

Your Guide to All-In for Eaves' Poker Evening

So you're new to Texas Hold'em poker? Not a problem. Texas Hold'em poker is by far the best game for a beginner to learn and we are very excited to offer you this opportunity to learn the game and play in a live tournament, all in support of Eaves.

Texas Hold'em is currently the most popular form of poker; it is a game that has all the elements that make poker such a wonderful pastime. There are opportunities to bluff, gamble, apply mathematical skills, get lucky or unlucky, use strategy, and possibly even win some of Eaves' fantastic prizes.

Texas Hold'em can be learnt in a few minutes and you can be up to speed in a short time. Every player at All-In for Eaves will have the opportunity to join us for a beginner's session before the tournament begins, and each dealer is trained to support players throughout your play. You will also have a handy [poker hand ranking](#) cheat sheet supplied before you start.

As this is a charity event, you will not be playing to win the pot, but to be in the top three remaining at the end of the tournament. There are prizes for the top three players as well as some prizes for beginners.

A Texas Hold'em poker game goes as follows:

1. Depending on the limit and betting structure, players will place out blinds and antes so there is an initial amount to get things started. Your donation includes 1,000 chips in this tournament. This is called posting.
2. The dealer shuffles up a standard deck of 52 playing cards.
3. Each player is dealt two private cards face down. These are called your hole cards or pocket cards.
4. There is a first round of betting starting with the player to the left of the blinds. This is the pre-flop betting round. Like most games of poker, players can call, raise, or fold.
5. After the betting round ends, the dealer discards the top card of the deck. This is called a burn card. This is done to prevent cheating.
6. The dealer then flips the next three cards face up on the table. This is called the flop. These are communal cards that anyone can use in combination with their two pocket cards to form a poker hand.
7. The player to the left of the dealer starts another betting round.
8. After the betting concludes, the dealer burns again then flips another communal card onto the table. This is called the turn.
9. The player to the left of the dealer begins another round of betting. In many types of games, this is where the bet size doubles.
10. Again, the dealer burns a card and places a final card face up on the table. This is called the river. Players can now use any of the five cards on the table or the two cards in their pocket to form a five card poker hand.
11. There is one final round of betting starting with the player to the left of the dealer.
12. After that, we have the showdown. Players who have not folded reveal their hands, beginning with the player to the left of the last player to call. Players use a combination of their pocket cards and the community cards to form a five card poker hand.
13. The player who shows the best hand wins! Remember the aim is to stay in the tournament as long as possible to win prizes.

For more advice on playing poker for the first time we recommend *Poker for Dummies*, who have a handy cheat sheet online [here](#) and a step by step guide to Texas Hold'em [here](#).