## **TEXAS HOLD'EM**

- 1. Hold'em is played using a standard 52-card deck. The object is to make the best high hand among competing Players using the traditional ranking of poker hands.
- 2. A Dealer Button is used to indicate the Player who, in theory, dealt the cards for that pot. The button is the last to receive cards on the initial deal and has the right of last action on all betting rounds except the first.
- 3. Method of Play: Blinds are posted as in many other poker games; i.e. the first two players after the Dealer Button post a wager before the cards are dealt, a small blind and a large blind. The large blind is equal to the "lower" betting limit, with the small blind being less than the large blind. In the 3-6 limit game described above, the large blind would be \$3 and the small blind \$1.
- 4. Each player is dealt two cards; face down, one at a time, in rotation in turn.
- 5. A round of betting begins with the first active player after the Big Blind where players have the option to fold, call, or raise.
- 6. Three cards are turned face up in the middle of the table. These are commonly called the "flop".
- 7. A round of betting begins with the first active player after the Dealer Button. Betting for this round is at the "lower" limit.
- 8. A fourth card is turned next to the initial three. (Fourth Street/"The Turn"). Betting for this and subsequent betting rounds are at the "higher" limit.
- 9. A round of betting begins with the first active player after the Dealer Button.
- 10. A fifth and final card is turned next to the previous four. ("The River Card") These five cards are common to all active players.
- 11. A final round of betting begins with the first active player after the Dealer Button.
- 12. All active players expose their hands, beginning with the first player initiating action (a bet, raise, or a check if there was no bet) on the final betting round. Using the best of their personal two cards and the five community cards, the active player with the best five card High Hand is awarded the pot. Players may use two, one or none (playing the board) of their personal cards to make their hand.
- 13. **Collection:** The collection will be taken from the pot.