

Big O poker

How to Play Big O Poker

What is Big O

Big O is a form of Omaha poker where instead of

four cards, players receive five cards. The format is also

played Hi-Lo split with half

the pot being awarded to the high hand, and the other half

to the low hand - providing

there is a low hand that qualifies under the 8 or Better ru

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Here we go over the

poker rules for Big O.

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Why Is It Called Big O?

There are

a number of reasons why this format has been come to be kno

wn as Big O.

Firstly, the

full name of 5 Card Pot-Limit Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better can b

e a bit of a mouthful, with

Big O much easier to say.

Alternatively, the addition of an extra card to a player's

hand makes this automatically bigger than most Omaha poker

formats, where players

receive just four cards.

How to Play Big O

In order to be able to play Big O, you must

first understand the rules of Omaha Hi-Lo, the game Big O is based on.

As always with

split pot games, it is important to play starting hands tha

t have the ability to

qualify to win both the high and the low pots. With the add

itional card, the potential

two-card combinations a player may have within their hole cards increa

ses from 6 to 10,

meaning that stronger hands will be required to win either pot.

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That means hands like two-pair and three-of-a-kind

will hardly ever turn up as a winner at showdown in Big O.

Straights and flushes and

stronger hands in general will be more likely to be the winner more co

nsistently.

Big O

at the World Series of Poker (WSOP)