

# **El Resbalon**

## **Five Card Stud**

### **Game Rules - Start to Finish**

5 Card Stud is a poker game played at El Resbalon with a standard 52-card deck. Standard poker rankings apply. The game is played utilizing a dealer button. The dealer button is placed in front of the player to the left of the house dealer and rotates clockwise around the table after the completion of each hand. The players ante a designated amount before the cards are dealt. The fee collection is a time based collection and taken from each player.

Each player is dealt two cards face down, one at a time, in rotation. The player must then show one card and one card remains face down. A round of betting follows, starting with the player with the highest card. This forced bet is a live bet; the player has no option regarding the amount of the forced opening bet. The player with the highest card or cards showing begins the betting in all subsequent rounds. A third card is dealt, face down, in rotation. The player must then show a second card and one card remains face down. A second round of betting follows. A fourth card is dealt, face down, in rotation. The player must then show a third card and one card remains face down. A third round of betting follows. A fifth card is dealt, face down, in rotation. The player must then show a fourth card and one card remains face down. A fourth round of betting follows. Each player will have a total of five cards; one card face down and four cards face up. The remaining players do not need to show their hand.

At showdown, the player with the highest ranking five card poker hand wins the pot. In the event of a tie, the pot is split equally.

### **Fee Collection** (compliance with Penal Code section 337i, subd. [f])

The players ante a designated amount which is predetermined before the cards are dealt and the fee collection is taken from each player on the hour or on the quarter hour when applicable.

#### **Wagering Limits**

No Limits

#### **Time Collection Rates**

\$4 per every hour (\$1 - per 15 minutes)

The collection methods comply with Penal Code section 337j, subd. (f). Fees are not set as a percentage of the ante, prize pot, or wagers. All fee collections are determined prior to the start of the play of the hand.

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## How the Hands Are Ranked

The cards are ranked (from high to low) Ace, King, Queen, Jack, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, Ace. (Ace can be high or low, but is usually high). There are four suits (spades, hearts, diamonds and clubs); however, no suit is higher than another. All poker hands contain five cards, the highest hand wins. **At El Resbalon, there are no wild cards.**

## Poker Rankings (from high to low)

- Royal Flush
- Straight Flush
- Four of a Kind
- Full House Flush
- Straight
- Three of a Kind
- Two Pair
- Pair
- High Card

## Descriptions of Hand Ranks

### Straight Flush

A straight flush is the best natural hand. A straight flush is a straight (5 cards in order, such as 5-6-7-8-9) that are all of the same suit. As in a regular straight, you can have an ace either high (A-K-Q-J-10) or low (5-4-3-2-1). However, a straight may not 'wraparound'. (Such as K-A-2-3-4, which is not a straight). **An Ace high straight-flush is called a Royal Flush and is the highest natural hand.**

### Four of a Kind

Four of a kind is four cards of the same rank. If there are two or more hands that qualify, the hand with the higher-rank four of a kind wins.

### Full House

A full house is a three of a kind and a pair, such as K-K-K-5-5. Ties are broken first by the three of a kind, then pair. So K-K-K-2-2 beats Q-Q-Q-A-A, which beats Q-Q-Q-J-J.

### Flush

A flush is a hand where all of the cards are the same suit, such as J-8-5-3-2, all of spades. When flushes tie, follow the rules for High Card.

### **Straight**

A straight is 5 cards in order, such as 4-5-6-7-8. An ace may either be high (A-K-Q-J-10) or low (5-4-3-2-1). However, a straight may not 'wraparound'. (Such as Q-K-A-2-3, which is not a straight). When straights tie, the highest straight wins. (AKQJ10 beats KQJT9 down to 5432A). If two straights have the same value (AKQJ10 vs AKQJ10) they split the pot.

### **Three of a Kind**

Three cards of any rank, matched with two cards that are not a pair (otherwise it would be a Full House). Again, highest three of a kind wins. If both are the same rank, then the compare High Cards.

### **Two Pair**

This is two distinct pairs of card and a 5th card. The highest pair wins ties. If both hands have the same high pair, the second pair wins. If both hands have the same pairs, the high card wins.

### **Pair**

One pair with three distinct cards. High card breaks ties.

### **High Card**

This is any hand which doesn't qualify as any one of the above hands. If nobody has a pair or better, then the highest card wins. If multiple people tie for the highest card, they look at the second highest, then the third highest etc. High card is also used to break ties when the high hands both have the same type of hand (pair, flush, straight, etc).

## **Betting**

### **Call**

When you call, you bet enough to match what has been bet since the last time you bet (for instance, if you bet a \$1 last time, and someone else bet \$3, you would owe \$2).

### **Raise**

When you raise, you first bet enough to match what has been bet since the last time you bet (as in calling), then you 'raise' the bet another amount (up to you, but there is typically a limit).

### **Fold**

When you fold, you drop out of the current hand (losing any possibility of winning the pot), but you don't have to put any money into the pot.

Betting continues until everyone calls or folds after a raise or initial bet.