

# Speed Poker

## Overview

Set up: One poker deck

Players: 2 to 9

Classification: Musical Chairs

Cards per player: 6 (5 in hand + 1 face down)

Dealing Pattern: 5 cards to each player, followed by 1 extra separated from initial 5.

Hand Hierarchy (highest to lowest): Straight flush, Straight, Flush, Four of a kind, Full House, Three of a kind, Two pair, Pair, High Card

## Objective

- Not hold the lowest ranked hand

## Rules

- A 5 card hand is dealt to the players and an additional 6<sup>th</sup> card is then dealt to each player separate from the hand.
- The players collect their hand and upon the dealer announcing “go” the players flip over their 6<sup>th</sup> card. Play has now begun.
- Everyone plays simultaneously. All players are allowed to pick up any card on the table and exchange it with a card in their hand.
- Play continues until all exchanges have stopped. At this time, the dealer gives a countdown after which everyone shows their hand.
- The player with the lowest hand is eliminated.
- The cards are collected and redealt excluding the eliminated player. Play continues in this way until one player is left.

## Remarks

The hand hierarchy differs from that of standard poker. This comes from experience with the frequency with which the hands appear in play. It is very easy to make two pair and requires only one extra card to advance to a full house. This is much easier, and much safer, than creating a straight.