

General Rules

Seven card stud is a form of stud poker. Each player is dealt a total of seven cards, three dark and four open. All seven cards dealt to each player are individual - no community cards exist - and are used to create the best possible five card poker hand.

Seven card stud can be played by between two and seven players simultaneously.

Betting rounds

Two cards are dealt face down and one face up to each player. If the game is played with an ante the player with the lowest ranking upcard makes a bring-in (a predetermined forced bet). If two players have a card of the same value the suite [internlänk] determines who makes the bring-in. If blinds are used instead, the first player to the left of the big blind opens the betting. The betting then continues in a clockwise order. When all the remaining players have contributed equally to the pot, a card is burnt by the dealer and a fourth card is dealt face up to each player.

This is followed by a second betting round. The player whose upcards make the best poker hand acts first. (Straights and flushes do not count because less than five cards are face up.) A fifth and a fifth card is dealt face down, with a betting round after each (starting with the player holding the best up cards).

Showdown

The seventh and final card is dealt face down, followed by a final round of betting and a showdown. The player that made the last bet or raise reveals his/her cards first. The remaining players then reveal their hands clockwise. Players that don't want to (or can't) compete for the pot can choose to muck their hands unseen. The player with the best possible five card poker hand wins the pot. If two or more players have the same five card hand, the pot is split between them.