



Training Manual

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Overview of the Rules

Introduction

6-5-4 Poker (“6-5-4”) uses a standard 52-card deck. The game features head-to-head play against the dealer and an optional bonus bet. Each player gets five cards to make their best four-card hand. A four-card straight is a straight; a four-card flush is a flush; and a four-card straight flush is a straight flush.

The dealer also makes a four-card poker hand, but the number of cards he plays varies. He may use six cards to make his hand, five cards or only four cards. This is the unique feature of 6-5-4.

Ranking of Hands

Hands are ranked from highest to lowest as follows:

FOUR OF A KIND
STRAIGHT FLUSH (four suited and sequential cards)
THREE OF A KIND
FLUSH (four suited cards)
STRAIGHT (four sequential cards)
TWO PAIR
PAIR
HIGH CARD

Note: Ace is high except in 4-3-2-Ace sequence.
Dealer always qualifies.

Mandatory Bet: ANTE

The mandatory ANTE bet facilitates head-to-head play against the dealer. Players make the ANTE bet and receive five cards to make their best four-card poker hand.

Dealer Hand:

The dealer gets six cards to make his hand—five face down and one face up.

If the dealer’s up card is 10 or higher, he must discard it and turn the next card face up. If that card is less than 10, he uses five cards. However, if that card is 10 or higher, he discards it and plays only four cards.

Player's Decision: Stay or Fold?

After the dealer determines the number of cards he will use, players may either fold (and lose the ANTE), or they may stay in the game by making the PLAY wager. The PLAY wager must equal the ANTE wager.

Winning & Losing:

Player folds	ANTE loses
Player beats dealer	PLAY and ANTE win 1 to 1
Player loses to dealer	PLAY and ANTE lose
Player and dealer tie	PLAY and ANTE push

ANTE BONUS payouts

Premium hands—straight flush or higher—receive ANTE BONUS payouts. These are paid on the ANTE wager. Qualifying ANTE BONUS hands are always paid, even if the player loses to the dealer.

Optional QUEENS UP bonus bet

While the ANTE is mandatory, the QUEENS UP bet is optional. However, players may make the QUEENS UP wager for any amount within the posted table limits. Players may bet more on the QUEENS UP bet than they bet on the ANTE.

The QUEENS UP bonus bet wins when the player receives a pair of Queens or better. Odds are printed on layout. The bet loses when the player fails to get at least a pair of Queens.

If the player folds a hand that qualifies for QUEENS UP payouts, he still receives those payouts. The player must notify the dealer, who then must verify the hand.

Operators cannot allow wagering limits to exceed the authorized limits set out in WAC 230-15-040 and WAC 230-15-140.

Dealing Procedures

Dealing procedures vary by jurisdiction. Please refer to the appropriate gaming agency for regulations specific to your jurisdiction. It is recommended that 6-5-4 Poker be dealt with an automatic card shuffler, such as SHFL entertainment's ACE® or iDEAL®. If using a shuffler, select one of the following modes: *6-5-4*, *Crazy 4 Poker*, *Bahama Bonus* or *Caribbean Stud*. All are programmed to dispense the appropriate number of cards.

- 1) Each player makes a wager as indicated below, according to posted table limits:
 - a. Mandatory wager—ANTE.
 - b. Optional wager—the QUEENS UP bonus bet.
 - c. Players may make these bets in any amounts within table limits. Players may bet more on the QUEENS UP bonus bet than on the ANTE.

- 2) Working from left to right, the dealer gives each player five cards. The dealer gives himself six cards—five face down and one face up.
 - a. If using a shuffler: Deal one hand face-down to each player and one hand face-down to yourself. When the shuffler dispenses the next hand, remove the top card and place it face-up on your five-card hand.
 - b. Hit the green button on the shuffler to dispense the remaining cards. This will also initiate shuffling the deck for the next round of play.

- 3) If the dealer's up card is 9 or lower, he plays his entire six-card hand.

- 4) If the dealer's up card is 10 or higher, he discards it and reveals his next card.
 - a. If his next card is 9 or lower, he plays his entire five-card hand.
 - b. If his next card is 10 or higher, he discards it and plays only four cards.

- 5) Once the dealer determines how many cards he will use, players decide if they want to play or fold.
 - a. If they fold, the dealer takes the ANTE bet. The QUEENS UP bet wins if the player has a pair of Queens or better.
 - i. If a player folds a hand that qualifies for QUEENS UP payouts, he still receives those payouts. The player must inform the dealer, who must verify the hand.
 - b. If players stay in the game, they must make a PLAY wager equal to their ANTE.

- 6) When all players have either folded or made PLAY wagers, the dealer will turn over his cards and make his best four-card hand. The dealer will arrange his four-card hand in accordance with house rules.

- 7) The dealer will then reconcile the hands of those players who have not folded. Starting with the player on the dealer's right, bring the player's hand into the "work area" between the dealer's hand and the QUEENS UP wager and reveal the player's cards.
 - a. If the player's hand is higher than the dealer's, the PLAY and ANTE bets are paid even money.
 - b. If the dealer's hand is higher than the player's, the PLAY and ANTE bets lose.
 - c. The ANTE BONUS pays if the player's hand is a straight flush or better. If the player loses with an ANTE BONUS hand, the player receives the ANTE BONUS payout, but loses the ANTE wager.
 - d. The QUEENS UP wins when the player has a pair of Queens or better. Otherwise, it loses.

Irregularities in Dealing Procedures

1. Incorrect number of cards in player's/dealer's hand.

If any player or the dealer is dealt an incorrect number of cards, all hands are void and the cards reshuffled.

2. Card shuffler malfunction.

- a. Refer to the trouble shooting guide on the back of the shuffler, or;
- b. If the shuffler has continually malfunctioned, replace it as follows:
 1. Turn off the shuffler.
 2. Unplug the power cord.
 3. Replace the shuffler with the backup shuffler.
 4. Plug in the power cord.
 5. Turn the shuffler on.
 6. CALL SHFL Entertainment to service the shuffler.
 7. Resume play.

OR

- c. Follow specific procedures approved by your local regulatory body.



Dealer always Qualifies

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Ante Bonus

For Ante	100 to 1
For Ante + Call	25 to 1
For Ante + Play	10 to 1

Queens Up

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PAYTABLES

	Paytable 1		Paytable 2		Paytable 3	
	Ante Bonus	Queens Up	Ante Bonus	Queens Up	Ante Bonus	Queens Up
4 Aces	100 to 1		100 to 1		100 to 1	
4 of a Kind	20 to 1	50 to 1	20 to 1	50 to 1	20 to 1	50 to 1
Straight Flush	10 to 1	40 to 1	10 to 1	30 to 1	10 to 1	40 to 1
3 of a Kind		8 to 1		8 to 1		7 to 1
Flush		4 to 1		4 to 1		4 to 1
Straight		3 to 1		3 to 1		3 to 1
2 Pair		2 to 1		2 to 1		2 to 1
Queens or Better		1 to 1		1 to 1		1 to 1