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Poker is popular the world over, but did you know it comes in various guises? That's right, even though you've probably seen people playing Texas Hold'em on TV, there are many more options.

This guide outlines the most popular kinds of poker and how you can get the most out of them when you play online or in a local casino.

Main types of poker

Texas Hold'em is loved the world over, but it's not the only game in town. Based on activity, entertainment and action, here are 11 of the most popular poker variants:

Texas Hold'em Omaha Stud Draw Razz Mixed Games 6+ Hold'em Badugi Irish Poker Courchevel Chinese

A closer look at different poker variants

What are the main types of poker you can play online and live? Well, if you want to sample the best of what poker has to offer, here are 11 variants to feast on

1. Texas Hold'em

Pros

More widely available than other kinds of poker

The ideal type of poker to learn as a beginner

Texas Hold'em poker tournaments have the biggest prizes

Cons

The average skill level of Hold'em players is high

Texas Hold'em is the most popular poker variant. It's used for every major tournament, including the World Series of Poker (WSOP) Main Event.

Like all types of poker, the aim is to win pots by making everyone else fold

or by having the best five-card hand.

In Texas Hold'em, everyone starts with two hole cards face-down. There are five community cards, and you can use both of your hole cards, one or neither to make a hand. The most popular variant is No Limit Hold'em.