

Royal Poker

RULES FOR MG ROYAL POKER

The rules for MG Royal Poker at this casino, set out below, are our commitment to the players in ensuring that the gambling we offer is 'Fair and Open'. Any complaints or disputes should be brought to the immediate attention of venue management for resolution.

Royal Poker is a five-card poker game played against the dealer, using a single standard 52-card deck. Each player places an Ante and is dealt five cards; the dealer is also dealt five cards, with the final dealer card exposed. After looking at their hand, the player may exchange or buy cards (for a fee equal to the Ante), then either folds or places a Bet to contest the dealer. A Bonus side bet on the player's own five-card hand, and Insurance against the dealer failing to qualify, are both available as described below.

Game Procedure

- Five cards are dealt to each player; the dealer's final card is dealt face-up.
- Bonus bets are settled first: any qualifying bonus hand is paid, right to left.
- Players may exchange (up to 5 cards) or buy replacement cards (up to 1 extra replacement card), left to right, for a fee equal to the Ante.
- Each player decides whether to stay in the hand (place the Bet) or fold, should the player fold, the Ante is lost.
- Insurance may be placed before the dealer's hand is revealed, up to half the total potential payout.
- The dealer reveals their hand. The dealer qualifies with a hand of Ace-King-high or better.
- If the dealer does NOT qualify: the Ante is paid at even money, and the Bet is returned as no action (pushed). The player may instead buy the dealer one extra card, for an amount equal to the Ante, to force a qualifying attempt.
- If the dealer DOES qualify:
 - The Bet is paid at the odds detailed in the pay table (providing the player's hand outranks the dealer's)
 - Hands of equal rank push
 - If the dealer's hand outranks the player's, both the Ante and the Bet are lost.

Poker Hand Rankings

Hands are ranked in the standard order of classic poker, highest first. Aces play high; for a straight, the Ace may also play low (A-2-3-4-5).

Rank	Hand	Description
Ace-King is the dealer's qualifying threshold		
1	Royal Flush	A-K-Q-J-10 of the same suit.
2	Straight Flush	Five consecutive cards of the same suit.
3	Four of a Kind	Four cards of the same value.
4	Full House	Three of a kind plus a pair.

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5	Flush	Five cards of the same suit, not consecutive.
6	Straight	Five consecutive cards of mixed suits.
7	Three of a Kind	Three cards of the same value.
8	Two Pair	Two separate pairs.
9	Pair	Two cards of the same value.
10	Ace-King / High Card	No pair.

Wagers Table

Wager	When placed	What it does
Ante	Before the deal (Mandatory)	Entry wager. Pays even money (1:1) only when the dealer does not qualify.
Bonus	Before the deal (optional)	Side bet on the player's own first five cards, paid from the table below regardless of the main hand's outcome.
Exchange / Buy card	After examining the hand (optional)	Fee equal to the Ante, to exchange or buy replacement cards before deciding to play or fold.
Bet	After examining the hand (optional)	Placed to contest the dealer. Paid at the odds in the Pay Table when the player's hand wins.
Insurance	Before the dealer reveals the remaining cards (optional)	Bet that the dealer will not qualify. Insurance is only available when the player has a hand of Three of a Kind or better. Stake ranges from the Bet amount up to half the total potential payout. Insurance loses if the dealer qualifies.

Pay Tables

The Bet (main wager) and Bonus (side bet) pay independently, at the odds below.

Hand	Bet (Main Wager) pays	Bonus (Side Bet) pays
Pair	1 : 1	0
Two Pair	2 : 1	0
Three of a Kind	3 : 1	20 : 1
Straight	4 : 1	35 : 1
Flush	5 : 1	50 : 1

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Full House	7 : 1	100 : 1
Four of a Kind	20 : 1	200 : 1
Straight Flush	50 : 1	500 : 1
Royal Flush	100 : 1	1000 : 1

Ace-King high (no pair) also qualifies for a 1:1 Bet payout when the player elects to play; the dealer's own hand must reach the same Ace-King-high threshold to qualify (see game procedures).

Table Limits

Limit	Value (£)
Ante (minimum)	25
Ante (maximum)	250
Bonus (minimum)	25
Bonus (maximum)	100
Max pay out (inclusive of everything)	40,000

Key point: the Ante only pays out on its own when the dealer fails to qualify. When the dealer qualifies, the player's winnings come from the Bet, paid at the odds above.

A PLAYER'S GUIDE TO THE HOUSE EDGE

The House Edge is a measure of how much mathematically the House expects to win, expressed as a percentage of the player's wager. For example, in a wager with a House Edge of 5% the player will lose, on average over the duration of time, £5 for every £100 wagered.

House Edges vary by casino and game. In some games, player betting or skills decisions can affect the Edge, but it's important to keep in mind that the House always has some advantage against the typical player.

THE HOUSE EDGE FOR 'ROYAL POKER': 5.3% (BET) / 11.5% (BONUS)



Free, confidential advice is also available from the National Gambling Helpline on 0808 8020 133 (24 hours).