

# Button Opening Range (6-Max & 9-Max)

## Chart

|     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| AA  | AKs | AQs | AJs | ATs | A9s | A8s | A7s | A6s | A5s | A4s | A3s | A2s |
| AKo | KK  | KQs | KJs | KTs | K9s | K8s | K7s | K6s | K5s | K4s | K3s | K2s |
| AQo | KQo | QQ  | QJs | QTs | Q9s | Q8s | Q7s | Q6s | Q5s | Q4s | Q3s | Q2s |
| AJo | KJo | QJo | JJ  | JTs | J9s | J8s | J7s | J6s | J5s | J4s | J3s | J2s |
| ATo | KTo | QTo | JTo | TT  | T9s | T8s | T7s | T6s | T5s | T4s | T3s | T2s |
| A9o | K9o | Q9o | J9o | T9o | 99  | 98s | 97s | 96s | 95s | 94s | 93s | 92s |
| A8o | K8o | Q8o | J8o | T8o | 98o | 88  | 87s | 86s | 85s | 84s | 83s | 82s |
| A7o | K7o | Q7o | J7o | T7o | 97o | 87o | 77  | 76s | 75s | 74s | 73s | 72s |
| A6o | K6o | Q6o | J6o | T6o | 96o | 86o | 76o | 66  | 65s | 64s | 63s | 62s |
| A5o | K5o | Q5o | J5o | T5o | 95o | 85o | 75o | 65o | 55  | 54s | 53s | 52s |
| A4o | K4o | Q4o | J4o | T4o | 94o | 84o | 74o | 64o | 54o | 44  | 43s | 42s |
| A3o | K3o | Q3o | J3o | T3o | 93o | 83o | 73o | 63o | 53o | 43o | 33  | 32s |
| A2o | K2o | Q2o | J2o | T2o | 92o | 82o | 72o | 62o | 52o | 42o | 32o | 22  |

■ Raise (core) ■ Mixed ■ Fold

**The range:** 22+, A2s+, K2s+, Q4s+, J6s+, T6s+, 95s+, 85s+, 74s+, 64s+, 53s+, 43s, A2o+, K7o+, Q8o+, J8o+, T8o+, 97o+, 87o, 76o, 65o

51.4% of hands (682 combos) · +19.0% of hands (252 combos)

## The mixed band (open part of the time)

Q2s

Q3s

J3s

J4s

J5s

T3s

T4s

T5s

94s

84s

73s

63s

K2o

K3o

K4o

K5o

K6o

Q4o

Q5o

Q6o

Q7o

J6o

J7o

T7o

96o

86o

75o

64o

54o

The button is the most profitable seat in poker for one reason: it is the only seat that is guaranteed to act last on every post-flop street. Position is worth so much that hands which are clear folds anywhere else — 53s, 74s, K3o, 64o — become profitable opens, because you can see what your opponent does before you decide, and you can take the pot away on any street.

Two blinds means two hands to get through, and both of them are folding a big chunk of the time. That fold equity alone pays for a large part of the range. What makes the button different from the cutoff is not just that you steal more often; it is that when you get called, you get to realise far more of your equity, so hands that would be losers out of position turn into winners.

The button range is also where the mixed band matters most: the gap between the 51% core and the 70% wide version is 252 combos of genuinely marginal hands (Q2s–Q3s, J3s–J5s, T3s–T5s, K2o–K6o, 54o, 64o, 75o). Against blinds who defend and 3-bet correctly, open the core. Against blinds who overfold, the wide version is free money.