

High-Low-Split Omaha Eight-or-better for Intermediate players

Your decision of continuing to play the High-Low Omaha Eight-or-better game after the pre-flop in most cases is guided by the kind of information you have on the true status of your hands.

The number of players at the table against the status of your pocket cards can dictate the rest of the playing strategy in High-Low Omaha Eight-or-better games.

Unbeatably, strong starting hands could be those that are with Ace because the Ace can function to form both the high and low hand. You can judge your strategy of the high-low eight-or-better game based on such. Though, an Ace in the beginner round is a great plus, you need to follow the 2 from the pocket and 3 from the board formula in forming your hands.

You can confidently proceed with playing the following hands in the pre-flop:-

- AA2X
- AA3X
- A23X
- A24X
- A2XX
- A34X
- AAXX

With AA2X the winning possibilities matter with the "x" card that will show up in the community table for such a hand. Some of the qualifying combinations for the split for eight-or-better are as follows:-

432A > 532A > 542A > 543A > 5432 > 632A > 642A > 643A > 6432 > 652A > 653A > 6532 > 654A > 6542 > 6543 > 732A > 742A > 743A > 7432 > 752A > 753A > 7532 > 754A

However, you need to understand that in high-low Omaha eight-or-better the strength of the hand is based on the competitive rank of your opponent's hand. For instance, for an A2XX the combination of A2KK is stronger than A2J8, the strength of the X card would decide the final result of the play despite strong beginning hands. Numbers 6, 7, 8, 9 can cause to decrease the strength of the hand for the high-low Omaha [eight-or-better game](#).

Starting hands like AA2X, AA3X, AA45, A23X, A2KK, A2QQ, A2JJ, A345, AAXX, A2KQ, A2KJ, A2XX, A2XX, A3KK, A34X, 2345, JQKA, TJQK, KKQJ, QJT9, 234X.

Any starting hand that has numbers between ten and Ace is worth playing. All the above combination of cards is with TJKQJ assortments; however, the 2345 without an ace can be easily beaten if an Ace does not come in the community card. Such a hand should be folded in the flop if an Ace does not turn up.

It is always wise to fold in the pre-flop with a bad combination hand without an Ace or any high rank card; however you can wait Ace in the flop else fold. Sometimes, luck can be favorable in the second and third community card rounds, deciding to play the turn and river with medium strength hands should be based on odds and several strategies.

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