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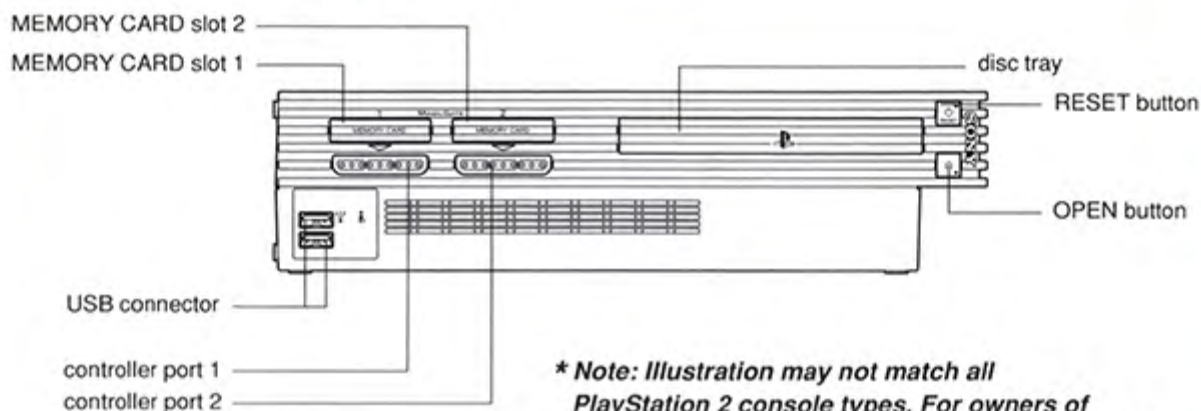
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GETTING STARTED*



** Note: Illustration may not match all PlayStation 2 console types. For owners of SCPH-70000 series PlayStation 2 systems, refer to the setup instructions supplied with your system.*

Set up your PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system according to the instructions in its Instruction Manual. Make sure the MAIN POWER switch (located on the back of the console) is turned ON. Press the RESET button. When the power indicator lights up, press the OPEN button and the disc tray will open. Place the World Series of Poker disc on the disc tray with the label side facing up. Press the OPEN button again and the disc tray will close. Attach game controllers and other peripherals, as appropriate. Follow on-screen instructions and refer to this manual for information on using the software.

Memory Card (8MB)(for PlayStation®2)

To save game settings and progress, insert a memory card (8MB)(for PlayStation®2) into MEMORY CARD slot 1 of your PlayStation®2 system. You can load saved game data from the same memory card or any memory card (8MB)(for PlayStation®2) containing previously saved games.



GAMESPY®

Take World Series of Poker to the next level!

CONNECTING YOUR PLAYSTATION®2 CONSOLE FOR NETWORK/ONLINE PLAY

A broadband Internet connection and Network Adaptor (Ethernet/modem) (for PlayStation®2) are required for online play.

World Series of Poker is compatible with network configurations files from other PlayStation®2 online games. To play online, you will need to have a network configuration file saved on your memory card. You can use the Network Adaptor Start-Up Disc to set up your network connection. Please refer to the instructions that came with your Network Adaptor Start-Up Disc.

SETTING UP YOUR EYETOY™ (OPTIONAL)

If you have an EyeToy™ USB camera (for PlayStation®2), you can allow other players to see you during the game. This is an optional feature and is not required for online play.

Your EyeToy™ connects to either of the two USB connectors located on the front of your PlayStation®2. With the USB Symbol facing up, insert the EyeToy™ cable into one of the USB connectors. The blue LED power indicator on the front of the camera should light up to indicate your EyeToy™ is ready to use.

For tips on how to get the best picture quality as well as troubleshooting, please refer to the instruction manual of your EyeToy™.

SETTING UP YOUR HEADSET (OPTIONAL)

If you have a certified PlayStation®2 - compatible USB headset, you can chat with other players during online play. This is an optional feature and is not required for online play.

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CONFIGURATION OF YOUR HOME ROUTER/FIREWALL

A router is a network device that directs network traffic from your computer(s) or video game console when they are sharing a single internet connection. More often than not, routers used for home networks have a firewall built into them. A firewall will look at the traffic going through the router and determine if it is allowed through or not. Routers and firewalls can be configured numerous ways but commonly they are configured to not allow "unsolicited" traffic from the internet to your computer(s) or video game console.

Activision does not support the use of routers or firewalls for multiplayer online play. However, because of the increasing use of routers and firewalls in the home network environment, we have provided the following information for advanced users to assist them in customizing their home network settings in order to accommodate multiplayer online play. **ACTIVISION ASSUMES NO LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THE CONNECTION OF ANY DEVICE TO THE PlayStation®2, NOR THE LOSS OF DATA OR OTHER PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM ANY CHANGES YOU MAKE TO YOUR EXISTING ROUTER/FIREWALL NETWORK SETTINGS.**

In order to configure a router using Network Address Translation (NAT) or a firewall, consult the user guide for your router to enable **PORT FORWARDING** settings as specified below. Forward or route all traffic onto the following ports to the IP address of your PlayStation®2.

WSOP uses UDP port# 27901, 27900, 6500 and 3658

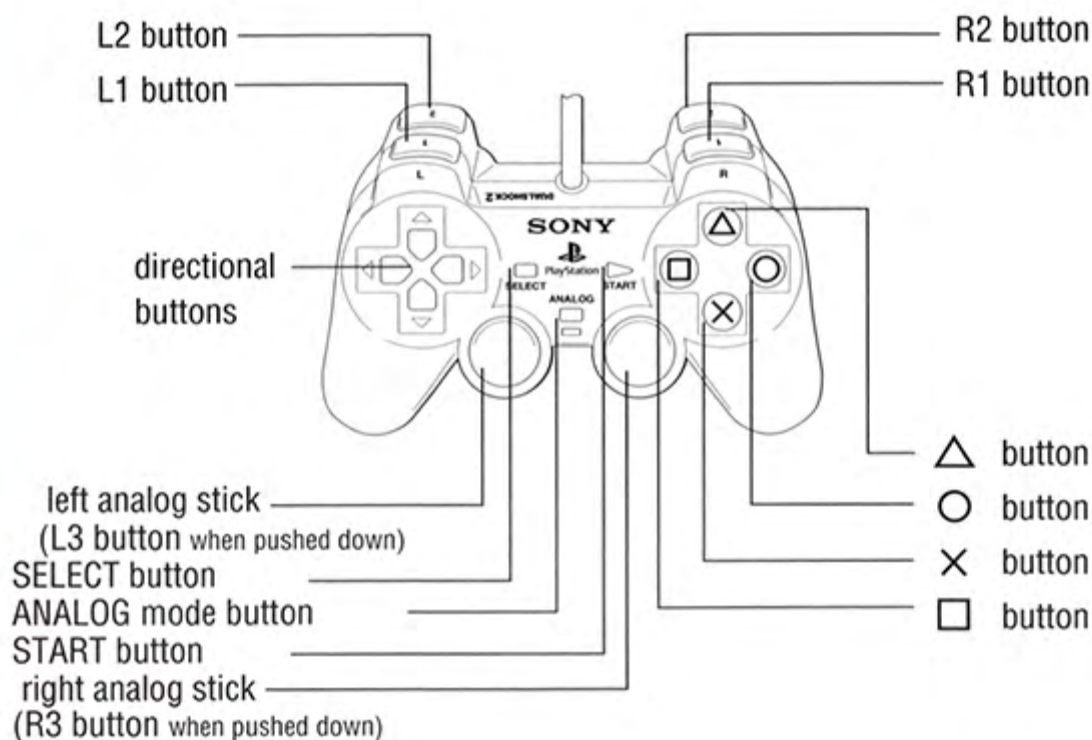
WSOP uses TCP port# 28910 and 6667

WSOP supports NAT, but this process may delay connections. For the best results, do not run WSOP behind a router or firewall. It may take several minutes for video and voice chat to connect if you're playing behind a router or firewall. Note: Gameplay will function normally as video and voice chat connects.

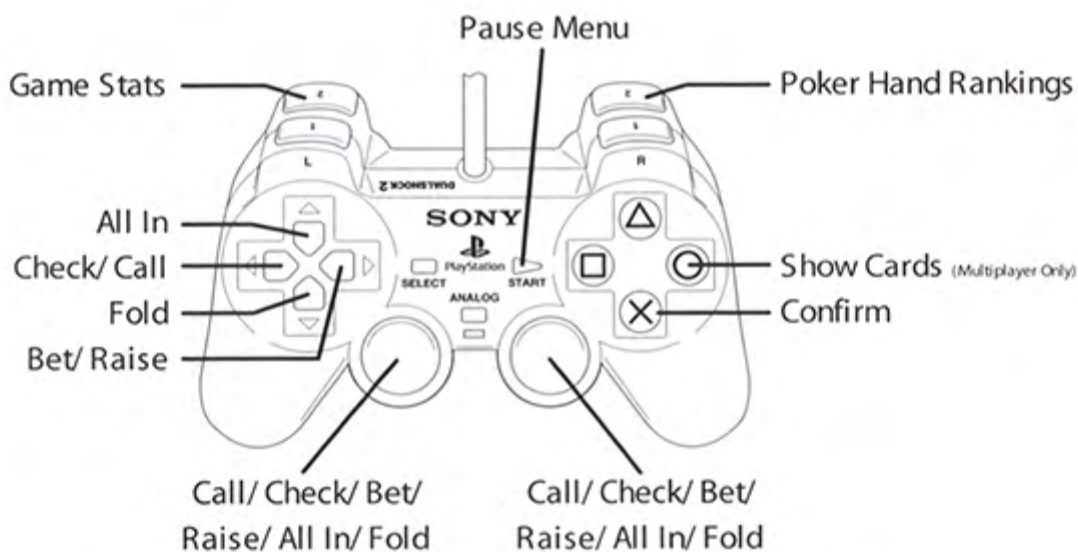


CONTROLS

DUALSHOCK®2 ANALOG CONTROLLER CONFIGURATIONS



These are the in-game controls in World Series of Poker.





MENU NAVIGATION

MAIN MENU

From the Main Menu, you can start a Career, play a fast round of poker in Quickplay, play others online in Multiplayer, change game settings and view credits in Options, Save and Load a game.

QUICKPLAY – Play a quick hand of Hold'em or customize a Tournament or Game. You can practice all the World Series of Poker (WSOP) poker variations or get familiar with new ones.

CAREER – Get ready for the ultimate challenge of the WSOP tournaments. You have ten years to see how many WSOP championship bracelets you can get and be inducted into the WSOP All Stars.

MULTIPLAYER – Take what you know and face off with other Poker players around the world.

OPTIONS – Here you can adjust game options, sound options, and view the credits.

SAVE – Save your game here.

LOAD – Load a previously saved game.

CAREER MENU

WSOP EVENTS – Selecting this will start you on your way in the World Series of Poker. Choose from Texas Hold'em, Omaha, Seven Card Stud, and Razz.

CONTINUE IN-PROGRESS WSOP EVENT – At any time during the game you can leave the table, modify your character, or check on your Collector Chips. If you've done that, this option allows you to get back in the game and pick up where you've left off.

INVITATIONAL EVENTS – Winning these events unlocks levels for you to play online and in Quickplay.



AWARDS & STATS – This is where you can check out how well you've been doing, view your WSOP bracelets, see how your Collector Chip collection is coming along and look at the WSOP All-Stars.

EDIT PLAYER – Choose a stock player, or create your own ideal poker player by choosing the customize option. Also, all the unlocked Pros are selectable here.

CAREER OPTIONS – Here you can advance to the next calendar year whenever you want or especially if you've lost all your bankroll, you can restart your career if you've reached the end of the ten year run, or if you want to keep your character's look and Collector Chips but want to clear your stats, and you can start a fresh career by selecting New Career, which will reset you back to a plain character with no Collector Chips and no stats.

SAVE – Save your game here.

EDIT PLAYER

To get started in World Series of Poker you need to create a character; here are the choices you have:

PLAYER NAME – You can type your name here.

STOCK PLAYER – Choose from a multitude of pre-made characters.

PRO PLAYER – When you take down a pro in the tournaments, you get to play as that character.

CUSTOMIZE PLAYER – Choose the look that suits you... hair, dress style, glasses, headphones... you can even select what voice your character will have!

OPTIONS

Within the options menu you can alter the following settings.

GAME OPTIONS

- **4 Color Deck** – Each suit has its own color to help you see flushes.
- **Game Speed** – Choose from normal, medium, and fast.
- **Ticker Display** – You can turn it on or off.
- **Max Raises (Limit Games)** – Choose from 3 to 5 for the max times players can raise.
- **Seat Position** – Be randomly seated or lock in your position.



SOUND OPTIONS

- **SFX Level** – Control the volume of the sound effects.
- **Music Level** - Control the volume of the music.
- **Ambient Level** - Control the volume of the ambient sound.
- **Voice Level** - Control the volume of the Commentary and Poker Players.

CREDITS – View the credits.

COLLECTOR CHIPS

When you achieve a gameplay milestone, you are rewarded with a Collector Chip symbolizing that achievement. You can take the Poker Hands, Pro Player Takedowns, and Invitational Wins Collector Chips online and use them as antes in winner take all matches.

Poker Hand – Win a pot with a qualifying winning hand.

All In and Win – Risk all your chips to win the pot.

Single Hand Takedowns – How many people can you take out in a hand?

Tournament Takedowns – How many players have you taken out in a single tournament?

Total Takedowns – How many people have you taken out in your career?

Pro Player Takedowns – How many pros have you taken out?

Final Tables – How many final tables have you made it to?

WSOP Game Type Wins – Win in a poker tournament to get these.

Tournament Size Wins – Make it through a large tournament and win to get these.

Winning Streak – How many tournaments have you beaten in a row?

Overall Winnings – How much prize money have you taken home in your career?

Invitational Wins – Winning these will unlock rooms for Online and Quickplay.



PLAYING THE GAME

YOUR TURN

Because a lot of information accumulates at a poker table, we use the top down view when it is your turn. This way you can see who the Dealer is (indicated by the "D" icon by the player's name), the big and small blind to the left of the dealer, the size of the pot (indicated by the number in the center of the table), the amount of chips the players have bet (indicated by the numbers in front of them), and who is in or out.

MAKING A PLAY

The menu at the bottom center of the screen is what indicates whether you can call, check, bet, raise, fold or go all in. Your selection is easily made by pressing up, down, left or right, using the directional button, right analog stick, or left analog stick and then pressing the X button to confirm. If you moved to a selection and change your mind about it, simply press in the opposite direction to center the menu.

Note: When you select the Bet/Raise option, it will start you out at the minimum raise allowed, determined by the World Series of Poker tournament rules. If you want to put more chips in than the minimum Bet/Raise amount, simply press up to add chips and down to minus chips.

THE RADAR

As the poker game unfolds, director cameras capture the action. The Radar is there to help you determine at a glance whose turn it is, who is in/out, the pot amount, and who has the dealer button.

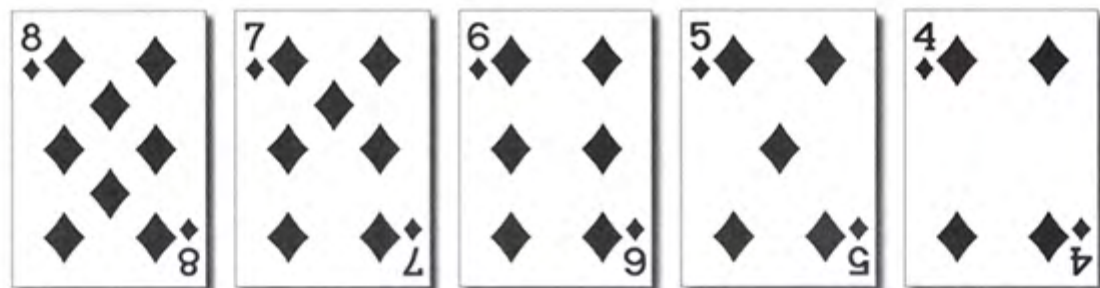


THE GAMES

HAND RANKING



Royal Flush - The best possible straight flush. Ten, Jack, Queen, King, and Ace all of the same suit.



Straight Flush - Five consecutive cards, all of the same suit.



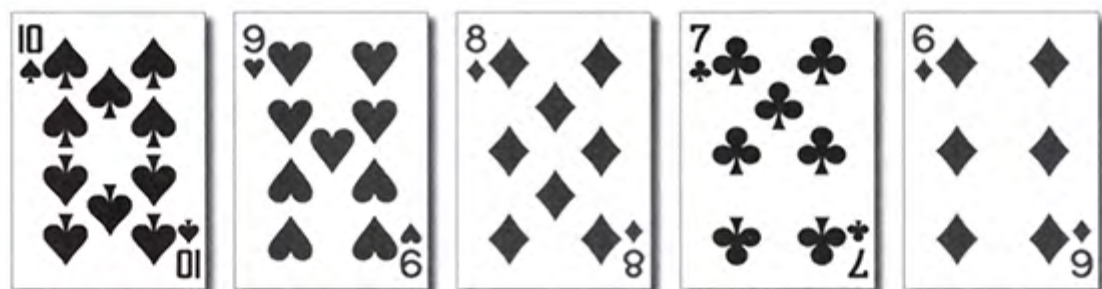
4 of a Kind - Four cards of any one rank.



Full House - Three cards of one rank and two cards of a second rank.



Flush - Five cards of the same suit.



Straight - Five consecutive cards.



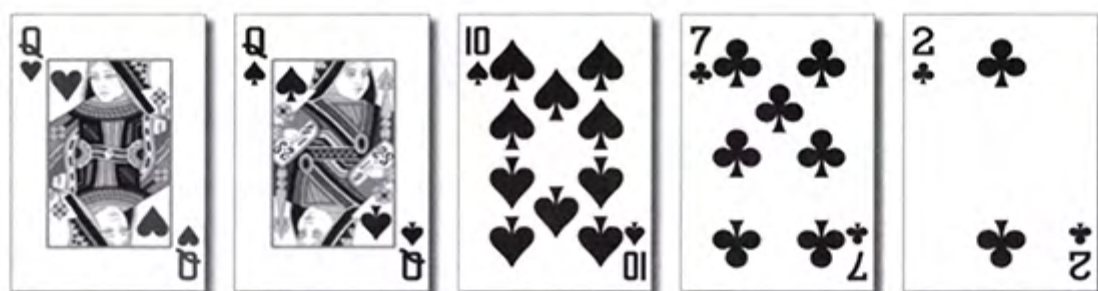
Three of a Kind - Three cards of the same rank and two unrelated cards.



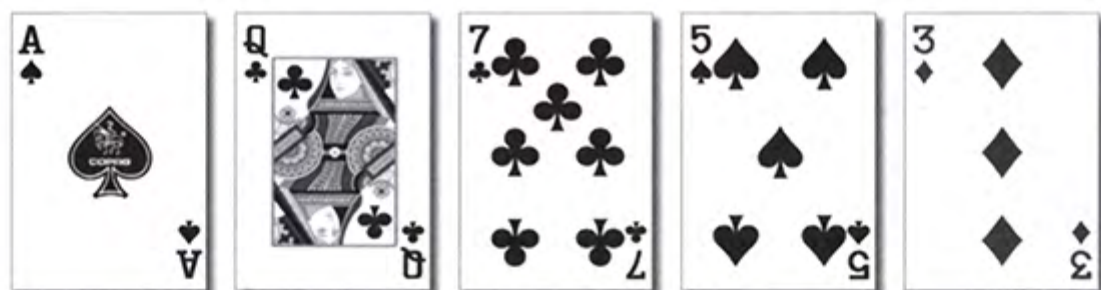
HAND RANKING (CONTINUED)



Two Pair - Two cards of one rank, two cards of another rank, and a fifth.



One Pair - Two cards of the same rank and three other unrelated cards.



High Card - Five unrelated cards.



TEXAS HOLD 'EM

The object of the game is to create the best five-card poker hand with any combination of your two face-down cards and the five community cards. In the World Series of Poker a disc is used to indicate which person is the "dealer" for the round. The two players to the left of the dealer button are required to make a forced bet called blinds. Before the cards are dealt, the person to the left of the dealer posts a bet called the small blind, which is equal to half of the minimum bet. The person to the left of the small blind posts the big blind, which is equal to the minimum bet. In some tournaments, an additional bet from the table called an ante may be required. The first two cards are dealt to each player face down, and the person to the left of the big blind starts the first round of betting. When the first round is complete, then come the community cards with the Flop, the Turn and the River, with a round of betting after each. At the end, the best hand takes the pot.

OMAHA

The object of the game is to create the best five-card poker hand with any combination using two of your four personal cards and the three of the five community cards. In the World Series of Poker, a disc is used to indicate which person is the "dealer" for the round. The two players to the left of the dealer button are required to make a forced bet called blinds. Before the cards are dealt, the person to the left of the dealer posts a bet called the small blind, which is equal to half of the minimum bet. The person to the left of the small blind posts the big blind, which is equal to the minimum bet. The first four cards are dealt to each player face down, and the person to the left of the big blind starts the first round of betting. When the first round is complete, then come the community cards with the Flop, the Turn and the River, with a round of betting after each. At the end, the best hand takes the pot.

OMAHA HIGH-LOW

The highest hand splits the pot with the lowest qualifying low hand. You must use two of your four personal cards and three of the five community cards to make the highest and lowest hand. To qualify for the low half of the pot, the low hand is 8,7,6,5,4 or lower and Aces play both high and low. In the World Series of Poker, a disc is used to indicate which person is the "dealer" for the round. The two players to the left of the dealer button are required to make a forced bet called blinds. Before the cards are dealt, the person to the left of the dealer posts a bet called the small blind, which is equal to half of the minimum bet. The person to the left of the small blind posts the big blind, which is equal to the minimum bet. The first four cards are dealt to each player face down, and the person to the left of the big blind starts the first round of betting. When the first round is complete, then come the community cards with the Flop, the Turn and the River, with a round of betting after each. At the end, the highest hand splits the pot with the lowest qualifying low hand.



SEVEN CARD STUD

Antes are required from all players before dealing begins. Three cards are dealt to each player, two down and one up. The betting opener is determined by the lowest showing card. If there's a tie for the low card, the card suit resolves it: spades outrank hearts, followed by diamonds, and finally clubs as the lowest suit.

The player holding the lowest showing card must "bring it in" by opening with a bet equal to twice the ante. If the low player doesn't make this bet, they're forced to fold and the opener passes to the player on their left.

The next player clockwise from the opener can call by matching the opener, raise by betting the low betting limit or fold. Throughout Third Street all bets and raises are fixed at the low betting limit.

On "Fourth Street" another card is dealt to each player face up. The opener on Fourth Street and remaining streets is the high hand, as determined by the face up cards. They may check or bet. If they bet, it's at the low limit, and which fixes all raises in this round to the same. If the high hand is an open pair, the opener can bet at the upper limit, and this fixes all raises in the round to the same.

On "Fifth and Sixth Street" cards are dealt up again, and the high hand opens. All bets and raises are at the upper limit.

As the game goes into "Seventh Street," a final pocket card is dealt to each player. All bets and raises are once again at the high limit.

After "Seventh Street," the bets and raises are resolved, and the remaining players enter the Showdown. The opener reveals his pocket cards. If a player wishes to compete with this hand they too reveal their pocket cards, or they can fold.

RAZZ POKER (SEVEN CARD STUD LOW)

The rules to Razz are the same as Seven Card Stud except the high card opens, and the low card acts first on all subsequent rounds. The best possible hand is 5-4-3-2-A; Aces are always low in Razz.



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