

FIVE CARD HOLD-OUT

1. The dealer must deal five (5) cards to each player, face downward and one at a time.
2. The first player to receive a card is the player to the left of the player who has the button. The last player to receive cards is the player assigned the button.
3. After all players have received their five (5) cards, there is a betting round.
4. The player to the left of the last blind bettor opens and each following player may call, raise, or fold in a clockwise order.
5. Players then have the option of discarding up to four (4) of their cards.
 - A. Players must keep at least one (1) of their originally dealt cards.
 - B. Discarded cards are placed face down in front of each player so that all other players can see how many cards were discarded.
6. The dealer burns the top card of the deck, deals two (2) community cards from the deck face downward then turns them face upward in the center of the table. Community cards are common to the hand of every active player in the pot.
7. After the flop, the betting continues for another round. The first player still in the pot sitting left of the player assigned the button opens. After opening, a player may call, raise, or fold.
8. The dealer burns a card and deals two (2) community cards from the deck face downward then turns the face upward in the center of the table.
9. Another betting round occurs.
10. After all bets are made, and if there are two or players remaining in the games, there is a showdown with the best high hand winning the pot.
11. Players make the best five (5) card hand they can, and all held cards must play. Each player must use all the cards left in their hand, with the necessary number of community card to make a five (5) card hand.
12. This game can be played High only, High/Low Split or Low only.
 - A. For High/Low Split the low qualifier may be defined at the time the game is spread. Often the low qualifier is eight or better with unpaired straights and flushes being ignored.
 - B. If played High/Low a player can win both the high and the low.
 - C. Aces play as high for the high hand and low for the low hand.

