How to play

Lunar Poker



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The foundation of **Lunar Poker** is build upon traditional Five Card Draw Poker but gives you the opportunity to play against the house and win big.

Getting started

To join the action, simply place your cash on the table and the dealer will exchange it for gaming chips – then you're ready to go!

After playing, go to the cashier to change any chips back to cash or take them to another table to continue the fun.

What is the aim of the game?

The object of the game is to achieve a five-card poker hand higher than the dealer's. Plus, if you place a SUPER bet, you will win if your hand is one of the eight SUPER combinations.

In Lunar Poker, if you're lucky enough to be dealt a Royal Flush or Straight Flush in the first five cards dealt to you, you'll get an "Instant Win" pay-out at the odds specified at the table.

The ranking of hands in Lunar Poker is the same as five card draw poker. Further information about the ranking of hands can be found in our ‘How to Play Poker’ brochure.

How to play

To commence a round of play, place your ANTE and SUPER bet.

After all ANTEs and SUPER bets have been placed, all players and the Dealer are each dealt five cards, with one of the Dealer’s cards turned face up. You can then view and evaluate your hand without revealing them to other players or the Dealer.

Instant Cash Payout Winners

Upon viewing your initial hand, if you have a Royal Flush or Straight Flush in your first five cards, you must immediately declare this to the Dealer to win the Instant Cash Payout which is paid at the odds displayed at the table on your ANTE, regardless of whether the Dealer subsequently qualifies. Your round is then over.

SUPER Bet Winners

Also upon viewing your initial hand, if you have made a SUPER bet and you’re dealt any of the eight SUPER combinations in the first five cards, then you must immediately declare this to the Dealer to win a SUPER payout according to the odds displayed at the table.

You will then continue in that round, unless your SUPER combination is also an Instant Cash Payout combination in which case you will be paid according to both pay tables and then your round is over.

First chance to play or fold

After viewing your first five cards, you will have the option to play or fold immediately, or you can attempt to improve your hand by using two different draw options (see below) and then decide whether to play or fold.

To play, you need to place your five-card hand face down in the BET box and then place a BET wager of two times your ANTE on top of your cards. For example if you have a $25 ANTE bet down, you must place a $50 wager on top of your cards to play. The Dealer must qualify with an Ace-King or higher to play against you.

To fold, simply place your five-card hand face down on the layout beside the BET box. Your cards and ANTE wager will then be collected by the Dealer.

Option to draw – buy a sixth card

After viewing your initial five cards, you have the option to pay a fee equivalent to your ANTE to buy a sixth card in order to improve the strength of your hand.

After paying the fee, the Dealer will pass out the next card from the deck in play which you then add to your first five cards to make a six-card hand. You can then re-evaluate your hand and decide whether to play or fold.

Option to draw – exchange two-five cards

Rather than buy a sixth card, you also have the option to pay a fee equivalent to your ANTE to exchange between two and five cards from your hand with fresh cards from the deck in play in order to improve the strength of your hand.

After paying the fee, the Dealer will then collect your unwanted cards and replace them with the required number of cards from the top of the deck. You can then re-evaluate your hand and decide whether to play or fold.

The Dealer is unable to change any of their cards or to add a sixth card.

Dealer opens and checks their hand

Once all players have made a decision whether to play or fold, the Dealer will reveal his/her cards.

Dealer opens and qualifies with Ace-King or higher

If the dealer reveals their cards and qualifies with Ace-King or higher, if you beat the Dealer, your BET wager will be paid as per the Lunar Poker odds displayed at the table and your ANTE will be a push (neither win nor lose). If you have a hand that is ranked lower than the Dealer, you will lose your ANTE and BET wagers.

Double Combination Payouts

Lunar Poker allows for a player's winning hand to be paid for any second poker combination within the five- or six-card hand. Even if the second combination doesn't beat the Dealer's combination, provided that at least one card from the second combination is not included in the first winning combination, the second combination will be paid according to the odds displayed at the table.

Dealer opens and does not qualify with Ace-King or higher

If the Dealer opens their cards and does not qualify, then you have the option to either have your ANTE bet paid even money or force the Dealer to try to qualify.

If you elect to have your ANTE paid, your BET wager will be a push and the round of play is over.

Option to Force the Dealer

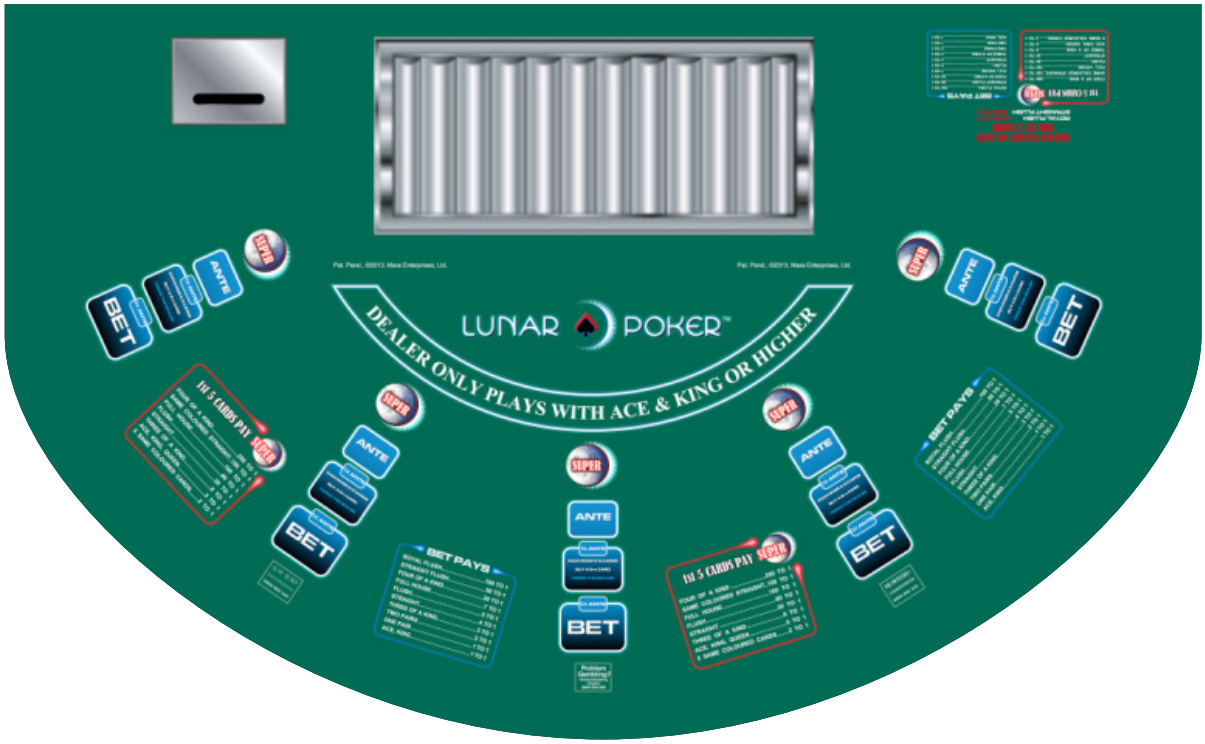
If you think you have a strong poker hand and would rather not accept an even money payment on your ANTE, you have the option to pay a fee equivalent to your ANTE to force the Dealer to try to qualify.

After paying the fee, the Dealer will remove the highest value card from their hand and replace it with the next card from the deck.

If the Dealer reveals their cards and qualifies with Ace-King or higher, if you beat the Dealer, your BET wager will be paid as per the Lunar Poker odds displayed at the table and your ANTE is a push (neither win nor lose). If you have a hand ranked lower than the Dealer, you will lose your ANTE and BET wagers.

If the Dealer opens their cards and does not qualify, your ANTE and BET wager will be a push (neither win nor lose).

Example of a Lunar Poker Table Layout



Super combinations

(Pays SUPER bet at the odds specified at the table)

Four of a Kind: Any four cards of the same face value, plus any other odd card

Same Coloured Straight: Five consecutive cards which are either all red or all black

Full House: Any three cards of the same face value, plus any other two cards of the same face value

Flush: Any five cards of the same suit, but not running consecutively

Straight: Five consecutive cards of the different suits

Three of a Kind: Any three cards of the same face value, plus two other odd cards

Ace-King-Queen: Of any suit

Five Same Coloured Cards: Five cards which are either all red or all black, but of more than one suit

Table limits

Table Games have varying minimum and maximum bets. Before you sit down, please check the sign displaying the betting range at the table.

Good luck... and remember

As with all Table Games, if you are not sure about a bet or the rules of the game, just ask one of our Dealers for assistance. They will be happy to explain anything about the game that you may not understand, or provide you with further information in relation to the rules.

Play responsibly and be in to win

SkyCity prides itself on being a responsible host. As such, we would encourage you to play only at levels you can afford. If you wish to discuss your Gaming, please talk to a SkyCity staff member or call the Gambling Helpline on 0800 654 655. Remember – you must be aged 20 years or older to enter the gaming areas of SkyCity.

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