

## 7 Card Stud

### 7 Card Stud - A Quick Look:

For decades, 7 Card Stud has been America's most popular poker variation. Today, while more people play Texas Hold'em, Stud is still quite popular in card rooms and home games around the world.

Play in 7 Card Stud is through five sequential rounds of betting; 3rd Street, 4th Street, 5th Street, 6th Street and the River. In limit games the first 2 rounds are at the lower limit and the remaining 3 rounds are at the higher limit.

To start the hand, the deck is shuffled, the antes are posted and each player is dealt two cards face-down and one card face-up. After these cards are dealt there is a round of betting. This first round of betting is at the lower limit. These cards and this betting action are referred to as 3rd Street.

The action on 3rd Street begins with a compulsory bring-in bet by the player with the lowest exposed card by suit. The player with the lowest exposed card may begin the betting with the lower bring-in amount or by completing the bet and betting the full amount of a lower limit bet.

On all rounds, the betting action is limited to one bet and three raises.

When the betting on 3rd Street is complete, the dealer will deal another card, face-up, to the remaining players. This fourth card and the betting that follows it are known as 4th Street.

On 4th Street, all players have 2 hole cards and 2 board/open cards. The betting action on this round begins with the player with the highest 2-card poker hand. This is the last round of betting at the lower limit.

After the betting action on 4th Street is complete, each player is dealt a 5th card, face-up. The betting action on this round is the first round of betting at the higher limit. This card and this betting action are called 5th Street.

On 6th Street, players receive their last face-up, 6th, card. There is another round of betting at the higher limit.

When the 6th Street action is complete, each player receives a final, 7th, card. This last card is dealt face-down.

The betting on 7th Street is the last round of betting. It is at the higher limit and is limited to one bet and three raises.

When the action is complete, the pot is awarded to the best hand.

The pot is awarded, the dealer button is moved one position in a clockwise direction, and another hand begins.

### Conduct of the Game

In the text and graphics below, you will see a clear demonstration of the look of the table and the conduct of play for each of the five rounds of betting in a typical limit 7 Card Stud game.

For each hand of 7 Card Stud the cards are shuffled, the antes are posted and each player is dealt two cards face-down and one card face-up.

After the cards are dealt the 3rd Street betting action begins with the bring-in bet.

### 3rd Street – Bring-In



Seats at poker tables are numbered from the dealer box in a clockwise direction.

The stakes of the above game are \$3/\$6. The ante is fifty-cents and the bring-in is one dollar. On the first two rounds of betting all bets and raises are for \$3 and on later rounds all bets and raises are for \$6.

The kabelet, the player in seat #1, is taking a break and is away from the table. At PartyPoker.com, players are allowed to sit-out for up to twenty deals. After twenty hands have been dealt if the player has not returned to the game he is removed from the table and his chips are returned to his account.

In the above game antes have been posted and the first round of cards have been dealt. You will notice that there is \$3.50 in the pot. This amount represents \$.50 from each of the seven active players.

The action pointer shows that ENEPort, the player in seat #4, has the lowest door card and is responsible for the bring-in.

The yellow action buttons at the bottom of the screen show that ENEPort has the option to bring it in for \$1 or complete the bet to \$3.

### 3rd Street – Action



The above graphic further demonstrates normal action on 3rd Street in a 7 Card Stud game.

Bets and raises on 3rd Street are for the lower limit. Betting action on all rounds is limited to one bet and three raises.

In the above game:

Pleaz\_Donate, the player in the 7th seat, with the lowest up card, has brought in the action for the \$1 bring-in. The players in the #8 seat and the #2 seat called the bring-in and the player in the #1 seat, GreenCanvas, elected to fold.

The player in seat #3, FrankWhitee, elected to fold and the player in the #4 seat completed the bring-in and made the bet \$3. Players #5 and #6 have called the raise. The action pointer now shows that it is up to Pleaz\_Donate, the player in seat #7, to put up a further \$2 and call the bet, fold or raise the bet to \$6.

The action on any round of betting in limit games at PartyPoker.com is limited to one bet and three raises. When this round of betting is complete each player will be dealt another card and 4th Street action will begin.

3rd Street Tip for Beginners:

- The most common mistake in 7 Card Stud is to play too many hands on 3rd Street. Be very selective in the hands you play. Good players throw away/fold far more hands than they play. Remember that in 7 Card Stud there are five rounds of betting and it can be very expensive to become trapped in a hand that shouldn't have been played in the first place.

4th Street



All bets and raises on 4th Street are for the lower amount, which in this case is \$3. Action is limited to one bet and three raises.

In 7 Card Stud the action on 4th Street begins with the player who has the highest exposed hand.

From the above Game:

Player BerlinKing in seat #2 has the highest 2-card poker hand with a K-J and will start the betting action on 4th Street.

This player may either check (pass the action) or bet. All bets and raises on 4th Street are for the smaller amount - in this example it is \$3. The player in seat #2 has elected to bet \$3.

The player in seat #5, with 4 clubs - two in the hole (or face-down) and two face-up, has elected to call and is hoping for one more club to make her flush.

The action pointer shows that mostajo, the player in seat #8, is next to act. That player may call the \$3 bet, raise the bet or fold.

When 4th Street action is complete each player will be dealt another card face-up and then 5th Street betting will begin.

4th Street Tip for Beginners:

- Remember that 4th Street action is the last round at the lower limit and that 3 rounds at the higher limit remain before the hand is



The action pointer indicates that player ENEPort in seat #7 is the next player to act. The yellow action buttons at the bottom-center of the screen indicate that the player in seat #7 may fold her hand, call the \$6 bet or raise the bet to \$12 by calling the \$6 bet and making a \$6 raise.

Player ENEPort should be very careful at this stage. katdad has 3 clubs which is most of a flush, and also has an ace which is an over card. In addition, with a pair of queens, one of the queens ENEPort needs is already dead and exposed in the hand of FrankWhitee.

### 5th Street Tip for Beginners:

- On 5th Street all players have 5 of a possible 7 card hand. Don't proceed beyond 5th Street with a broken hand. Don't draw to dead hands. On the positive side if you have made your hand you have three rounds at the higher limit to build the pot you will probably win.

### 6th Street



On all rounds of betting after 3rd Street the first person to bet is the holder of the highest exposed hand.

All bets and raises on 6th Street are for \$6. The action is limited to one bet and three raises.

From the above game:



The action on 7th Street will be for the larger amount, in this case \$6.

After 3rd Street the first person to act on each betting round is the player with the highest exposed hand.

From the above Game:

In this case the player in seat #2, CharlieAA, with an exposed pair of nines, is first to act and has elected to check.

The action pointer indicates that player ENEPort is next to act and the yellow action buttons at the bottom-center of the screen tell us that she may fold her hand, check her hand or bet \$6. With three of a kind (8's) and a check from her opponent she would most probably bet.

When the betting action on 7th Street is complete, the hand is over and the pot is awarded to the best poker hand.

7th Street Tip for Beginners:

- With a very strong hand and one you believe is the winner, continue to bet and raise to further build the pot you will probably win.
- With a pair that is higher than any other exposed card or better and a pot with more than 7 large bets it is probably best to check and call any bet.

General 7- Card Stud Tips for Beginners:

- Take advantage of a wide range of available poker learning materials.
- Stud is a patience game. Be very selective in the hands you play.
- PLAY LIVE CARDS. Don't draw to pairs when you can see another of your rank in an opponent's hand. Don't draw to flushes on the early rounds when you can see more than two cards of your suit in opponents' hands. Don't draw to straights if you can see more than one or two of your cards in any of the other players' hands.
- In Stud there are 5 rounds of betting. Without a powerful hand or a powerful draw, be gone before the stakes increase on 5th Street.
- Learn to estimate and use pot-odds, implied-odds and overlays.
- Tight and aggressive is the style that usually does the best.

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