

Poker Hand Strength ratings

I strongly advice printing a copy of these charts and keeping them beside you whenever you play Poker Online. If you don't have time or inclination to learn these charts a simple alternative is to use an automatic poker calculator, such as the [Magic Holdem Poker Calculator](#).

1 Hole Card Strategy

One of the most important aspects of Texas Hold'em is the value of each two-card hand before the flop. The decision of how to play your first two cards is something you face every hand, and the value of your first two cards is highly correlated to your probability of winning.

The following table shows my power rating for each initial 2-card hand in a 10-player game. The numbers are on a 0 to 40 scale. Basically, you should only play hands that are dark green, blue, or purple. Of course you should be more liberal in late position and picky in early position. If forced I would say you should need 10 points in late position and 19 points in early position to call the big blind. If your table is loose, as is often the case online, you can play a bit looser yourself.

Use the top table if you have a pair, the middle table if your cards are suited, and the bottom table if your cards are unsuited. Except for a pair, look up your high card along the left and your low card along the top.

Power Ratings for Initial Two Cards in 10-Player Texas Hold'em

		<u>Pair</u>												
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	J	Q	K	A
2	3	11	11	11	12	13	13	15	16	19	22	27	32	40

		<u>Suited Cards</u>												
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	J	Q	K	
3	4	7												
4	5	7	8											
5	6	8	9	10										
6	7	6	8	10	11									
7	8	6	7	9	10	11								
8	9	6	6	8	9	11	12							
9	10	7	7	7	8	10	12	13						
10	J	8	8	8	8	10	11	13	15					
J	Q	8	9	9	9	9	11	13	15	18				
Q	K	9	10	10	10	11	11	13	15	18	19			
K	A	11	11	11	12	12	13	13	15	18	20	21		
A		13	14	14	15	14	14	15	16	19	20	22	24	

		<u>Unsuited Cards</u>												
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	J	Q	K	
3	4	1												
4	5	2	3											
5	6	2	4	5										
6	7	1	3	4	6									
7	8	0	1	3	5	6								
8	9	0	1	2	4	5	7							
9	10	1	1	1	3	4	6	8						
10	J	2	2	2	2	4	6	8	10					
J	Q	2	2	3	3	3	5	7	9	13				
Q	K	3	3	4	4	4	5	7	9	12	14			
K	A	4	5	5	5	6	6	7	9	13	14	16		
A		7	7	8	8	7	8	9	10	13	14	16	19	

2 Methodology

This table is the result of a random simulation and assumes all players stay in until the end of the hand.

The following table shows my power rating for each initial 2-card hand in a 6-player game. The numbers are on a 0 to 40 scale. Use the top table if you have a pair, the middle table if your cards are suited, and the bottom table if your cards are unsuited. Except for a pair, look up your high card along the left and your low card along the top.

Power Ratings for Initial Two Cards in 6-Player Texas Hold'em

Pair















	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	J	Q	K	A
	7	8	9	10	11	13	15	18	21	25	29	34	40

Suited Cards

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	J	Q	K
3	4											
4	5	6										
5	5	7	8									
6	5	6	7	8								
7	4	5	7	8	9							
8	5	5	6	8	9	10						
9	5	6	6	7	9	10	12					
10	6	7	7	7	9	10	12	14				
J	7	7	8	8	9	10	12	14	16			
Q	8	8	9	9	10	10	12	14	16	17		
K	9	10	10	11	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	
A	12	12	13	13	13	14	14	15	18	19	20	22

Unsuited Cards

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	J	Q	K
3	0											
4	1	2										
5	1	3	4									
6	1	2	3	5								
7	0	1	3	4	5							
8	1	1	2	4	5	7						
9	1	1	2	3	5	6	8					
10	2	2	3	3	5	6	8	10				
J	3	3	4	4	5	6	8	10	13			
Q	4	4	5	5	6	6	8	10	13	14		
K	5	6	6	7	7	8	9	11	13	15	16	
A	8	8	9	9	9	10	10	11	14	15	17	19

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