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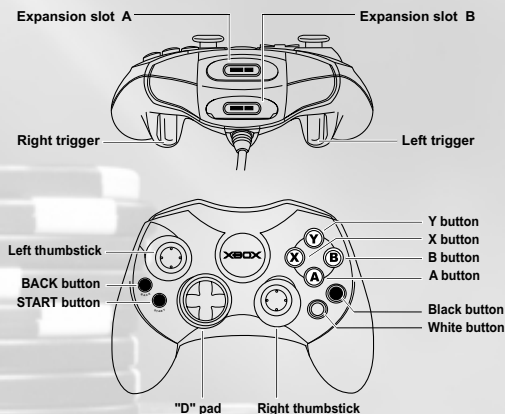
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CONTROLS



Command	Function
In Game - Offline	
Right thumbstick	Rotate first person camera / scroll player camera
BACK button	Toggle between in-game displays
START button	Pause and show menu
Click the left thumbstick	Toggle player info
Currently not implemented	Show Poker Advisor
Click the right thumbstick	Switch camera mode
In Game – Online	
Right thumbstick	Rotate first person camera / scroll player camera
BACK button	Toggle between in-game displays
START button	Show menu
Click the left thumbstick	Toggle player info
Not implemented	Show Poker Advisor
Click the right thumbstick	Switch camera mode
During Character Setup	
White button	Randomize face / body / clothes
Black button	Rotate body
Right thumbstick	Rotate head / Rotate body
Click right thumbstick	Switch right thumbstick between rotating head and rotate body. Default is rotate head

INTRODUCTION

For well over a hundred years poker has been a staple of American culture. From the plains of the Wild West to battlefields on distant shores, poker has been there. In recent years poker has become a spectator sport and televised poker tournaments continue to draw big ratings.

Now you no longer have to sit on the sidelines watching the action unfold. *World Championship Poker* puts you at the table with card sharks and rank newbies alike. So get your best poker face, your coolest sunglasses or maybe just your lucky hat and let's play!

MAIN MENU

Key features available from the Main Menu include:

Sit & Go (single player)

A single-player mode where you can jump into the action for a quick game without the pressure or intensity of tournament play. Apply any winnings to qualify for tournaments.

Tournaments (single player)

Plan your professional poker career here. Choose from dozens of tournaments to enter and conquer. Winning or doing well in some tournaments will qualify you for higher-stakes events and unlock others. These unlockable tourneys appear in grey on the tournament list. Can you win them ALL?

Multiplayer Online

Test your skills—and luck—against other players over the Internet. A broadband Internet connection and a subscription to XBOX Live™ are required for online play.

Character Setup

Here you can create your own likeness or just have some fun and create the greatest player who ever cleared a poker table. Choose from more than 40 different custom attributes, from the color of your shirt to the color of your teeth (ewww!). Hey, not every poker champion has a modeling contract.

Tutorial

Here you can learn the ins and outs of the different poker games available in *World Championship Poker*.

CHARACTER SETUP

Before you begin playing in any game mode, you will need to create a character. You can choose to play with the default character, to edit the default character, or to create your own character from scratch.

Cash Accounts: No matter what you choose, any new character starts with \$1,000 of both online and offline cash. Any progress you make or cash you win with that character will be saved to that character's accounts.

To create a character from scratch, select a slot marked "[empty]" from the character list. After naming your character and selecting his (or her) basic attributes, you will then choose your character's face, body and clothing. You can spend as much time as you want tweaking your character with the ridiculous number of options available to you.

If you want to see a random selection on any screen, click the left thumbstick.

Once you save your character, you're ready to play poker!

SIT & GO

This is the quickest way to get into a casual game of poker.

Sit & Go Game Options:

- **Rules:** Choose from among 12 different poker games. A detailed description of each game's rules appears in "The Games," below.
- **Limits:** Choose what type of stakes you want to play for:
 - **No Limit:** Players may bet as much as they have in front of them.
 - **Limit:** Bets are set for each round.
 - **Half-Pot:** Players may bet as much as half the amount of the pot.
 - **Pot Limit:** Players may bet as much as the amount of the pot.
- **Buy-in:** Select the size of the prize pool. Larger buy-ins will only become available when you've won enough to qualify.
- **Max. Players:** Choose the total number of players at the table. Fewer players will generally mean shorter games, but the pots will be smaller.
- **Location:** Choose where you want to play.

Once a game has started, you can choose how much information you want to see during a game. Pressing the BACK button toggles between three different levels of information.

TOURNAMENTS

Your professional poker career begins here. Choose from a variety of events and stakes. You have a large list to choose from when you begin, and the list will get even longer as you win tournaments. Qualify for larger stakes and unlock hidden events.

The number of players in each tournament can vary from six to 250. Just like real-life poker tournaments, these are single-elimination events. You must finish in the top tier in order to qualify for more advanced tournaments. If you lose a tournament event, you may re-enter it, but it starts from the beginning.

Highlight a tournament from the list and select it to read a brief description of the rules, stakes and number of players in the event. How long will it take you to become the World Poker Champion? Good Luck!

MULTIPLAYER ONLINE

To fully experience *World Championship Poker*, you will want to play online and test your skills against other players from down the block or across the country.

XBOX LIVE™

TAKE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POKER BEYOND THE BOX

Xbox Live™ is a high-speed or broadband Internet gaming community where you can create a permanent gamer identity, setup a Friends List with other players, see when they're online, invite them to play, and talk to them in real-time as you play.

Xbox Live™ Aware enables a game without the multiplayer-gaming mode to still take advantage of certain Xbox Live features. If you are an Xbox Live subscriber, you can receive invitations to play other Xbox Live games online, view your Friends List, get information about the current status of other players, and be automatically signed in to Xbox Live with Xbox Live Aware.

XBOX LIVE™

See how your high scores rank versus other players from around the world.

When connected to Xbox Live, if you have beaten your highest posted score, World Championship Poker will ask if you wish to post your score to the Xbox Live scoreboard. The Xbox Live scoreboard will then display your scores ranking and the scores above and below it.

Select Xbox Live High Scores from any table to see the top nine scores for that table.

POKER OVERVIEW

BLINDS

To start a new hand two “Blind” bets are put up or “Posted.” The player immediately to the left of the dealer puts up or “posts” the **small blind** which is equal to half the minimum bet. The player to the left of the small blind posts the **big blind**, which is equal to the minimum bet. The rest of the players do not put up any money to start the hand. Because the deal rotates around the table, each player will eventually act as the **big blind**, **small blind** and dealer.

THE OPENING BET

Each player is dealt two cards face down, with the player on the **small blind** receiving the first card and the player with the **dealer button** getting the last card. The first betting round begins with the player to the left of the **big blind**. The betting goes around the table in order until it reaches the player who posted the **small blind**. The last person to act is the **big blind**. If no one has raised, the dealer will ask if they would like the option. This means the **big blind** has the option to raise or just “check.” By checking, the player does not put in any more money.

THE FLOP

After the first betting round is completed, three cards are dealt and turned face up in the middle of the table. This is known as the “**Flop**.” These are community cards used by all the players. Another betting round begins with the first active player to the left of the dealer button. *(Note: Some games, such as Five-Card Draw, have no community cards, or “flop.” Players bet only on the cards in their hands. Players complete their hands and go straight to the “showdown.”)*

THE TURN

When the betting round after the flop is completed, the dealer turns a fourth card face up in the middle of the table. This is referred to as the “**Turn**.” Betting begins again with the first active player to the left of the dealer.

THE RIVER

Following the betting round for the **turn**, the dealer will turn a fifth and final card face up. This is called the “**river**.” The final round of betting begins.

THE SHOWDOWN

To determine the winner, the players may use any combination of their two hole cards and the five cards on the “Board” (table) to form the highest five-card hand. In some rare cases the best hand will be the five cards on the board. In that case, the active players will split the pot.

WINNING POKER HANDS

Name	Example	Definition
Royal Flush	A♠-K♠-Q♠-J♠-10♠	A,K,Q,J, and 10 all of the same suit.
Straight Flush	Q♥-J♥-10♥-9♥-8♥	Five cards in sequence and all of the same suit.
Four-of-a-Kind	K♠-K♥-K♦-K♣	Four cards of the same rank.
Full House	K♠-K♥-K♦-A♠-A♥	Three of a kind, plus a pair.
Flush	Q♥-10♥-9♥-6♥-2♥	Five cards of the same suit.
Straight	10♦-9♥-8♠-7♦-6♠	Five cards in sequence. (Ace can be high or low.)
Three-of-a-Kind	J♠-J♥-J♦-7♠-2♥	Three cards of the same rank.
Two Pair	K♠-K♥-8♣-8♦-7♠	Two cards of one rank and two cards of another rank.
Pair	J♠-J♥-A♦-10♥-3♣	Two cards of the same rank.
High Card	A♦-9♥-8♦-7♠-3♠	Highest card wins.

THE GAMES

TEXAS HOLD’EM

This is a simple game to learn but a hard game to master. Each player is

dealt two personal cards and then five community cards are turned up on the board. You make the best five-card hand using any combination of the seven cards.

1. Post Small and Big Blinds.
2. Deal two hole cards face down.
3. Begin betting.
4. Deal three cards on the Flop.
5. Deal one card on the Turn.
6. Deal one card on the River.
7. Use any combination of hole cards and community cards to make the best hand.

OMAHA

In Omaha Hold’em you are dealt four hole cards (instead of two). In order to make a hand a player must use precisely two hole cards with three board cards. The betting is the same as in Texas Hold’em. At the showdown, the entire four-card hand should be shown to receive the pot.

1. Post Small and Big Blinds.
2. Deal four hole cards face down.
3. Begin betting.
4. Deal three cards on the Flop.
5. Deal one card on the Turn.
6. Deal one card on the River.
7. Must use two hole cards and three community cards to make the best hand.

PINEAPPLE, CRAZY PINEAPPLE AND TAHOE

These are three different styles of Texas Hold’em. You are initially dealt three cards instead of two. In Pineapple, you immediately discard one of the three cards you are dealt, and the poker game proceeds exactly as in Texas Hold’em. In Crazy Pineapple, you discard the third card after the second betting round, before the fourth community card is dealt. In Tahoe, you keep all three cards through showdown, but may not use all three of them to make a poker hand—you may use none, one, or two cards from your hand, combined with those on the board, to make your final five-card hand.

PINEAPPLE

1. Post Small and Big Blinds.
2. Deal three hole cards face down.
3. Begin betting.
4. Discard one hole card.
5. Deal three cards on the Flop.
6. Deal one card on the Turn.
7. Deal one card on the River.
8. Use any combination of hole cards and community cards to make the best hand.

CRAZY PINEAPPLE

1. Post Small and Big Blinds.
2. Deal three Hole Cards face down.
3. Begin betting.
4. Deal three cards on the Flop.
5. After second round of betting, discard one Hole Card.
6. Deal one card on the Turn.
7. Deal one card on the River.
8. Use any combination of hole cards and community cards to make the best hand.

TAHOE

1. Post Small and Big Blinds.
2. Deal three hole cards face down.
3. Begin betting.
4. Deal three cards on the Flop.
5. Deal one card on the Turn.
6. Deal one card on the River.
7. May use up to two hole cards and three community cards to make the best hand.

DOUBLE FLOP HOLD'EM

Just as the name implies, two flops are dealt, which means you will have more cards to choose from in order to make your hand.

1. Post Small and Big Blinds.
2. Deal two hole cards face down.
3. Begin betting.

4. Deal two Flops, each with three cards.
5. Deal a one-card Turn on each Flop.
6. Deal a one-card River on each Flop.
7. For each Flop, use any combination of hole cards and community cards to make the best hand. The pot is split between the winners of each Flop.

SUPER HOLD'EM

Super Hold'em is played just like regular Texas Hold'em, but you receive one extra hole card. That makes a total of three hole cards.

1. Post Small and Big Blinds.
2. Deal three hole cards face down.
3. Begin betting.
4. Deal three cards on the Flop.
5. Deal one card on the Turn.
6. Deal one card on the River.
7. Use any combination of hole cards and community cards to make the best hand.

FIVE-CARD DRAW

This is the classic poker from the Wild West. Many call this game "beginners' poker." There are no community cards. Played with five dealt cards with the option to discard up to three cards. You may also discard four cards if your remaining one card is an ace. The winner is chosen by the highest hand.

1. Ante up. (Post Small and Big Blinds in tournaments.)
2. Deal five cards face down.
3. Begin betting.
4. Discard up to three cards. (four cards if you have an ace).
5. Dealer "draws" to replace any discarded cards.
6. Begin the second and final round of betting.
7. The best hand takes the pot.

SEVEN-CARD STUD

Seven-card stud is considered the poker player's poker game. In this game you are given two cards down and one up, which everyone can see. Then you are dealt additional cards called "streets" until you have seven cards in your hand. Then you try to make the best five card hand possible.

1. Ante up. (Post Small and Big Blinds in tournaments.)

2. Deal two hole cards face down and one card face up.
3. Lowest card face up brings in the bet.
4. Deal one card, "4th Street," face up to each player.
5. Resume betting with highest card "hand" showing.
6. Deal one card, "5th Street," face up to each player.
7. Resume betting with a higher minimum bet.
8. Deal one card, "6th Street," face up to each player.
9. Deal one card face down to each player, known as "7th Street" or "The River."
10. Use any combination of cards to make the best five-card hand.

TRIPLE DRAW

This is actually five-card draw with some crazy twists. In the case of our variation 2-7 draw, the lowest hand wins, but straights and flushes count and aces are considered high. Thus, A2345 is a very bad hand and the best possible hand is 23457 (and it can't be a flush).

1. Post Small and Big Blinds.
2. Deal five cards face down.
3. Begin betting.
4. Discard up to all five cards. Discard no cards to "stand pat."
5. Dealer "draws" to replace any discarded cards.
6. Second round of betting.
7. Discard up to all five cards.
8. Dealer "draws" to replace any discarded cards.
9. Third round of betting.
10. Discard up to all five cards.
11. Dealer "draws" to replace any discarded cards.
12. Followed by a final round of betting.
13. Worst (lowest) hand wins. "Wheel" is 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 with no Flush.

BILLABONG POKER

You are dealt two down cards and one up card. Next, two community cards are dealt, followed by a second betting round, beginning with the player with the best exposed partial poker hand. Then a third community card is dealt, followed by a third betting round. Finally a fourth community card and fourth betting round and showdown. You play the best five-card poker hand you can make from the three in your hand plus the four on the board in any combination.

1. Post Small and Big Blinds.
2. Deal three hole cards face down and one card face up.
3. Begin betting.
4. Deal three cards on the Flop.
5. Deal one card on the Turn.
6. Deal one card on the River.
7. Must use three or four hole cards and one or two community cards to make the best five-card hand.

SHANGHAI

Shanghai poker is played the same way as Billabong with an extra hole card, but no more than two hole cards play. You are dealt three down cards and one up card. Each player must discard one of his hole cards. The most common variation is to discard immediately as in Pineapple Poker; the second most common is to discard just before the showdown like in Tahoe.

1. Post Small and Big Blinds.
2. Deal three hole cards face down.
3. Begin betting.
4. Deal two cards on the Flop.
5. Deal two cards on the Turn.
6. Deal one card on the River.
7. Use any combination of hole cards and community cards to make the best hand.

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