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Before the massive explosion of Texas Hold'em worldwide, 7 Card Stud used to be the

number one poker game in the world. Every professional poker player in the world knew

the game and knew it well.

The times have changed, but 7 Card Stud remains an important part of a well-rounded poker player's arsenal. In the modern era of po

ker, it's more

common to see stud played as part of mixed games.

Let's jump right in and learn the

rules of 7 Card Stud.

(Note: This guide covers the rules of standard 7 Card Stud. You Tj T\* BT /F

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Antes and the Bring-In

Stud is

almost always played with limit betting rules. For more on limit game

structures,

including references to the "small bet" and "big bet" qu

ot; referenced throughout this

article, see our guide to Poker Betting Rules;

Stud is unlike Hold'em and Omaha, where

two players to the left of the button post blinds. Instead, each playe

r at the table

posts an ante, usually worth 5% of the big bet.

The player who receives the lowest

ranking door card posts a forced bet called the bring-in wh

ich is worth 5 times the

ante. If they so choose, this player may also complete the

bet, by posting the entire

small bet.

In a \$5/\$10 7 Card Stud game, players would post \$0.50 ante,

and the

bring-in would be \$2.50. If the player chose to complete, they would n

eed to pay \$5

(the amount of the small bet).

The Streets

There are no community cards in stud games.

Instead, each player in 7 Card Stud receives seven unique c

ards. The first dealing

street includes two down cards and one up card to each of the players.

Four more

betting rounds commence after that, with each player dealt

another card in each

round.

After all seven cards have been dealt, the players will be l