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GAMING GUIDE

ARIZONA HOLD 'EM POKER



mperors Palace offers Arizona Hold 'Em as a variation to the classic game of poker. Arizona Hold 'Em is popular and exciting. The game is simple to play and the players compete against the Casino rather than each other as they normally would in classic poker. The tables can be found on the main Casino floor and in the Velarium Casino.

As an important guest of Emperors Palace, this guide to playing Arizona Hold "Em" has been provided for your convenience but please always feel free to ask questions. Should you require assistance, please do not hesitate to call upon the Casino personnel, including the dealers.

Good luck and enjoy the game!

The Table

The minimum and maximum stakes are clearly displayed at the tables and chips may be purchased from the dealers.

The game is played on a Blackjack size table which can accommodate up to seven players. In front of each player's seat is a set of three betting areas. These are marked A, 1 and 2. Each player may only play one betting area at a time and make only one bet per area. In front of the dealer are two rectangle boxes for the dealer's cards, marked 1 and 2. Inscribed on the layout are the words 'PAIR OF 10'S AND BETTER WINS', meaning players will be paid out should their hand consist of a pair of 10's or higher.



The Game

One pack consisting of 52 cards is played. Players are each dealt three cards and the dealer two, all of which are dealt face down. The dealer's two cards are known as 'community' cards and are the fourth and fifth communal cards used by the players to make up a five-card hand.

Once the cards have been shuffled, the dealer announces "place your bets". Place your ante-bet (the bet before the first deal) in the betting area marked "A". The dealer deals one card at a time to each player and one to himself which he places in the box marked '1'. He deals a second card to each player and another to himself and places this card in the box marked '2'. A third card is dealt to the players *only*. Once this third card has been dealt, you may pick up your cards to view your hand.

On the strength of your three cards, decide whether you wish to continue bett I bet must be placed in your betting area marked '1'. This bet must be the same amount as your original stake (the ante-bet). If you decide your hand is weak, you may stay with only your original bet.

Once all additional bets are placed, the dealer turns over the first community card. This card is used as the fourth card for each player's hand. Reevaluate your hand with this new card and should you wish to increase your bet, place a further bet in your betting area marked '2'. As before, this bet must be the same amount as your original stake. Each player now has either one, two or three bets. Once all bets have been placed, the dealer turns over the second community card. This card is used as the players' fifth card.

In the order of right to left the dealer reveals each player's hand. The dealer establishes whether or not the player has a pair of 10's or higher and if so, pays the player accordingly. If not, the losing bets are collected.

The Payout_

Should you have a winning hand, each bet is paid individually. The payouts are as follows:

Royal Flush	250 to 1
Straight Flush	50 to 1
Four of a Kind	25 to 1
Full House	12 to 1
Flush	10 to 1
Straight	8 to 1
Three of a Kind	3 to 1
Two Pairs	2 to 1
Pair of 10's or better	1 to 1

Poker Hand Ranking

From highest to lowest and in descending order, the rank of poker hands are:

1. Royal Flush

A sequence of five cards of the same suit from the Ten to the Ace.











2. Straight Flush

A sequence of five cards of the same suit.











3. Four of a Kind

Four cards of the same value.











4. Full House

Three cards of the same value, plus two cards of the same value.











5. Flush

Five cards of the same suit in any sequence.











6. Straight

A sequence of five cards, any suit.











7. Three of a Kind

Three cards of the same value.











8. Two Pairs

Two groups of two cards of the same value.











9. Pair of 10's or Better

Two cards of the same value.











Bonus Card Poker_

Bonus Card Poker is based on Stud Poker but in addition to all the normal options, players can also discard one of their original five cards and buy a community card, which becomes their fifth card.

There is a R25 minimum bet for the ante and a further bet of double the ante, R50, if the player's hand is good enough to continue. An insurance bet can be bought for R25, (the same as the ante) and buying the extra community card also costs the same as the ante, R25.

The Arizona Raise 'Em Poker game is R50 minimum with no compulsory additional bet to stay in.

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