

Seven Card Stud

Seven Card Stud is a classic poker game which can take a lifetime to master. In Seven Card Stud, players are individually dealt seven cards throughout the course of the hand, but only the best five-card poker hand possible for each player is used to determine the winner. View the Poker Hand Rankings for Seven Card Stud.

Unlike Texas Hold'em and Omaha, Seven Card Stud is usually played with a Limit betting structure, in which the bets are in fixed increments. For example, in a \$2/\$4 limit game the bets are in increments of \$2 on the first two betting rounds, and increments of \$4 on the subsequent three betting rounds. PokerStars does not offer Pot Limit or No Limit Stud games at this time.

Rules for Seven Card Stud

Ante
Before a game of Seven Card Stud begins, all players ante a nominal amount (the exact amount being dealt into the hand. For example, the ante is \$0.15 in a \$1/\$2 game.)

Third Street
Each player is initially dealt three cards, two hidden hole cards and one face up. The player with the lowest exposed card is the bring-in, and is forced to start the action. They must make either another nominal bet (the exact size of the bring-in depends) or, if they choose, a full bet of the lower betting increment. Action continues clockwise around the table until betting is complete for the round.

Fourth Street
Each player now receives another exposed card, called Fourth Street. The first player to act is the individual whose exposed cards have the highest poker value. For example, a player with an exposed pair of Kings would act first, if no other player is showing a higher card.