

# SEVEN CARD STUD

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## **SEVEN CARD STUD**

Stud is characterized by players having one or more face up, individual cards. Seven card Stud is the most popular form, and the only type discussed in these rules. Seven card Stud is played high, low, and high-low split. To avoid running out of cards on a deal, all seven card Stud games normally will be restricted to a maximum of eight players. To start a deal, each player is dealt two down cards and one up card (called a "door-card"). There is a betting round followed by an up card ("fourth street"), a betting round followed by an up card ("fifth street"), a betting round followed by an up card ("sixth street"), a betting round followed by a down card "seventh street") and a final betting round followed by a showdown.

Each of the three forms is played as follows:

### **SEVEN STUD HIGH**

On the first round, the low card by suit is required to initiate action with a bet. Suits are ranked: Spades (highest), Hearts, Diamonds, and Clubs. On subsequent rounds, the high hand on board initiates betting action. If hands are tied, the player to the left of the dealer acts first.



### **SEVEN STUD LOW (RAZZ)**

Aces are low cards only. Straights and flushes do not impair the value of a hand for low. On the first round, the high card by suit is required to initiate action. On subsequent rounds, the lowest hand on board initiates betting action. If hands are tied, the player to the left of the dealer acts first.

### **SEVEN STUD HIGH-LOW SPLIT**

A qualifier of eight or better for low will be in force for all high-low split games unless a specific posting to the contrary is made. The low card by suit initiates betting action on the first round, with an ace counting as a high card for this purpose. On subsequent rounds, the high hand initiates action. If there is a tie, the player to the left of the dealer acts first. As in Seven card Low, aces may be used for low, and straights and flushes do not impair the value of a hand for low. A player may use any five cards to make his best high hand and any other grouping of five cards, whether the same as his high hand or not, to make his best low hand.



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