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The Straight is fifth on the poker hand rankings list and is made up of five sequential or consecutive cards.

The word Straight should immediately have you thinking that it consists of five cards in a row - and that makes it a very easy hand to identify.

The highest possible Straight is A-K-Q-J-10 (also called Broadway). Straight combinations go all the way down to A-2-3-4-5, which is known as the Wheel or Bicycle, in poker lingo.

A K Q J 10 aka BROADWAY

A 2 3 4 5 aka the WHEEL or BICYCLE

When it comes to Straights, the suits aren't important. However, not every straight is ranked equally.

When rating one straight over the next, it's the hand rank or denomination that's important.

How Does a Straight Hand Rank?

In a 52-card deck, there are 10,200 possible Straight hand combinations and 10 distinct ranks of Straights. Each Straight is ranked by its highest card, then by the rank of its second-highest card and so forth.

Here are some examples of Straights:

K Q J 10 9

Q J 10 9 8

J 10 9 8 7

10 9 8 7 6

The best Straights are determined by the highest straight card not the suit. For example, a Queen-high Straight beats a Jack-high Straight regardless of suits, and so forth.

How Does a Straight Hand Match Up?

The Straight is the fifth best possible hand in the poker hand ranking system. The Flush ranks directly above it, with the best flush being ace-high. Its fifth-place ranking still makes it a formidable hand to beat on the river in Hold'em.