

Increasing Aggression

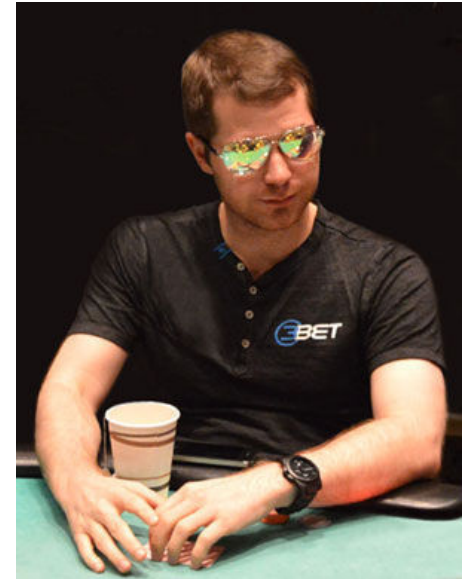
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Why increase aggression?

- If your opponents fold too often, you will win more money if you are the one making them fold too often.
- You will have a higher hourly rate and will move to larger games quickly.

Why increase aggression?

- You must learn to play against each specific opponent.
- You must adjust to their specific tendencies.
- Playing aggressively makes poker more fun, engaging, and interactive.

Bankroll Management

- As you play more wildly, you will experience larger swings.
- Higher variance must be acceptable if you want to win at the maximum rate possible.

Bankroll Management

- Playing passively will lead to you slowly bleeding off your stack.
- Playing aggressively will lead to you either building a large stack or losing most of it.
- Because of this, you must keep a proper bankroll.

Open raise with more hands

- When the action folds to you, especially in late position, be willing to open raise with numerous hands.
- Open limping in from any position is unacceptable.
- If the blinds are tight, raise with an overly wide range.

Typical Button raising range

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

Attack limpers

- When weak players limp, do not be afraid to frequently raise them.
- Be prepared to continuation bet the flop, especially when heads up or three handed.

Squeeze when it makes sense

- Raising over a raise and a few callers will show a huge amount of profit if you expect them to frequently fold.
- Your main concern should be the initial raiser's raising and calling of your reraise range.

Open pushing when short stacked

- When everyone folds to you in late position, you should go all-in with a wide range when you have around 12 big blinds or less.
- Limping or raising small is usually vastly inferior to pushing.

Open Pushing vs. Other Plays

- If you limp, you may get shoved on and have to fold.
- If you minraise, you may get pushed on and have to fold.
- When you have a reasonably strong hand, you do not want to fold.

Reraise preflop with a wider range

- If your opponents are raising with a wide range, do not be afraid to reraise with a wide range.
- Be prepared to continuation bet most flops.

Recognize when you are being reraised wide and four bet

- If your opponents are reraising you often, do not be afraid to four bet with a wide range if you think they will frequently fold.
- This will lead to high variance but if your reads are frequently correct, you will win a huge amount of money.

Bet when checked to

- When players fail to continuation bet, they usually do not have a strong hand unless they are known to slow play.
- Especially multiway, it is usually a good idea to take a stab at the pot when checked to.

Float the flop

- Attack habitual continuation bettors on the flop by floating.
- When someone bets the flop, be willing to call with a wide range, especially when you have some equity.
- The plan is to win with aggression on a later street.

Playing the turn when checked to

- Simply make a bet you think will win the pot.
- The goal is to act as if you have a made hand you are betting for value.
- Always be sure to play strong hands in a similar manner to your bluffs, especially against good opponents.

Playing the turn when bet into again

- Assess if your opponent will frequently bet the turn when you call the flop.
- If he will frequently bet again, do not be afraid to raise, assuming you have deep stacks.
- If he will only bet when he has a premium hand, you should tend to fold.

Raise the flop

- If you think your opponent will continuation bet with a wide range, do not be afraid to raise, especially when you have some equity.
- If your opponent only continuation bets when he has a strong hand, raising would be bad.

Check raise the flop

- Out of position, floating is rarely a good idea.
- Instead, you should check raise if you want to bluff.
- It is often a good idea to bet again on the turn when called.

Attack scary boards

- When the board drastically changes, you should strongly consider betting again.
- If it is impossible for you to have the newly made nuts or if your opponent likely has it, you should not bet.
- Paired boards are good to bluff when deep stacked when your opponent likely doesn't have trips.

Attack strong ranges when your opponent thinks you are also strong

- If your opponent thinks you are tight, you can reraise with a wide range on all streets.
- You should usually continuation bet the flop and continue betting on later streets if it makes sense.

Raise to increase your equity

- Quite often in multiway pots, you will be against numerous players who all have some amount of equity.
- If you can raise and make some of them fold, you will win the hand much more often and will also be able to play more intelligently.

Do not blindly apply aggression

- If your opponent has a strong range and will rarely fold to aggression, do not apply pressure.
- If your opponent thinks you are overly wild, do not apply pressure.
- If you have recently applied pressure, you should probably chill out for a few minutes.

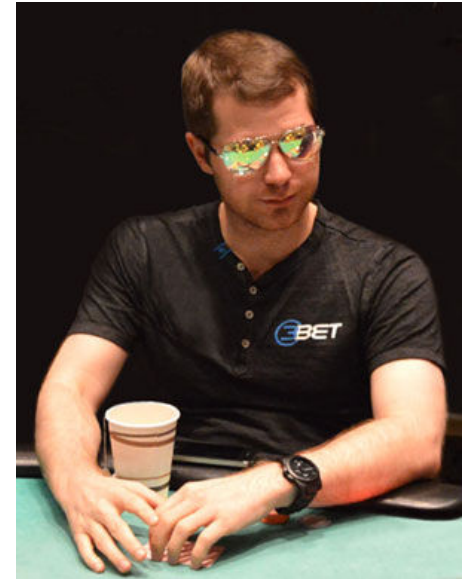
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