



# Poker Hand Rankings

The foundation of poker lies in understanding the hand rankings, as these determine who wins a showdown. Here's the ranking, from the strongest to the weakest hand:



**Royal Flush:**  
A, K, Q, J, 10 of the same suit (e.g., all hearts).  
This is the best possible hand in poker.  
Example: A♥ K♥ Q♥ J♥ 10♥



**Straight Flush:**  
Five consecutive cards of the same suit.  
Example: 6♠ 7♠ 8♠ 9♠ 10♠



**Four of a Kind:**  
Four cards of the same rank.  
Example: 9♠ 9♦ 9♥ 9♣ 5♦



**Full House:**  
Three cards of one rank and two cards of another rank.  
Example: Q♠ Q♦ Q♥ 8♣ 8♠



**Flush:**  
Any five cards of the same suit, not in sequence.  
Example: A♣ 8♣ 6♣ 4♣ 3♣



**Straight:**  
Five consecutive cards of different suits.  
Example: 7♠ 8♣ 9♦ 10♥ J♣



**Three of a Kind:**  
Three cards of the same rank.  
Example: 4♦ 4♥ 4♣ 9♠ 2♥



**Two Pair:**  
Two cards of one rank and two cards of another rank..  
Example: K♠ K♥ 5♦ 5♠ 7♣



**One Pair:**  
Two cards of the same rank.  
Example: 10♠ 10♣ 6♦ 8♥ 2♦



**High Card:**  
If no one has any of the above, the highest card in the hand wins.  
Example: A♠ 7♥ 5♦ 3♣ 2♠ (Ace is the high card)