

Poker Squares (a.k.a. Poker Solitaire, Poker Square)

Game materials:

- a shuffled standard (French) 52-card deck
- a pen and Poker Squares grid for each player

Rules: Each turn, a card is drawn from the deck and announced. Each player must then privately write the card rank and suit (e.g. "10C" for 10 of Clubs, "AH" for Ace of Hearts) in any empty cell of their 5-by-5 grid. Once written in the grid, cards may not be moved. After all players have written the card, the next turn begins. When player grids are full after 25 cards, grids are scored.

Scoring: The 5-card hand of each grid row and column is scored according to a point system. The American point system scores hands as follows:

<u>Poker Hand</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Example</u>
Royal Flush	100	A 10-J-Q-K-A sequence all of the same suit	10♣, J♣, Q♣, K♣, A♣
Straight Flush	75	Five cards in sequence all of the same suit	A♦, 2♦, 3♦, 4♦, 5♦
Four of a Kind	50	Four cards of the same rank	9♣, 9♦, 9♥, 9♠, 6♥
Full House	25	Three cards of one rank with two cards of another rank	7♠, 7♣, 7♦, 8♥, 8♠
Flush	20	Five cards all of the same suit	A♥, 2♥, 3♥, 5♥, 8♥
Straight	15	Five cards in sequence; Aces may be high or low but not both	8♣, 9♠, 10♥, J♦, Q♣
Three of a Kind	10	Three cards of the same rank	2♠, 2♥, 2♦, 5♣, 7♠
Two Pair	5	Two cards of one rank with two cards of another rank	3♥, 3♦, 4♣, 4♠, A♣
One Pair	2	Two cards of one rank	5♦, 5♥, 9♣, Q♠, A♥
High Card	0	None of the above	2♦, 3♣, 5♠, 8♥, Q♦

A player's total score is the sum of the hand scores for each of the 10 row and column hands.

Scoring example:

AH	AD	JS	JC	JH	25	
9H	7D	9S	9C	7H	25	
8H	8D	8S	8C	4D	50	
QH	10D	10S	10C	4C	10	
6H	5D	6S	5C	2D	5	
Column Scores	20	20	20	20	2	197

Row Scores

Total Score

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					Row 2 Score
					Row 3 Score
					Row 4 Score
					Row 5 Score
Col. 1 Score	Col. 2 Score	Col. 3 Score	Col. 4 Score	Col. 5 Score	Total Score

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