



5 Suit Poker

2 or more Players

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when you change the deck?**

Summary:

While the Janken Deck is not recommended for gambling, it is worth exploring the math of how the odds change when you have 70 cards instead of 52.

The Object:

Make the best hand of five cards then bet on who has the best hand.

The Game:

There are a wide variety of Poker games out there. Any of them can be played with the Janken Deck.

The Odds:

The different hands in Poker are the same when you have five suits but with one main exception: Now a Five of a Kind hand is a possibility. While this will be rare, it is still more likely than a Royal Flush. Even though the odds of each hand changes with the addition of more cards, I believe the order of hands is basically the same. If you run the numbers and discover that these are out of order, please let us know.

Royal Flush
5 of a Kind
Straight Flush
4 of a Kind
Full House
Flush
Straight
3 of a Kind
Two Pair
Pair
High Card



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High Card:

A major characteristic of the Janken Deck is that there is no high card. Therefore it might be possible for a hand to end three way tie. (An Ace of Rock, an Ace of Paper, and an Ace of Scissors).

To prevent potential future arguments, this is an official rule when it comes to any poker games with the Janken Deck: The Rock-Paper-Scissors rule does not apply when playing Poker games. Instead the suits are ranked from high to low in this order:

Rock (Highest suit)

Paper

Scissors

Water

Lizard (Lowest suit)

Jokers:

The Joker is an extra card in each suit. Jokers can combine for a 2 or 3 of a kind, or can combine with other cards in the same suit for a flush. The Ace can be a high card above the King or a 1 but the Joker's rank is zero. To use a Joker in a straight would be: Joker, Ace, 2, 3, and 4.

If you like to play Poker with wild cards, the Jokers are the easiest choice.

Before you play any poker game:

Make sure that all of the players understand all of the rules.