Texas Hold'em Cheat Sheet

For your first home game. Two to ten players, one 52-card deck, chips and a dealer button.

A hand in 7 steps

1. Blinds: small blind left of the button, big blind next to it.
2. Deal two cards each, face down, starting with the small blind.
3. Pre-flop betting: starts left of the big blind.
4. Flop: burn one, deal three face up. Betting starts with the first active player left of the button.
5. Turn: burn one, deal one. Bet.
6. River: burn one, deal one. Last bet.
7. Showdown: best five cards from your two plus the five on the board. Button moves left.

Your options

- **Check**: pass, only if nobody has bet.
- **Bet**: put in the first chips this round.
- **Call**: match the bet.
- **Raise**: increase the bet.
- **Fold**: give up the hand.

Betting rules (no-limit)

- Minimum bet: one big blind.
- Minimum raise: at least the size of the last bet or raise. $10 bet, raised to $50 (a $40 raise): the next raise is to at least $90.
- An all-in that is less than a full raise does not reopen betting for players who have already acted.
- Heads-up: the button posts the small blind, acts first before the flop and last after it.

Hand rankings (best first)

1. **Royal flush** A♠ K♠ Q♠ J♠ 10♠
2. **Straight flush** 9♥ 8♥ 7♥ 6♥ 5♥
3. **Four of a kind** 9♣ 9♦ 9♥ 9♠ 2♣
4. **Full house** K♦ K♠ K♣ 4♥ 4♠
5. **Flush** A♦ J♦ 8♦ 6♦ 2♦
6. **Straight** 10♠ 9♥ 8♦ 7♣ 6♠
7. **Three of a kind** 7♥ 7♦ 7♠ K♣ 4♦
8. **Two pair** Q♣ Q♦ 6♥ 6♠ 2♣
9. **One pair** 10♥ 10♦ K♠ 7♣ 3♦
10. **High card** A♠ J♦ 8♥ 5♣ 2♠

Etiquette

- Act in turn.
- Say "raise" or the amount before you move chips. No string bets.
- One big chip without a word is a call.
- Keep your cards on the table and your chips visible.

Playing the board

You may use both, one or none of your hole cards. If nobody can beat the five board cards, the players still in the hand split the pot.

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