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Short-Deck Poker: How to Play 6+ Hold'em (Official Rules)

What is Short Deck Poker?

Short-deck poker (also known as six-plus hold'em) is a new variation of traditional Texas hold'em that mostly follows the same rules albeit with a significant difference.

Short-deck poker uses a smaller 36-card deck rather than the full 52-card deck.

Most first heard of short-deck poker after it was introduced among the mix in the high-stakes cash games in Macau.

Here we go over the poker rules for Short Deck Poker.

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Short-Deck Poker Rules

Before we discover how to play short-deck poker, let's see how to get to the 36-card deck needed to play a game of 6+ hold'em.

The 36-card deck in use in poker short deck is created by removing the 2s, 3s, 4s, and 5s from the deck (16 cards).

That leaves the 6s up through the Ks as well as the As.

What about the Aces?

As in regular hold'em, in short-deck poker the aces still count as high or low when making straights.

The lowest possible straight in a game of short-deck poker is Ax9x8x7x6x (think of the ace as essentially replacing the missing 5) Tj T* BT

Poker short-deck is played similarly to regular hold'em. Each player receive two hole cards and use them in combination with five community cards to create the best possible hand.

A game of short-deck poker features four streets of betting:

Pre-flop Flop Turn River

However, there are some differences in the poker short-deck that you should know about before playing.