



Tequila Poker

It is essential to have complete understanding of the chapters "Introduction", "In The Pit And On The Game" and "Blackjack" together with this one. They contain important policies and procedures that apply to all games

Flop Poker is a promotional game. It is important that the Dealers be outgoing and interacts with the Customers. Be prepared to answer questions and instruct Players.

OPENING THE GAME

Bankroll

Same as Blackjack Procedures

Shuffler

Power is turned on by Floor Supervisor

Cards

Two decks of cards are opened at the table by the Floor Supervisor.

Dealer: Inspect both sides of decks, wash and load into shuffler.

Press the stat button to begin the shuffling cycle.

After the deck is shuffled, the dealer will deal each player 4 cards at a time starting left to right by hand, then dealer will place the remaining cards in the center of the layout above the rack...

The decks will be changed, every two hours and at the discretion of the Pit Manager.

OBJECT OF THE GAME

Tequila Poker is a 5-card poker game with the advantage of using six cards in all. The Players makes an Ante Bet to start the game. The Dealer will hand deliver each Player(s) four (4) cards down to evaluate. The Player(s) at this point will decide to make either the High Tequila Bet or Tequila Poker Bet to stay in the hand against the Casino for the House odds. If they decide not to play, they will fold their cards and lose their Ante bet.

Once all Players have made their decision, the dealer will then deal each player 2 cards. The Dealer will reveal all player cards and then pay them based on which bet they decided to make.

DEALING PROCEDURES

Dealing the Cards:

Hit the start button. The shuffler will deal out all 52 cards. Working from left to right, deliver a four-card hand to each Player. Spread the cards as you place them behind each bet and in front of the correct Player. After each Player receives four cards, hold the deck in your hand and wait for player(s) to make their bets.

ANTE BET:

The Ante Bet is made, to start the game. This Bet allows the Player to receive a 4-card hand to start the game. The Ante Bet is paid even money on all winning hands. After the Player evaluates the 4-card hand they were dealt, they have the option of making the High Tequila Bet or the Tequila Poker bet to stay in the hand against the casino or surrender the Ante Bet to casino.

NOTE: When players surrender they must place their cards in front of their bet.

HIGH TEQUILA:

The player's highest five (5) cards must add to a minimum of 46 (Face cards = 10, Aces = 11) for player to win the hand.

NOTE: Dealer must arrange the cards vertically in order from smallest to biggest (face cards are worth 10 and Aces are worth 11), the smallest card (the card will not be used) must be placed horizontally in order for the player, the floor supervisor, and the surveillance to recognize which cards were used for each specific game.

TEQUILA POKER:

The player must set their best five (5) card poker hand. Players must have a minimum of a pair of Aces to win the hand.

NOTE: Dealer must arrange the cards vertically in order from highest to the smallest poker hand the last card not being used must be placed horizontally in order for the player, the floor supervisor, and the surveillance to recognize which cards were used for each specific game.

PLAYING THE GAME:

The Player will make the required **ANTE** bet to start the game. The dealer will deliver four (4) cards face down to each player participating in the game. After looking at their cards, each player decides whether to play High Tequila, Tequila Poker or Fold their cards. Players must match the Ante Bet with the same amount on either the High Tequila or Tequila Poker.

Taking the remainder of the cards that the dealer removed from the shuffler, he/she manually deals 2 cards face down from the top part of the deck to each player that did not fold and places them in front of their money, giving each player a total of six (6) cards.

The dealer will arrange the cards in a certain order that depends on what game each player chose to play. In both cases, player plays the best five (5) card hand, so the sixth (6th) card which will not used must be turned horizontally.

Players who do not win will lose both the Ante and either the High Tequila or Tequila Poker bet. Players, who win **ALWAYS** get paid even money on the Ante Bet and House Odds on the other two bets.

DEALERS ADVICE TO PLAYERS

In many occasions, players will ask the dealer whether they should play High Tequila, Tequila Poker or Fold. Given this, there are several rules the dealer must know to be able to give each player the proper advice. The basic rules are the following:

Players should play *Tequila Poker* when:

- Player has a pair of any kind.
- Players 4 cards are of the same suit.
- Players 4 cards are one away from a straight (even if a player is looking for the inside straight).

Players should play *High Tequila* when:

- 3 out of the 4 cards add to a minimum of 28.
- Players 4 cards add to a minimum of 36.

There will be many situations in which players have a good enough hand to play either High Tequila or Tequila Poker. In those cases, it is going to be up to the player to determine how risky he/she is and what strategy he/she wants to use. Dealers should advise the players when it is mathematically advisable to play one of the two games but it will always be up to the player to determine which of the game to chose when both are advisable.

Lay and Pay

Moving from right to left, (starting at third base) spread the cards in front of each Player's bet. Be sure to expose the entire face of every card. Pay, take and put away the cards in order.

HIGH TEQUILA	
SUM OF THE BEST FIVE (5) CARDS	PAYS
54	200:1
53	15:1
52	5:1
51	4:1
50	3:1
49	2:1
46 – 48	1:1

TEQUILA POKER	
PAIR OF ACES	1 TO 1
TWO PAIR	2 TO 1
THREE OF A KIND	3 TO 1
STRAIGHT	5 TO 1
FLUSH	7 TO 1
FULL HOUSE	8 TO 1
FOUR OF A KIND	15 TO 1
STRAIGHT FLUSH	50 TO 1
ROYAL FLUSH	200 TO 1

GAME PROTECTION

Players cannot communicate or expose their cards to each other. Caution any Players who violate this rule in a courteous manner. Use good judgment and flexibility in enforcing this rule. If continued violations occur, call a Floor Supervisor.

- ♣ Always keep your eyes on the layout.
- ♣ Closely observe the way the Customers handle the cards. Ensure that the game is not compromised by Players exposing the cards to other players.
- ♣ Players must be seated in order to handle the cards.
- ♣ The cards must stay within the railing and in full view of the Dealer at all times.
- ♣ Watch the Players' hands and listen to their conversations. Be alert to irregular play. If you are suspicious, call the Floor Supervisor.
- ♣ Be especially aware of betting amounts on "first base" and "third base."
- ♣ Place the cards in the shuffle machine with the right hand only.
- ♣ On payoffs of \$2500 or greater, Surveillance must be called and the videotape reviewed.

HAND SHUFFLE

IN THE EVENT THE SHUFFLE MASTER IS NOT IN USE:

1. The table will be open in accordance with standard XXXXXXXXXX CASINO procedure for card games. Cards will be checked by both the Dealer and the Floor Supervisor, and then spread face up on the layout.
2. Wash each deck.
3. At the beginning of play, the cards are shuffled as follows:
 - SHUFFLE
 - STRIP
 - SHUFFLE
 - BOX TURN
 - SHUFFLE
 - STRIP
 - SHUFFLE
4. While shuffling, make sure your Players have their wagers set and their dollars on the spots.
5. After shuffling, the Dealer will cut the cards in a forward movement onto a cut card using one hand only. Players never cut the cards.
6. The cards will be dealt face down from left to right. Start with the Player farthest to your left and deal around the table, with the Dealer receiving a card last.
7. Continue dealing the cards around the table until everyone has the proper number of cards. The Dealer does not receive a third card.
8. When the cards are finished being dealt the Dealer then places the remainder of the cards in the discard rack and continues with the normal procedure.

TOKES

- ♥ The maximum bet for the Dealer is \$5.00 per hand. Max payout on will be \$100.
- ♥ Bets for the Dealers may be placed on the Ante and High Tequila or Tequila Poker.
- ♥ Both bet and payoff on all winning toke bets must be taken down. Toke bets may not be parlayed.

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