






HOW TO PLAY THE RIGHT CARDS AT THE RIGHT TIME.

The basic idea of poker is to play the strongest hands in early position, good hands in mid-position and a few more hands in the late (aka strongest) position. Over time, you'll naturally want to shake things up a bit. For now, stick with this and you'll never find yourself in trouble holding 7-2 off-suit.

SUITED CONNECTORS

Includes hands like 8-7 suited or Q-J suited. These have the potential to make both straights and flushes, but can get you into trouble. Fold if the flop isn't kind.

HOLE CARDS:	A A A A A A A							K K K K K					Q Q Q Q				J J		10 10		9 7 6 2			
	A	K	Q	J	10	9	2	K	Q	J	10	9	Q	J	10	9	J	10	10	9	9	7	6	2
LATE	RE-RAISE			PLAY				RE-RAISE		PLAY			RE-RAISE		PLAY		SUITED		SUITED		CHECK / FOLD			
MIDDLE	RAISE			PLAY				RAISE		PLAY			SUITED		PLAY		SUITED		SUITED		CHECK / FOLD			
EARLY / BLINDS	RAISE			PLAY				RAISE		PLAY			SUITED		PLAY		SUITED		SUITED		CHECK / FOLD			

	RE-RAISE You're in a strong position here, so go for it. This is your chance to take control.		RAISE You've got good cards in a good position. See if you can make them count with a solid and confident raise.		PLAY Play these cards, but watch out – your opponents' may be stronger. If people are raising in front of you, you may have to fold.		SUITED Only play these cards if they're the same suit.		CHECK / FOLD Play these cards, but watch out – your opponents' may be stronger. If people are raising in front of you, you may have to fold.
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EXAMPLE 1

Player A is in an early position and has been dealt A-K suited. Player A should raise to test the resolve of the other players at the table.

EXAMPLE 2

Player A is in a middle position and has been dealt A-5. All other players check, Player A checks also, but a player in the late position, raises. Player A should fold.

EXAMPLE 3

Dealt A-A. Player A should raise or re-raise to dictate the terms of the betting pre-flop.

