

Seven Card Stud

- Rules specifying how the game is played: Game is dealt from a 52 card deck. Dealer delivers each player in clockwise order two cards face down and one card face up to start. Lowest card on the table is forced to bet the minimum. Subsequent players may call, raise or fold. When all bets are equal the dealer delivers another face up card in order to all remaining players. This and subsequent betting rounds begin with the highest hand. Dealer will continue to deliver one card to each player per round with a betting round afterwards until each player's seven cards. The last card is delivered face down. Winning hand is either the last remaining in the pot or the best five card combination out of the player's seven cards according to the standard poker ranking system. Seven-card stud can be summarized therefore as "two down, four up, and one down".
- Procedures for wagering during the conduct of the game: If an ante is required, it will be so stated by signage on the table. Lowest face up card on the first round must bet the minimum and subsequent players may call, raise or fold. On each subsequent round, the hand with the highest ranking based upon the face up cards starts the betting.

Variants

- Five Card Stud - Typical Five Card Stud is dealt one card down, four up. This format can be changed to two down, three up (making three betting rounds), or three down, two up (making two betting rounds). Another popular variation is to deal the first card face down, the next three cards face up, and the fifth and final card face down.
- Six Card Stud - Six Card Stud is usually played as identical to Seven Card Stud, except that the last face-up round is removed (Thus it is two down, three up, one down). It can also be played as 1-4-1, where the first betting round occurs after only two cards are dealt (one down and one up). This latter form more closely resembles Five Card Stud with an extra down card.
- Seven Card Stud High/Low (8 or Better) - A variation of Seven Card Stud in which each pot is split between the player with the highest hand and the player with the lowest hand.
- Seven Card Stud Low (Razz) - Seven Card Stud, except the player with the lowest hand wins the pot.