

# Texas Hold'em Starting Hands

6-Max No-Limit Hold'em — Preflop Opening Guide

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Suited hands above diagonal →

← Offsuit hands below diagonal

| AA  | AKs | AQs | AJs | ATs | A9s | A8s | A7s | A6s | A5s | A4s | A3s | A2s |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| AKo | KK  | KQs | KJs | KTs | K9s | K8s | K7s | K6s | K5s | K4s | K3s | K2s |
| AQo | KQo | QQ  | QJs | QTs | Q9s | Q8s | Q7s | Q6s | Q5s | Q4s | Q3s | Q2s |
| AJo | KJo | QJo | JJ  | JTs | J9s | J8s | J7s | J6s | J5s | J4s | J3s | J2s |
| ATo | KTo | QTo | JTo | TT  | T9s | T8s | T7s | T6s | T5s | T4s | T3s | T2s |
| A9o | K9o | Q9o | J9o | T9o | 99  | 98s | 97s | 96s | 95s | 94s | 93s | 92s |
| A8o | K8o | Q8o | J8o | T8o | 98o | 88  | 87s | 86s | 85s | 84s | 83s | 82s |
| A7o | K7o | Q7o | J7o | T7o | 97o | 87o | 77  | 76s | 75s | 74s | 73s | 72s |
| A6o | K6o | Q6o | J6o | T6o | 96o | 86o | 76o | 66  | 65s | 64s | 63s | 62s |
| A5o | K5o | Q5o | J5o | T5o | 95o | 85o | 75o | 65o | 55  | 54s | 53s | 52s |
| A4o | K4o | Q4o | J4o | T4o | 94o | 84o | 74o | 64o | 54o | 44  | 43s | 42s |
| A3o | K3o | Q3o | J3o | T3o | 93o | 83o | 73o | 63o | 53o | 43o | 33  | 32s |
| A2o | K2o | Q2o | J2o | T2o | 92o | 82o | 72o | 62o | 52o | 42o | 32o | 22  |

## Legend

|                                                                |                                                               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <div></div> Premium — Always raise                             | <div></div> Playable — Raise or call by position              |
| <div></div> Marginal — Position-dependent, experienced players | <div></div> Fold — Not profitable to open from most positions |

### Position Adjustments (6-Max)

UTG: Play premium + top playable only (~15% of hands).  
CO: Open all playable + some marginal (~28%).  
SB: 3-bet or fold vs opens; open wide if folded to you.

MP: Add remaining playable hands (~20%).  
BTN: Open wide — most playable + marginal hands (~40%).  
BB: Defend wider vs late-position opens; 3-bet premium hands.