

## **Poker Tip #6**

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### **Subject: Overcards**

What is an Overcard?: An Overcard is a card on the flop that is higher than either of your hole cards.

e.g. Flop is.....A 8 4  
You hold.....K Q

The 'A' on the flop is higher than your highest card (K), and is therefore an Overcard to your hand.

Note: There are 52 cards in a deck.

At a 10 player table, 20 (of those 52) will be dealt down as hole-cards.

That means that on average, around the table in somebody's hand, there will be approx. 1.5 Aces, 1.5 Kings, 1.5 Queens, 1.5 Jacks, etc.

So: Let's say that you were dealt a pair of Kings.  
You need to understand that there is a very good chance that one or more players have an Ace in the hole.

Then, if an 'A' flops, your K's are probably in trouble, especially in a tournament where there are inexperienced players who will play almost any Ace, no matter how low the kicker is.

Or: Even worse, if you were dealt a pair of Queens, that means that there is an extremely strong chance that approx. 3 players have either an Ace or King in the hole.

Then, if either an 'A' or 'K' flops, your Q's are probably no good.

Situation: You limp-in with KQ from middle position, with several other players in the hand.

Flop comes A K 4.

You now have a pair of K's.

If somebody bets, there is such a strong chance that they now have a pair of A's, that it is generally considered best to fold your pair of K's.

| <u>Statistics:</u> | <u>Your</u><br><u>Hole Cards</u> | <u>% Chance that an</u><br><u>Overcard will Flop</u> | <u>It's easier to remember</u><br><u>if they are rounded-off</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
|                    | K K or K x                       | 23%  | 20%  |
|                    | Q Q or Q x                       | 41%  | 40%  |
|                    | J J or J x                       | 57%  | 60%  |
|                    | T T or T x                       | 69%  | 70%  |
|                    | 9 9 or 9 x                       | 79%  | 80%  |