

Getting Started at an Online Poker Room

Purpose of the Document

If you have never played online before there are a few things you need to know. This document will take you step by step from selecting an online poker room to signing up for real money play. Many of these steps, as well as others issues, are covered separately under the [F.A.Q.](#) section of this site.

Should you decide to play for real money you will need to know how to transfer money to and from an online poker room. This document is designed to help you understand this process and is organized under the following headings:

- **Choosing a Poker Room and Sign-up Bonus**
- **Installing Software**
- **Registration**
- **Playing for Real Money**
- **Choosing and Opening an E-wallet Account (like [Neteller](#))**

After reviewing this document, if you still have questions email them to: info@PokerLibraryOnline.com.

Choosing a Poker Room and Sign-up Bonus

- Read the reviews on [PokerLibraryOnline](#) (<= Click here for Pacific Poker Review as an example) to get an idea what each site offers.
- Compare sites by categories such as bonus offered, best rating, traffic, tournament selection etc. by clicking on “See All Listings” by your category preference. For example, click here to check out the [Best Bonus](#) category at PokerLibraryOnline. Most poker rooms offer some type of incentive for you to sign up as a real money player. Don’t be fooled by the size of the bonus. Every bonus has a minimum amount of play required in order to obtain it. The higher the bonus the longer it will take to earn it.
- Some card rooms pay the bonus in \$10 or \$20 increments as you reach certain milestones while other card rooms make you qualify for the full bonus before you get any bonus at all. Read the fine print carefully before you sign up. The fine print is usually found under “Promotions” on most poker room websites.
- For an example look at [PokerLibraryOnline - Gaming Club Review](#) (See Site Advantages and Bonuses near the bottom of the review). This will give you an idea of what is required to get a bonus. Offers are constantly changing. Always check the poker room website before signing up. The fine print is usually found under “Promotions” on most poker room websites.

Installing Software

- Make sure to click on the link that says “**Exclusive bonus via this Link**” on the PokerLibraryOnline review page of the poker room you wish to play at. In many cases PokerLibraryOnline has access to [exclusive bonuses](#) not available elsewhere. Downloading from this bonus link qualifies you for the bonus amount. You are still required to meet the minimum play requirements of the poker room.
- Follow the installation instructions and register with the poker room. If you want to play for free you still need to register. If you decide to register as a real money player later (usually within 7 days) you are still eligible for the exclusive [PokerLibraryOnline Bonus](#) amount

Registration

Most poker room registration processes are similar. You will need to supply the following information:

- Name, Address, City, Zip or Postal code, Country, Age or date of birth, email address.
- You must be at least 18 years old to gamble in most jurisdictions; this is why you are asked for your date of birth. Gaming is not legal in every jurisdiction. Please check with you local authorities before you decide to play for real money.
- After registration most every poker rooms will send you an email with a verification link or verification code that must be entered before you are allowed into the poker room.

Playing for Real Money

- Should you choose to play for real money you will need to visit the ”cashier” or “bank” at your card room of choice.
- Most card rooms accept Visa, Mastercard, Neteller, Firepay, Western Union, Wire transfer and a host of other options.
- Many banks in Canada and the United States have specifically blocked usage of their credit cards at online gaming establishments. The only way to find out is to try and make a deposit using your credit card. If it is declined you can email or live chat with the card room support staff to find out why. They will let you know the reason for the decline.
- Regardless of how you made your first deposit you will want to open an E-wallet account to take your winnings out. Waiting for a check in the mail takes too long.

Choosing and Opening an E-Wallet Account

- To play for real money you will need some type of E-wallet account as an intermediary between your bank and merchant of your choice.

- Examples of recognized brands of E-wallets are [Neteller](#) and [Firepay](#). We will use Neteller for this example. Neteller and Firepay are the most widely accepted E-wallet companies.
- Neteller is a financial institution situated between your bank or credit card company and the poker room or merchant. Once your account is set up you can easily transfer funds from your Neteller account to any merchant you choose. Neteller does not appear to your bank as a gaming company so your credit card will not be declined for this reason. For more information read <http://neteller.com/ab/learn/?about=depositing&sub=registering>.
- **Important** - Unless you plan to play in Euros or GBP, make sure you open a U.S.dollar Neteller account. If the currency in your country is not U.S. dollars, having a U.S. dollar Neteller account will save you currency exchange fees every time you cash out of one poker room and transfer money to another poker room or merchant.
- Once open you will need to deposit money into your Neteller account. You can fund your Neteller account immediately by using a credit card for a small fee. If you wish to deposit funds to your Neteller account from your bank, you need to set up a link between your bank and Neteller by registering a bank account with Neteller. This will take a few days to complete. Details are available at the Neteller website. Go to <http://neteller.com/ab/learn/?about=depositing&sub=registering>.
- Once your bank account has been registered you can transfer money from your bank account to your Neteller account. The first transaction usually takes a few days to clear. After your first deposit and your identity has been verified, Neteller will allow you to make instant deposits without waiting for the funds to clear. For deposit options visit <http://neteller.com/ab/learn/?about=depositing>.
- After your Neteller account is set up it is fast and easy to deposit and withdraw money from you bank to a merchant and then back to your bank with a few clicks of the mouse.

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