

## elite x bet

Timing Is Everything

Understanding when to get aggressive and when to let go is fundamental to this style of play. Let's look at two examples that illustrate the difference.

**Example Hand 2**

You are playing against loose, but not stupid, players and your table image for the ones that have been paying attention is pretty good. You haven't pulled off any obscene bluffs and you don't think anyone has any particular reason to believe you're betting with air.

You are holding J-J and your preflop raise gets three callers, with the board falling A-9-6. You figure that there was a good chance no one had an ace and bet again. Two players fold, leaving you and one opponent.

The turn brings a 7 and you bet again, hoping to charge your opponent for chasing a draw and to try and prevent a medium pair from speaking two pair.

Your opponent calls your turn bet and a 5 comes on the river. This puts you in a tight spot.

You have been playing aggressively, so do you fire a third barrel on the river?

If your answer is no, go and get a cookie and move to the front of the class.

Against a calling station you can bet away as they will call with all sorts of hands and you are likely to have them beat. But your opponent is a standard player and if they were on a straight draw there's a very good chance they just made it.

If they have an ace, there's no way they're going to fold. There is a slim chance they're holding T-9 and that you have missed a value bet on the river. However, as a rule of thumb, don't bet on the river unless you can get better hands to fold (no way on this board); or get worse hands to call.

If you now bet and they check-raise, you will almost certainly have to lay your hand down. Take the free showdown and see if you win. There is a good