

Phil Gordon's No Limits Texas Hold'em Quick Tips

Hand Rankings

Straight Flush	J _s T _s 9 _s 8 _s 7 _s
Four of a Kind	9 _s 9 _h 9 _d 9 _c 4 _c
Full House	J _s J _d J _h T _s T _c
Flush	A _c Q _c 7 _c 4 _c 2 _c
Straight	T _c 9 _h 8 _d 7 _s 6 _s
3 of a Kind	Q _s Q _d Q _h 3 _c 2 _s
Two Pair	K _s K _d 7 _c 7 _d 4 _s
One Pair	9 _c 9 _d 8 _s 6 _c 4 _s
High Card	K _c Q _d T _c 7 _c 4 _s

Six Qualities

Aggression
Patience
Observation
Resiliency
Courage
Improving

Starting Hands



Selective Aggression

Be very **selective** with the hands that you choose to play, but after you decide to play a hand, play it very **aggressively!**

Short Stack Strategy

If you have less than 10 big blinds, you are short-stacked. Correct short-stack strategy is "All In or Fold" – either push it all in or fold your hand. There really isn't any other choice. Get it in and get lucky!

Tells from Actors

If a player is "acting" and trying to get you to call, you should usually fold. If they are trying to get you to fold, you should usually raise or call. Figure out what response they are trying to elicit, and usually do the opposite!

First to the Pot – Always Raise

If you are the first player to voluntarily commit chips to the pot, you should **ALWAYS RAISE** -- Never "limp"!

Rule of 4 and 2

If you want a close approximation of your chances of winning the pot after the flop and you know you are "behind" ... Count the number of cards left in the deck that will give you a winning hand. After the flop, multiply your "outs" by 4 – that is the percent chance you have of making a winner by the river. After the turn, multiply your "outs" by 2 – that is your chance of catching a winning card on the river.