

# ♠ Preflop Position Chart

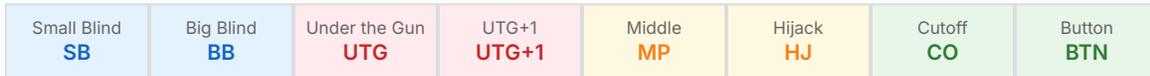
What to play — and where to play it

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## Understanding Position

Position is the single biggest edge in poker. Acting **later** means more information. More information means better decisions. This chart shows which hands to open-raise from each seat.

📌 **Standard open-raise size:** 2.5–3× the big blind. These ranges assume **you're the first to enter the pot** (no one has raised before you). If someone raises before you, tighten significantly — only continue with premium hands.



● Raise ● Situation-dependent ● Fold

## Early Position (UTG / UTG+1)

Play tight. Everyone acts after you. Only open with premium hands. At a 9-max table, play even tighter — UTG has 8 players behind.

Hand	Action	Why
AA, KK, QQ	RAISE	Always raise. These are the top 3 hands in poker.
JJ, TT	RAISE	Strong pairs. Raise and play carefully on high boards.
99, 88	RAISE	Always open-raise. Be prepared to fold if someone 3-bets aggressively.
AKs, AKo	RAISE	Big Slick. Best unpaired hand. Always open.
AQs, AJs	RAISE	Strong suited aces. Good postflop potential.
KQs	RAISE	Premium suited Broadway.
AQo	RAISE	Strong offsuit ace. Standard open from any position.
AJo	RAISE (6-max)	Open at 6-max. At 9-max, consider folding from UTG.
Everything else	FOLD	Not profitable without position. Wait for a better spot.

## Middle Position (MP / Hijack)

Open up slightly. Fewer players left to act behind you.

Hand	Action	Notes
Everything above	RAISE	All early position hands, plus...
77, 66	RAISE	Medium pairs. Good set-mining candidates.
ATs, A9s	RAISE	Suited aces play well with flush potential.
KJs, KTs	RAISE	Suited Broadway connectors.
QJs, JTs	RAISE	Suited connectors — straight + flush draws.
AJo, KQo, KJo	RAISE	Offsuit Broadway. Playable but less flexible than suited.

## Late Position (Cutoff / Button) ← Your money spot

This is where you print chips. You act last (or near-last) postflop. Open wide.

Hand	Action	Notes
Everything above	RAISE	All early + middle position hands, plus...
55, 44, 33, 22	RAISE	Small pairs. Set-mine or steal blinds.
A2s–A8s	RAISE	Any suited ace. Flush potential + blocker value.
T9s, 98s, 87s, 76s	RAISE	Suited connectors — huge implied odds in position.
QTs, J9s, T8s	RAISE	Suited one-gappers. Straight + flush draws.
KTo, QJo, QTo, JTo	RAISE	Offsuit broadways profitable in late position.
A9o–A5o	RAISE (BTN)	Button only. Play cautiously postflop if an ace hits — you may be outkicked.
65s, 54s	RAISE (BTN)	Speculative suited connectors. Button only.

## The Blinds (SB / BB)

You already have money in the pot, but you'll be **out of position** for the entire hand. Don't defend junk just because you already paid.

Position	Strategy
Small Blind	<b>Raise or fold</b> — don't limp/complete. Open with a range similar to middle position when folded to you. Completing the SB with weak hands is a major leak.
Big Blind	You close the action and get a discount. <b>Defend</b> wider than other positions (any pair, suited connectors, suited aces, Broadway hands). <b>Fold</b> trash (72o, 83o, etc.) even though you already paid.

💡 **The #1 beginner mistake:** Playing too many hands from early position and too few hands from the button. This chart exists to fix that. Memorize the ranges, and you'll already be better than most players at your home game.

## Quick Decision Framework

Before every preflop decision, ask these 3 questions:

#	Question	What it tells you
1	What's my hand?	Is it on the chart for my position?
2	What's my position?	Early = tight. Late = open up. Blinds = raise or fold.
3	What happened before me?	Folded to you? Use this chart. Someone raised? Tighten significantly.

### 🔑 Key Concepts:

**Suited (s)** = same suit (e.g., A♠K♠). Worth ~3-4% more equity than offsuit.

**Offsuit (o)** = different suits (e.g., A♠K♥). Still playable, but less flexible.

**Broadway** = any card T or higher (T, J, Q, K, A).

**Connectors** = adjacent cards (e.g., 9♠8♠). Make straights and straight draws.

**Set-mining** = calling with a pair hoping to flop three-of-a-kind. Profitable when stacks are deep.

## What's Next?

This chart covers **Skill 1 (Hand Recognition)** and **Skill 2 (Position Power)** — the foundation of the Tiltless training system. When the app launches, you'll drill these concepts interactively until the right play is automatic.

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