

Fold

When it is the player's turn in a [betting round](#) facing a [wager](#) he can decide to [fold](#) the hand. This means he surrenders his holding to the [dealer](#) who places the cards into the [muck](#).

The [muck](#) is the place at the table where the [dealer](#) collect all folded cards and [burned cards](#) in order to shuffle them back into the deck when the hand is concluded. Placing your hand into the [muck](#), or folding, means your hand is dead. Depending on house rules there is a line in front of each player in live [poker](#) at the table, any chip or [holecards](#) that cross this line is either considered a [wager](#) or a [muck/fold](#). Be aware of this in order to not get into a situation where the [dealer](#) has to [call](#) your hand dead due to it being considered "put in the [muck](#)" by the player crossing the line in front of them with their [holecards](#).

By folding the player also surrenders any right to winning the pot and any betting rights until the hand is concluded.

Openfolding is the expression for folding the hand at the beginning of a [betting round](#) without a voluntary [wager](#) being placed by another player. While openfolding hands is good before the flop due to having to [call](#) the blind bets in order to be involved. Folding postflop without facing a [bet](#) is not a good play, because there is the chance of either seeing another card for free, as most hands have at least a small amount of pot-equity, or if in the last round of betting to participate at [showdown](#) if there is any hand involved you can theoretically beat.

[Mucking](#) is another word for folding, which is used especially at [showdown](#) when a player already showed a stronger hand. Depending on the house rules a [showdown muck](#) can be requested to be shown. It is a gentlemen's agreement to not having to show when [mucking](#) though and can be seen as a breach of etiquette to request to see a mucked hand from an opponent in order to gain a [read](#). In online [poker](#) it depends on the site rules if mucked hands can be seen or not at [showdown](#).

It is also considered bad mannered to [fold](#) a hand face-up when there are still more than one player involved into the hand. Usually the house rules specify when it is allowed to show a [holecard](#), even when folding or [mucking](#).