

OMAHA

Objective

The objective of Omaha is to form the strongest five-card poker hand and beat the other players at the table. Each player is dealt **four private cards** (hole cards), and five shared **community cards** are dealt face up on the table.

A unique rule distinguishes Omaha from Texas Hold'em: players **must use exactly two of their four hole cards together with exactly three community cards** to make their final hand. Not one, not three — always two hole cards and three board cards. Since players start with more hole cards, it may be tempting to combine more of them, but this is never allowed. This rule makes Omaha more strategic and often leads to stronger hands compared to Texas Hold'em.

Deck








Omaha is played with a standard 52-card deck, without jokers. The deck is shuffled before each hand, cut, and then dealt to players.




Card Values and Hand Rankings

Cards are ranked from highest to lowest as follows: ace, king, queen, jack, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2.

All suits are equal. The ace can be used as the highest or lowest card in straights and straight flushes (e.g., A-2-3-4-5).

The hand rankings in Omaha are the same as in Texas Hold'em:

Combination	Hand	Description
Royal Flush		Ace, king, queen, jack and ten of the same suit. The highest possible hand.
Straight Flush		Five consecutive cards of the same suit.
Four of a Kind		Four cards of the same rank, plus one side card.
Full House		Three cards of one rank and two of another.
Flush		Five cards of the same suit, not in sequence.
Straight		Five consecutive cards of mixed suits.
Three of a Kind		Three cards of the same rank, plus two side cards.

Two Pair		Two different pairs plus a side card.
Pair		Two cards of the same rank, plus three other cards.
High Card		Any five cards not forming another combination.

Table

Omaha is played at a standard poker table with up to 10 seats. All players follow the betting limits defined for the table. Side bets are not allowed.

Dealing Procedures and Rounds of Play

Omaha uses the **dealer button**, which rotates clockwise after each hand. The player with the button acts last on all betting rounds except the first, where the **big blind** acts last. To the left of the dealer button are the **small blind** and **big blind**, which are mandatory bets that initiate the action.

- Each player is dealt four hole cards, face down.

- The first betting round (pre-flop) begins with the player to the left of the big blind.

Players may choose to:

- **Fold** – discard the hand.
- **Check** – pass the action without betting (if no bet is made).
- **Call** – match the current bet.
- **Bet** – place the first wager.
- **Raise** – increase the current bet within the table limits.

The game then proceeds with the community cards:

1. **Flop** – three community cards are revealed, followed by a second betting round.
2. **Turn** – the fourth community card is revealed, followed by a third betting round.
3. **River** – the fifth community card is revealed, followed by the final betting round.

If two or more players remain after the river betting round, a **showdown** occurs. Players reveal their cards, and the strongest hand wins.

How Winners are Determined and Paid

In Omaha, players must always use **exactly two hole cards and three community cards** to form their hand — no more, no less.

The pot is awarded as follows:

- The player with the strongest five-card hand wins the pot.
- If players have equally strong hands, the pot is split.
- If the pot cannot be split evenly, the extra chip(s) go to the first player left of the dealer button.

OMAHA 5 CARD / PLO5

The rules of Omaha 5 card are similar to standard Omaha but here the **player is dealt 5 hole cards and he must use exactly two of his hole cards** and three community cards to make the highest possible hand. Therefore, holding K-K-K-3-2 in your hand does not give you three of a kind, but simply a pair of Kings.

OMAHA 5 CARD / PLO5

Exactly the same as PLO5 but with one major difference - you get dealt 6 cards instead of 5.

