

Lowball Variations Poker Games

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There are several lowball variations poker games and the distinctive feature of this game is that as opposed to high rank cards winning in other games, the lowest hands wins the pot. There are many types in lowball variations poker games.

Five cards are dealt face down in lowball poker, followed by replacement of cards with draws. Lowball variations poker games are also available in seven stud and holdem games, but a common reference to lowball is to the 5 card stud with draw replacement.

The major 5 Lowball Variations Poker games are:-

- • California lowball variations poker games
- • Kansas City lowball variations poker games
- • Triple Draw lowball variations poker games
- • London lowball variations poker games

The basic qualifying rules for lowball variations poker games can be summarized as:-

- • 54, 321 or 5-4-3-2-1 or Ace to 5 low which is popularly called “wheel” is the lowest possible combination
- • 64, 321 or 6-4-3-2-1 or Ace to 6 low also qualifies lowball.
- • 75,432 or 7-5-4-3-2 or Deuce to seven low also qualifies for lowball.
- • 65,432 or 6-5-4-3-2 or Deuce to six low also qualifies for lowball

The various roles of Ace in lowball variations poker games and how they modify straights and flushes can be summarized as:-

- • Normally in lowball variations poker games Aces are considered as a low and straights and flushes do not count against the low in the Ace to 5
- • Aces are considered as a low and straights and flushes are regarded as high in Ace to 6 low.
- • In Deuce to seven Aces play high cards with straights and flushes counting high.
- • In Deuce to six low Aces play high cards and straights and flushes are not considered.

Additional tips relating to pairs in lowball variations poker games are:-

- • No pair low hand beats pair low hand! Any hand with a pair or three of a kind in low ranking cards is defeated by another low hand without a pair. If there are 2 low hands with one having 3 of a kind and one having a low hand with a pair, the one with a pair defeats the pair. However, if there is going to be other player with no pair against the pair low hand, then the player without the pair wins. • In eight or better games! 85,432 defeats 97,643
- • If 2 qualifying hands have a pair in them! AA953 beats 22543
- • A hand without a pair is always prioritized for winning! KJ864 beats both AA953 and 22543.
- • From the above examples you need to understand that in lowball variations poker games, pairs are disadvantageous to winning.

Ace forming a straight or flush is not considered to be a low in lowball variations poker games because a wheel is the lowest possible straight that qualifies for a low. In high/low split games of lowball variations poker games the wheel can qualify to scoop. The wheel is also the best in the eight or better variations.