

Indian Poker

2-10 players

52 cards

Difficulty: Easy

Duration: Short

Have the highest card without knowing what it is.

SETUP

- Everyone antes.
- Deal one card face down to each player.
- Players place cards on their foreheads unseen.

SCORING

- Highest card wins the pot.
- Aces are high.

Tip: Use the distribution of visible cards to estimate the strength of your own.

ON YOUR TURN

- Look at opponents' forehead cards.
- Bet, call, raise, or fold.
- Reveal cards after betting ends.

Indian Poker (also called Blind Man's Bluff) is a fun and social card game where each player holds a single card on their forehead, visible to everyone except themselves. Players must bet based on what they can see of others' cards.

Objective

Win the pot by having the highest card among all remaining players after the betting round.

Setup

1. **Players:** 2 to 10 players.
2. **Deck:** A standard 52-card deck.
3. **Deal:** Each player antes. One card is dealt face down to each player, who places it on their forehead without looking at it.

Gameplay

1. **Step 1:** Each player picks up their card and, without looking, holds it against their forehead so all other players can see it.
2. **Step 2:** A betting round begins. Players may bet, call, raise, or fold based on what they see on opponents' foreheads.
3. **Step 3:** Players use the information from others' visible cards to estimate whether their own card is likely high or low.
4. **Step 4:** After betting concludes, remaining players reveal their cards. The highest card wins the pot.

Scoring

- The highest card wins the pot.
- Aces are typically high.
- Ties are broken by suit ranking (spades, hearts, diamonds, clubs) or split the pot.

Variations

- **Two-Card Indian Poker:** Each player gets two cards, one on the forehead and one hidden, for added strategy.
- **Low Card Wins:** Reverse the objective so the lowest card takes the pot.

Tips and Strategies

- If you see mostly low cards on other players, there is a good chance yours is high.
- Watch opponents' reactions to your card for tells about its value.
- Fold early if several opponents have high cards showing on their foreheads.

Tips & Strategy

Read opponents' expressions when they look at your card. If everyone seems cautious, you likely hold a high card.

Your biggest advantage comes from reading opponents' behavior. If they bet confidently while looking at your card, it might be low.