



STARTING HAND GUIDE

HOW TO PLAY THE RIGHT CARDS AT THE RIGHT TIME.

The basic idea of poker is to play the strongest hands in early position, good hands in mid-position and a few more hands in the late (aka strongest) position. Over time, you'll naturally want to shake things up a bit. For now, stick with this and you'll never find yourself in trouble holding 7-2 off-suit.

SUITED CONNECTORS

Includes hands like 8-7 suited or Q-J suited. These have the potential to make both straights and flushes, but can get you into trouble. Fold if the flop isn't kind.

Hole cards:	A A A A A A A	K K K K K	Q Q Q Q	J J	10 10	9 7 6 2
	A K Q J 10 9 2	K Q J 10 9	Q J 10 9	J 10	10 9	9 7 6 2
Late	Red Red Red Grey S	Red Red Grey Grey	Red Grey Grey Grey	Red Red Grey	Red S	Grey Grey
Middle	Blue Blue Blue Grey S	Blue Grey S	Blue S	Blue S	Grey S	Grey
Early / Blinds	Blue Blue Blue	Blue	Blue	Grey	Grey	Grey

RE-RAISE
You're in a strong position here, so go for it. This is your chance to take control.

RAISE
You've got good cards in a good position. See if you can make them count with a solid and confident raise.

PLAY
Play these cards, but watch out - your opponents' may be stronger. If people are raising in front of you, you may have to fold.

S SUITED
Only play these cards if they're the same suit.

CHECK / FOLD
Play these cards, but watch out - your opponents' may be stronger. If people are raising in front of you, you may have to fold.

EXAMPLE 1

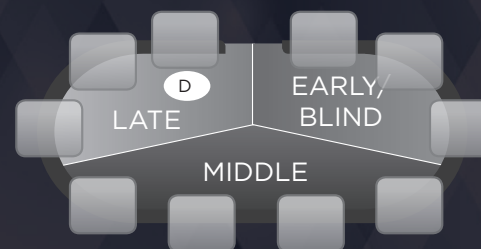
Player A is in an early position and has been dealt A-K suited. Player A should raise to test the resolve of the other players at the table.

EXAMPLE 2

Player A is in a middle position and has been dealt A-5. All other players check, Player A checks also, but a player in the late position, raises. Player A should fold.

EXAMPLE 3

dealt A-A. Player A should raise or re-raise to dictate the terms of the betting pre-flop.



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