

POKER QUICK REFERENCE

The fundamentals we come back to again and again - in one place.

POT ODDS	RANGE THINKING
BLUFFING	VALUE BETTING
3-BET DEFENSE	TURN PLAY
LIVE EXPLOITS	TOURNAMENT PRESSURE

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Know the price before you call.

Pot odds tell you how often you need to win to make a profitable call. The DCP formula: **Call Amount ÷ (Pot + Bet + Call)**.

Villain bet size	Equity needed
25% pot	16.7%
33% pot	20%
50% pot	25%
75% pot	30%
Pot	33%
150% pot	40%
200% pot	43%

RULE OF 4 AND 2

- On the flop with two cards to come: outs x 4 gives a quick equity estimate.
- On the turn with one card to come: outs x 2 gives a quick equity estimate.
- Example from the DCP session: 9 clean flush outs is roughly 36% with two cards to come and 18% with one.

FAST CALL CHECK

1. What is the call amount? 2. What will the final pot be after I call? 3. What equity do I need? 4. Does my hand/range have enough equity?

Stop playing one hand at a time.

A range is the collection of hands an opponent can realistically have. Start with preflop information, then narrow the range as each action gives you more information.

BUILD THE RANGE

- Position: UTG is generally tighter; BTN is wider; blinds have different structures.
- Action: limp, open raise, cold call, 3-bet or 4-bet.
- Sizing: unusual sizing can represent a different population tendency.
- Every street is a funnel: preflop range -> flop action -> turn action -> river action.

BLUFF CHECKLIST

Question	What you are testing
Can better hands fold?	A bluff needs a real target.
Do I block strong hands?	Good blockers can improve bluff selection.
Does my story make sense?	Your line should credibly represent value.
Can villain actually fold?	Bluff less versus players who hate folding.

DCP reminder: Good bluff boards for the preflop raiser are often high, dry boards that fit the raiser's range. Connected middling boards can interact much more strongly with the caller's range.

Get paid. Defend with a plan.

VALUE BETTING

A value bet is a bet that gets called by worse hands often enough to make money. Your hand does not need to be the nuts.

Level	Think about
Thick value	Many worse hands can call.
Medium value	Some worse hands can call.
Thin value	Only a few worse hands may call.

River value formula: What worse hands call? What better hands continue?

FACING A 3-BET

- Position: your opening position and villain's position matter.
- Effective stack depth: deeper stacks create different incentives than shallow stacks.
- Opponent's 3-bet frequency: tight and aggressive opponents require different responses.

The expensive decisions happen here.

TURN QUESTIONS

- Whose range improved on this card?
- Who has the nut advantage now?
- Did my hand gain meaningful equity?
- If I bet and get called, am I happy?
- If I get raised, can I continue?

As pots grow, the DCP turn session emphasizes more polarized betting: strong value and strong draws bet more often, while medium-strength hands frequently benefit from checking.

EXPLOITATIVE LIVE POKER

- Calling station: value bet relentlessly and bluff less.
- Players who overfold: apply more pressure in credible spots.
- Live mistakes often include limping, poor sizing, emotional decisions and chasing incorrectly.
- Do not use fancy bluffs just because they look sophisticated; identify the actual mistake and punish it.

TOURNAMENT STACK PRESSURE

- Short stack (5-15BB): focus on profitable shove spots; limited ability to bully.
- Medium stack (20-40BB): defend wisely and pick spots carefully.
- Big stack (50BB+): can open more pots and apply pressure.
- DCP's preferred pressure targets include many 20-35BB stacks, tight players and players near the money who may overfold because elimination hurts.

Run this before the chips go in.

PREFLOP

- What position am I in?
- What is the effective stack?
- What does villain's action and sizing say about their range?
- Am I folding, calling, raising or 4-betting for a clear reason?

FLOP

- Who has the range advantage?
- Who has the strongest/nut hands more often?
- Am I betting for value, bluffing, protection, or checking?

TURN

- Whose range improved?
- Did the nut advantage change?
- Did my equity shift enough to barrel?
- If called or raised, what is my plan?

RIVER

- What worse hands call?
- What better hands can fold?
- If I am bluffing, does my story make sense?
- If I am calling, what pot odds/equity do I need?

ONE LAST RULE

Don't make a decision because you are frustrated, chasing losses, or trying to win the last hand back. Reset and protect the quality of your decisions.

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