



Video Poker Rules

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Introduction to Video Poker

Objective

The objective of video poker is to acquire a certain set of cards that offer some payout. These combinations of cards are based on the classic 5-card draw poker, so players familiar with the classic game should not find it difficult to understand the basics. Big Bear Poker includes several variations including *Jacks or Better*, *Deuces Wild*, *Grizzly Aces*, *2x Bonus Poker* and *2x 2x Bonus Poker*. Every hand of Big Bear Poker uses randomly drawn poker cards from a standard 52-card deck assigned to the hand, allowing you to calculate the odds of drawing specific cards to achieve a winning hand.

Make Your Selections

Before you begin play, you will need to make a few selections to configure your game.

1. Choose your game title
2. Choose how many hands you want to play
3. Choose how much you want to bet

Betting the maximum of 5 qualifies you to win the enhanced payout on Royal Flushes.

$$\text{NUMBER OF HANDS} \times \text{BET} \times \text{DENOMINATION} = \text{TOTAL WAGER PER GAME}$$

Gameplay

Ensure you have enough funds deposited to cover your **Total Wager** and press **DEAL** to begin the game. You will receive 5 randomly drawn poker cards. You will now have the opportunity to better your hand by selecting any number of cards to **HOLD**. If playing a multi-hand game your **HOLD** cards will be copied to each hand.

Once satisfied with your **HOLD** cards, press the **DRAW** button. For each hand, new random cards will be dealt for a total up to 5 cards per hand. These will be your final cards. Each hand will now be evaluated and you will be awarded payouts for any winning sets of cards, as defined by the paytable. Winning hands are almost the same as 5-Card Draw, but differ based on the video poker game variations.

Pay tables may vary by game and denomination of bet.

Big Bear Poker Variations

Ensure you are familiar with the variation of video poker you are playing, as each one has a slightly different set of winning hands and optimal strategy.

1. Jacks or Better
2. Deuces Wild
3. Grizzly Aces
4. 2x Bonus
5. 2x 2x Bonus

Jacks or Better



JACKS or BETTER



The oldest and most common version of video poker is *Jacks or Better*, also known as Draw Poker. If you're never played video poker before, *Jacks or Better* is a great place to start.

The winning hands in *Jacks or Better* are almost the same as in regular poker. Starting with the rarest and highest paid combination, the winning hands are ranked in the following order:

Royal Flush is formed when you have a Ten, a Jack, a Queen, a King, and an Ace of the same suit.

Straight Flush is a set of five consecutive cards of the same suit. It fits both the requirements of both a Straight and of a Flush, listed below.

Four of a Kind are four cards of the same value.

Full House consists of both a Pair (two cards of the same value) and a Three of a Kind.

Flush is all five cards are of the same suit, in no particular order.

Straight is formed by any five cards of consecutive value (they do not have to be of the same suit).

Three of a Kind is formed by three cards of the same value.

Two Pair are two cards of matching value and another two cards of a different matching value.

Jacks or Better are two cards of matching value, where the value is an ace or a face card.

Deuces Wild



DEUCES WILD!



Deuces Wild is another popular video poker variation. As the name implies, all Twos are Wild Cards. A Wild Card will effectively substitute the ideal card needed to improve a particular hand. For this reason, many players enjoy Deuces Wild because of the improved opportunity to complete hands that are ordinarily quite rare.

You'll find most of the same paylines in *Jacks or Better* in *Deuces Wild*, so players approach the game with a very similar strategy with two small differences. Firstly, you'll want to hold all the Twos you are dealt, of course. Secondly, it is not advisable to hold a single Face or Ace Card, because *Jacks or Better* isn't a paying hand in *Deuces Wild* due to the overly high frequency occurring in a game with Wilds. In exchange, you may enjoy a few additional hands that are only possible in a game with Wild Cards:

Four Deuces is a Four of a Kind in which all four cards are Wilds. The payout is much higher than any other Four of a Kind in this game.

Wild Royal is a Royal Flush in which one or more of the cards is substituted by a wild card. It is therefore more common and pays out less than a natural Royal Flush.

Five of a Kind is formed by five cards of the same value, by combining up to four natural cards of the same value and filling in the remaining cards with Wilds. This hand is, of course, not possible in most video poker without wilds because there are only four cards of each value in each 52-card deck assigned to each poker hand.

Grizzly Aces



Grizzly Aces includes all the familiar paylines of *Jacks or Better*, but is a fun spin on traditional Video Poker by offering two special payouts for Four of a Kinds using Aces, Twos, Threes, or Fours. Players typically alter their strategy to more frequently hold these cards they might otherwise discard in *Jacks or Better*.

Four Aces is achieved when a Four of a Kind is formed using Aces.

Four 234 is achieved when a Four of a Kind is formed using either Twos, Threes or Fours.

2x Bonus Poker



2x Bonus Poker uses the same two extra paylines as *Grizzly Aces*, but pays out Double for each. The strategy to winning is thus largely the same as *Grizzly Aces*, but with an even greater preference for holding Aces, Twos, Threes and Fours.

2x 2x Bonus Poker



2x 2x Bonus Poker is a game popular with experienced poker players. This game is much like *Grizzly Aces* and *2x Bonus Poker*, but the extra paylines pay out **quadruple** that of *Grizzly Aces*! In addition, *2x 2x Bonus Poker* includes two unique winning hands. The names of the unique winning hands in *2x 2x Bonus Poker* can appear a little exotic to the uninitiated, but are in fact as self explanatory as the other hands in poker and are easy to understand.

Four Aces with 234 is a special type of Four Aces in which the fifth card must be a Two, Three or Four. As this is a very rare hand the payout is very high.

Four 234 with A234 is a special type of Four of a Kind in which the matching cards must be either Aces, Twos, Threes or Fours and the fifth card must be an Ace, Two, Three or Four. This hand is less rare than Four Aces with 234 but more rare than a regular Four of a Kind and pays accordingly.