

boski poker

<p>Chinese Poker Rules</p>

<p>Introduction</p>

<p>Open-face Chinese poker (OFC) evolved from closed-face</p>

<p> (regular) Chinese poker, but it is not necessary to know the

; rules or strategies of</p>

<p> regular Chinese poker in order to enjoy OFC.</p>

<p>Like other poker games, OFC players take</p>

<p> turns drawing cards from a single deck, trying to make the be

st possible hand, while</p>

<p> their competitors do the same. Unlike other poker games, howe

ver, there are no bets</p>

<p> placed during the rounds of play. Instead, the players agree to play

per point and</p>

<p> the game is scored in points, similar to card games like hearts or gin

rummy.</p>

<p>After all</p>

<p> card-placement rounds are complete, each player will have arr

anged 13 cards into three</p>

<p> hands, called the top, the middle, and the bottom. </p>

<p>Each player s top hand is</p>

<p> compared to his or her opponents top hand, the middle to the middle,

and the bottom to</p>

<p> the bottom. A player will win or lose points, based on how his or her

hand measures</p>

<p> up.</p>

<p>The three hands are scored and compared as regular poker hands

. The bottom and</p>

<p> middle are regular five-card hands. The top only contains thr

ee cards, but is scored</p>

<p> the same way, thus the best possible hand on top would be three-of-a-k

ind, while most</p>

<p> top hands are high-card hands.</p>

<p>Since each player need 13 cards from the deck, OFC is</p>

<p> played with a maximum of four players. Most commonly, the gam

e is played heads-up</p>

<p> between just two opponents.</p>

<p>Objective</p>

<p>The first objective of OFC is to make a</p>

<p> qualifying hand. There is a strict rule that the bottom hand must be

at least as good</p>

<p> as the middle hand, and that the middle hand must be at least

as good as the top hand.</p>

<p> Since a player is arranging his cards one at a time, this isn

t always possible. If he</p>

<p> or she has already played a pair of kings in middle, and has

a straight draw on the</p>

<p> bottom using cards all lower than a king, he or she must comp

lete the</p>