

# The Bulletproof Beginner's Guide

## EP1 Early Position 1 7% OF HANDS

AA	AK	AQ	AJ	AT	A9	A8	A7	A6	A5	A4	A3	A2
AK	KK	KQ	KJ	KT	K9	K8	K7	K6	K5	K4	K3	K2
AQ	KQ	QQ	QJ	QT	Q9	Q8	Q7	Q6	Q5	Q4	Q3	Q2
AJ	KJ	QJ	JJ	JT	J9	J8	J7	J6	J5	J4	J3	J2
AT	KT	QT	JT	TT	T9	T8	T7	T6	T5	T4	T3	T2
A9	K9	Q9	J9	T9	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92
A8	K8	Q8	J8	T8	98	88	87	86	85	84	83	82
A7	K7	Q7	J7	T7	97	87	77	76	75	74	73	72
A6	K6	Q6	J6	T6	96	86	76	66	65	64	63	62
A5	K5	Q5	J5	T5	95	85	75	65	55	54	53	52
A4	K4	Q4	J4	T4	94	84	74	64	54	44	43	42
A3	K3	Q3	J3	T3	93	83	73	63	53	43	33	32
A2	K2	Q2	J2	T2	92	82	72	62	52	42	32	22

An open raise is when the first person to enter the pot preflop does so by raising. These are typically sized between 4bb-7.5bb in live cash games and 2bb-4bb online.

## EP2 Early Position 2 8% OF HANDS

AA	AK	AQ	AJ	AT	A9	A8	A7	A6	A5	A4	A3	A2
AK	KK	KQ	KJ	KT	K9	K8	K7	K6	K5	K4	K3	K2
AQ	KQ	QQ	QJ	QT	Q9	Q8	Q7	Q6	Q5	Q4	Q3	Q2
AJ	KJ	QJ	JJ	JT	J9	J8	J7	J6	J5	J4	J3	J2
AT	KT	QT	JT	TT	T9	T8	T7	T6	T5	T4	T3	T2
A9	K9	Q9	J9	T9	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92
A8	K8	Q8	J8	T8	98	88	87	86	85	84	83	82
A7	K7	Q7	J7	T7	97	87	77	76	75	74	73	72
A6	K6	Q6	J6	T6	96	86	76	66	65	64	63	62
A5	K5	Q5	J5	T5	95	85	75	65	55	54	53	52
A4	K4	Q4	J4	T4	94	84	74	64	54	44	43	42
A3	K3	Q3	J3	T3	93	83	73	63	53	43	33	32
A2	K2	Q2	J2	T2	92	82	72	62	52	42	32	22

## EP3 Early Position 3 9% OF HANDS

AA	AK	AQ	AJ	AT	A9	A8	A7	A6	A5	A4	A3	A2
AK	KK	KQ	KJ	KT	K9	K8	K7	K6	K5	K4	K3	K2
AQ	KQ	QQ	QJ	QT	Q9	Q8	Q7	Q6	Q5	Q4	Q3	Q2
AJ	KJ	QJ	JJ	JT	J9	J8	J7	J6	J5	J4	J3	J2
AT	KT	QT	JT	TT	T9	T8	T7	T6	T5	T4	T3	T2
A9	K9	Q9	J9	T9	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92
A8	K8	Q8	J8	T8	98	88	87	86	85	84	83	82
A7	K7	Q7	J7	T7	97	87	77	76	75	74	73	72
A6	K6	Q6	J6	T6	96	86	76	66	65	64	63	62
A5	K5	Q5	J5	T5	95	85	75	65	55	54	53	52
A4	K4	Q4	J4	T4	94	84	74	64	54	44	43	42
A3	K3	Q3	J3	T3	93	83	73	63	53	43	33	32
A2	K2	Q2	J2	T2	92	82	72	62	52	42	32	22

Notice how few offsuit hands we play from early spots. This is because you're going to get called frequently in small stakes games, and these hands play best with fewer callers.

## MP1 Middle Position 1 10% OF HANDS

AA	AK	AQ	AJ	AT	A9	A8	A7	A6	A5	A4	A3	A2
AK	KK	KQ	KJ	KT	K9	K8	K7	K6	K5	K4	K3	K2
AQ	KQ	QQ	QJ	QT	Q9	Q8	Q7	Q6	Q5	Q4	Q3	Q2
AJ	KJ	QJ	JJ	JT	J9	J8	J7	J6	J5	J4	J3	J2
AT	KT	QT	JT	TT	T9	T8	T7	T6	T5	T4	T3	T2
A9	K9	Q9	J9	T9	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92
A8	K8	Q8	J8	T8	98	88	87	86	85	84	83	82
A7	K7	Q7	J7	T7	97	87	77	76	75	74	73	72
A6	K6	Q6	J6	T6	96	86	76	66	65	64	63	62
A5	K5	Q5	J5	T5	95	85	75	65	55	54	53	52
A4	K4	Q4	J4	T4	94	84	74	64	54	44	43	42
A3	K3	Q3	J3	T3	93	83	73	63	53	43	33	32
A2	K2	Q2	J2	T2	92	82	72	62	52	42	32	22

## MP2 Middle Position 2 15% OF HANDS

AA	AK	AQ	AJ	AT	A9	A8	A7	A6	A5	A4	A3	A2
AK	KK	KQ	KJ	KT	K9	K8	K7	K6	K5	K4	K3	K2
AQ	KQ	QQ	QJ	QT	Q9	Q8	Q7	Q6	Q5	Q4	Q3	Q2
AJ	KJ	QJ	JJ	JT	J9	J8	J7	J6	J5	J4	J3	J2
AT	KT	QT	JT	TT	T9	T8	T7	T6	T5	T4	T3	T2
A9	K9	Q9	J9	T9	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92
A8	K8	Q8	J8	T8	98	88	87	86	85	84	83	82
A7	K7	Q7	J7	T7	97	87	77	76	75	74	73	72
A6	K6	Q6	J6	T6	96	86	76	66	65	64	63	62
A5	K5	Q5	J5	T5	95	85	75	65	55	54	53	52
A4	K4	Q4	J4	T4	94	84	74	64	54	44	43	42
A3	K3	Q3	J3	T3	93	83	73	63	53	43	33	32
A2	K2	Q2	J2	T2	92	82	72	62	52	42	32	22

Later positions are when we start opening up. When you feel you have a skill advantage, look 1 position ahead and try raising some of the suited hands.

For example, use A2s from the CO range when opening MP2.

## CO Cutoff 20% OF HANDS

AA	AK	AQ	AJ	AT	A9	A8	A7	A6	A5	A4	A3	A2
AK	KK	KQ	KJ	KT	K9	K8	K7	K6	K5	K4	K3	K2
AQ	KQ	QQ	QJ	QT	Q9	Q8	Q7	Q6	Q5	Q4	Q3	Q2
AJ	KJ	QJ	JJ	JT	J9	J8	J7	J6	J5	J4	J3	J2
AT	KT	QT	JT	TT	T9	T8	T7	T6	T5	T4	T3	T2
A9	K9	Q9	J9	T9	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92
A8	K8	Q8	J8	T8	98	88	87	86	85	84	83	82
A7	K7	Q7	J7	T7	97	87	77	76	75	74	73	72
A6	K6	Q6	J6	T6	96	86	76	66	65	64	63	62
A5	K5	Q5	J5	T5	95	85	75	65	55	54	53	52
A4	K4	Q4	J4	T4	94	84	74	64	54	44	43	42
A3	K3	Q3	J3	T3	93	83	73	63	53	43	33	32
A2	K2	Q2	J2	T2	92	82	72	62	52	42	32	22

## BTN Button 37% OF HANDS

AA	AK	AQ	AJ	AT	A9	A8	A7	A6	A5	A4	A3	A2
AK	KK	KQ	KJ	KT	K9	K8	K7	K6	K5	K4	K3	K2
AQ	KQ	QQ	QJ	QT	Q9	Q8	Q7	Q6	Q5	Q4	Q3	Q2
AJ	KJ	QJ	JJ	JT	J9	J8	J7	J6	J5	J4	J3	J2
AT	KT	QT	JT	TT	T9	T8	T7	T6	T5	T4	T3	T2
A9	K9	Q9	J9	T9	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92
A8	K8	Q8	J8	T8	98	88	87	86	85	84	83	82
A7	K7	Q7	J7	T7	97	87	77	76	75	74	73	72
A6	K6	Q6	J6	T6	96	86	76	66	65	64	63	62
A5	K5	Q5	J5	T5	95	85	75	65	55	54	53	52
A4	K4	Q4	J4	T4	94	84	74	64	54	44	43	42
A3	K3	Q3	J3	T3	93	83	73	63	53	43	33	32
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Folding around to your small blind is the most complex preflop open raise spot. We recommend a very defensive strategy for beginners.

This is also the only position where open limping is acceptable (see page 10 for more info).

## SB Small Blind 21% OF HANDS

AA	AK	AQ	AJ	AT	A9	A8	A7	A6	A5	A4	A3	A2
AK	KK	KQ	KJ	KT	K9	K8	K7	K6	K5	K4	K3	K2
AQ	KQ	QQ	QJ	QT	Q9	Q8	Q7	Q6	Q5	Q4	Q3	Q2
AJ	KJ	QJ	JJ	JT	J9	J8	J7	J6	J5	J4	J3	J2
AT	KT	QT	JT	TT	T9	T8	T7	T6	T5	T4	T3	T2
A9	K9	Q9	J9	T9	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92
A8	K8	Q8	J8	T8	98	88	87	86	85	84	83	82
A7	K7	Q7	J7	T7	97	87	77	76	75	74	73	72
A6	K6	Q6	J6	T6	96	86	76	66	65	64	63	62
A5	K5	Q5	J5	T5	95	85	75	65	55	54	53	52
A4	K4	Q4	J4	T4	94	84	74	64	54	44	43	42
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