahogany and oak, even graphite chips are available but they are a bit rare in today's market. Depending on the number of players, most of the poker chips are bought in sets which range from two hundred to six hundred pieces. Actually, each player needs hundred pieces. Hence a two player game needs two hundred to three hundred poker chips. Four poker players will need at least 400 chips.

Poker chip sets are being provided by many companies. Customized poker chips can also be got from some companies. There are chances of a logo of Mc Donald's or the picture of somebody's face on a custom poker set. While some are used for advertising their products, a few of them are designed especially for poker fanatics. Some chips are numbered whereas a few others have an emblem or a flag printed on them.

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Apart from using it for the game, poker chips has become a lucrative fanaticism and business. There are even a few rare poker chips which have become collector's items. As it is both an addiction and a hobby, slick poker chips are also available. These are generally made up of aluminum, whereas the costlier ones are made of graphite. The other poker chip cases which are popular are also made of vinyl, wood, leather and carbon fiber.

Yet another thing is that each poker chip type sound differently. The poker chip masters and/or expert poker players have their preferences for poker chips. Usually, the best chips are the ones that make a crisp, sharp sound when they fall. Casinos worldwide use this type of poker chips in their gambling rooms.

Poker chips and poker tricks will stick with all of us for a long period of time. The poker game is a very interesting and exciting game which has been sticking with us from way back and will stick with us in the future too. The poker game is being played from the ages of the kings and queens, now; the royal flush is a good way to get all the chips at your side of the table!

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## Poker Rules And Tips

You can find many a types of poker. A few of these include 7 Card Stud, Omaha High-Low, Texas Holdem and many more. As soon you learn the rules of the game, you won't find the game as tough as it sounds or looks. Even though these are different varieties of games, all of them have common rules and also a common goal that is to win as much as money as possible from the other people playing the game by keeping bets strategically by using your dealt cards.

The rules needed by you to know before playing poker are:
-When playing poker a 52-deck card is a standard use. The high card is the Ace where there is an exception in the High-Low games where it can be low or high.

- Carefully go through the terms that are being used before playing poker other than the hand rankings.
-The other players and you will be dealt with cards, or also called as a 'hand'. Based on your strength of cards, you're supposed to make a bet at each betting round. The rankings of the hands should be known when you play. The ranking is used for all poker games.
- The game follows an order of moving clockwise around the poker table. When playing online poker, it is represented by a small button or disc. The cards and the bets are dealt and placed this way.
- The "late position" is the most useful position - the person who is the last one to bet among the group. Since at this position you can gauge the strength of each player's cards, it is a very good advantage. To make sure everybody gets this advantage, each hand is rotated by the dealer.
- When playing poker, you have options like bet, check call, fold or raise which you can use at your turn.
- Pot is always begun with blind bets.


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- In order to have the total amount of money kept even, betting is also done in rounds during a game of poker. Apart to this, Additional cards can be taken at each round to make the betting a little more fascinating.
- The other players and you who are playing poker are allowed to chip at the start of every hand. You can not get these halfway of a hand, but it is possible in between hands.
- When you're seriously interested to play poker and all its varieties, it's best to know all the various rules of each and every game. Those games which involve higher stakes should be taken after starting off with the low limit ones after improving your poker skills.
- One of the main strategies to win when playing poker is to bluff. It is mostly used to make the other players believe that you have the best hand. This thing is exactly what makes poker interesting and exciting. The main point to remember is to think properly and logically when to actually bluff or when to call when others are bluffing.


## Here are a few tips to remember when playing poker:

- Don't forget that the play moves clockwise and so it is not advisable to take action till it's your turn.
- It's better to be a "bettor" or aggressive rather than a "caller" while playing poker.
- Pay attention carefully to the other players when playing poker. Try and look at the players who are tight and who are aggressive/loose. The experts of poker think that it's better to play a game with "bettor" players unless and until you have a really strong hand.
- Keeping an eye on everybody's chip count is very important. Always play with the players who have lesser number of chips than yours.
- See if your cards and the community cards match. If negative, then throw away the cards during a bet.


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- Always, a card must be placed with another card of same suit or with 10 or higher.
- At times, when you are a lot of the first few players when playing poker, its best to play very few hands as you're at a risk from the players.
- Another important thing to remind yourself when playing poker is taking your time to consider everything - The cards and the betting of the other players.

After reading this, it's very important to look at the rules and the particular guidelines of the specific poker game you are about to play. All the best!

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## The Online Poker Game Advantage

A game which has rules is an online poker game, where each game has a specific set of rules that differ between every casino on the net or website's setting. The main attraction of an online poker match as the most-played game is because rules can vary slightly between one place and another, and yet it will still follow the main guidelines which allow everyone to feel comfortable with the game along with its guidelines to play.

But, there must be an accepted bunch of rules which each of the players may refer to if confusion sets in. This is why free tutorials have been made available on the net along with books on how to go about playing an online poker game. Offering the player instructions about how to play the game is what these books do, either online or real life. These tutorials provide tips to beat the opponent, when you must risk your cards and when you should hold them.

Poker games online are always so popular. Why is it so? Poker games' on the net help the beginners learn to play the game in their own speed with the free software. If they think they are game to playing with other's, online poker websites are the thing for them. Online poker games allow novices to gamble as little as $1 \Phi$ with free poker rolls to anyone who enter into the table without fee. The attractions in online game rooms are that players need not feel all that pressure from the rest of the players to perform without committing mistakes.

Playing poker games online will hone your probability skills, improve computing capabilities, propagates social inter reaction and teaches one how to play well. The type of players that the casino casts out (novices), the poker that's online embraces. That is the main reason for the online poker to be one of the largest collectors of revenue from online casinos.

Despite all the benefits provided by online poker, a chief concern is that like the professional casinos at Las Vegas, a watchful eye is present before each poker room. This "eye" checks for illegitimacy. Online poker games' security checks out the IP address that belongs to a computer unit to confirm that not more than one unit play the game; thereby illegitimate game play is avoided.

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Mainstream poker sites get players hooked by conducting tournaments. The winners of the poker tournament get a chance to try out real poker in casinos that host the program. Tournaments may make players play at the World Series Poker Championship Games. Better your skills more are the chances of you winning a prize. As far as test of skills is concerned, these poker websites make it possible to play with real masters of the game.

Because of all these advantages, it isn't a surprise that poker on the net is a successful business. But being a champion varies in the real world. Real poker can distract you when you are playing. The acclaimed "poker face" must be perfected before an online poker player can take on real poker. Online poker does not teach us that.

Apart from misleading your counterpart physically; there is no difference between playing on the net or playing a real game of poker. poker on the net and the real game are about betting cash.

The main advantage in playing poker online is the absence of intimidating opponents. Because you are new to the game, it helps to not have opponents present as it helps you improve your skills.

After you have become comfortable with the game play, you may sign up with various websites to play the game. Your first game can be quite challenging especially if you haven't got the hang of it yet. Although, you will get better at the game when other players play and everything becomes clearer.

But the only thing that remains unchanged in any poker game is the prevalence of addiction in any form of gambling. The game revolves around taking risks, playing with guts and paying due attention for your skills and ultimately winning once or twice.

Even then it's still the poker games online that attract novice's everyday. The internet destroys all barriers of space, time and race; in this world, there is no better feeling than to win at the game!

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## Poker Software

For any poker player, Poker software's are an indispensable tool. The software can help one compile one's own poker site, definitely the most successful online businesses at present. It provides him the ultimate simulation's of the current game to, run reports, display information about one's game by reading ones hand histories, with even of someone's opponent, show statistics, train ahead with the evasive game of poker. The poker software can provide support to the poker enthusiast by providing the above mentioned information.

Which poker software present for sale does what, to provide you with a better idea, here is a list of some poker software along with the features that, they claim, set them a class apart from their counterparts, other poker software. Interesting reviews are also available for you to evaluate each of the following poker software.

Turbo 7 Card Stud, Turbo Texas Hold'em, Turbo Omaha HI/LO, Tournament Texas Hold'em . These are supposedly the most practical simulation software of poker, nowadays, that has been conceived by Wilson poker. But reviewers and users criticize saying their interface can be difficult to set-up and cranky.

## DD Tournament Poker

This one's a poker software, credited to be most suitable for experienced players and beginners alike. In this program over 5000 computer simulated opponents are present and we can choose from a range of three difficulty levels. Poker connoisseur's can also choose to play a pre-defined tournament or customize a game to meet their requirements.

## Holdem Inspector 2

An innovative feature that allows one to study a select situation and analyze his game is present in this poker software, that's the etymology. It enables the users to test various techniques for different poker situations, by putting up different profiles.

## Seven Card Inspectors 2

The Holdem Inspector 2's 'little brother' is the name given to this poker software. The profiles available are not very commendable, though it comes with the capability to track up the cards

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and also outs. It also does not allow you to simulate complex situations. This software, unfortunately, has bad reviews tagged to it.

## Poker Pal Pro, Tellis Software

Though this poker software has bad execution, it is reported to have really good looks. But aside from not being able to update very well, this software also has a bad habit of losing important information as players change.

## Poker Stove

This poker calculator, which boasts of being able to fully analyze the complex preflop situations by about a 100 times quicker than any other available software, is also Texas Holdem calculator

## Crazy Pineapple

This is poker software boasts of a good computer advisor and easy installation features. It comes with a watch play and an internet play that are used for the learning purpose.

## Poker Office

Since their first editions, this is acclaimed to be the prototype among poker software. Its features include its ability to import earlier hand histories, it providing advice to improve your game, and automatically track stats. Reviews confirm it that purchasing this software will not leave one cheated.

## Mobile Poker Trainer

For the mobile phone, this poker software will be a good download. This edition of the Texas Hold'em is poker software for the mobile. If this poker software id present in your cell phone it's easy to kick away boredom! But the predictable playing strategies, a result of the 5 character limit, are a major downside. Critics comment that it doesn't live up to its name, its betters as a videogame than now.

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## Using Online Poker Aides

An online type of poker training is the poker aides. These aides help you to get better in the online poker games. With the help of the online type of poker training, you can get to learn lots of lessons that are useful for improving your poker game online.

These poker aides online can not help you into transforming into a professional players at poker as for that you need a hell lot of experience and massive amount of studying. The poker aides online help give you the self-esteem and confidence which is required to start playing the low limit poker in exchange for real cash and also to enjoy an interesting online poker game.

Poker aides on the net can also be taken as poker schools. Most of the discussions are about mass hysteria the online poker can cause.

Lots of tips for playing and many types of poker strategies can be found in the online poker aides. It's just like learning ABC's in school. So, go now and avail the online poker aides to get your online poker started.

As soon as you have finished that course, later, like a normal school, you jump of to the following level. The aides will later tell you about the various differences that are there between playing poker in real and playing poker online. You can also learn the possibilities of losses or winnings you are likely to get when you are playing online poker. The trick of bluffing also becomes different when playing online poker from when you're playing real poker with actual people.

Actually, there aren't many differences between playing poker online and playing poker in real. Many people do not realize that they are not just losing the small dollar sign symbols that are there on their monitors but they are also losing real money. Due to this a number of the poker rooms available on the net make some big bucks and will continue to make more big bucks.

So remember that when you're playing online, it doesn't mean it's not real. It is so easy to withdraw money for playing at tables such that it makes you ask yourself whether playing poker in real world is less real than playing poker online.

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To forget about bluffing is one of the things that the poker aide teaches you about. Bluffing is definitely one thing that should be struck out of your list of strategies. Speaking strategically, playing poker tournaments in real is more different than playing poker online.

Traditionally, online poker is being called a game of skill as you can call bluffs and also bluff your self. It requires a very high amount of skill to act as well as see bluffs and it is also necessary to learn and complete a lesson that needs a lot of courage. The skill of bluffing is very important when you are going to play a game of poker in real as you will be taking on real people with stamina and thinking, face to face.

Unlike that, it doesn't make much of a difference with playing poker online. The poker aides also include teaching you how to perform a bluff before entering into a game of poker online. Don't forget that, although bluffing is a low level act, you have no option but to use it at times.

But make sure you make only small buffs. With the fact that most of the bluffs you call are also small, there can be a huge chance of an opponent calling out your bluffs.

Not only do these poker aides teach you, they also help when you are stuck up with some really tough poker trouble.

You have a high probability of winning the jackpot as the last person standing in the games at casinos when there is an unsuited seven and two. Try to tighten up the game to its maximum. When you are playing with only suited picture cards and in a state at which a mistake committed doesn't turn the tables of the game then you know the game is really tight.

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