



3 Way – Action

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Procedures & Training Guidelines for 3 Way – Action

PLAYING THE GAME

3 Way Action is a casino game played with a single deck of 52 standard poker type playing cards. It is played on a table shaved like a standard Blackjack table. In front of each player and the dealer there are three spots marked **High Card, Blackjack, and Poker**. The game begins with each player must make a bet on each of these three spaces. The bets do not have to be equal. 3 Way-Action contains a blackjack type wager. The rules pertaining to how the nonproprietary blackjack game is played can be found on the WSGC's website.

When all bets are placed the dealer deals one card to each player and himself, face up, on the space marked High Card. If the player's card is higher in rank than the dealer's card the player is paid even money on the High Card space. If the dealer's card is higher in rank than the player's card the dealer collects the player's High Card wager. If the cards are equal in rank, half of the player's wager is returned to the player and the house retains the other half.

Once the High Card wager is settled the dealer deals a second card to each player, face up on the spot marked Blackjack. The dealer also deals a second card to himself face down. The player's two cards represent the initial two cards in the player's Blackjack hand and the dealer's two cards represent the initial two cards in the dealer's Blackjack hand, the first dealt card representing the dealer's up card and the second card being the dealer's hole card.

The players and then the dealer each complete a Blackjack hand with the following rules. The dealer stands on all hard totals of seventeen or more, meaning the dealer must hit all soft seventeen's. The players may double on their first two cards, may not split a pair except for Aces and cannot surrender. Both player and dealer are limited to drawing five cards. In other words, the maximum number of cards allowed in any Blackjack hand is seven cards. If the player draws to seven (7) cards totaling twenty-one or less, the player wins automatically. All of the hands are settled as in regular Blackjack but all of them, including busted hands, remain on the table and are used to play the third and final game.

The third game is Poker. If the players' (or dealer's) hands consist of less than 7 cards the dealer deals out enough remaining cards so that each participant has a 7-card hand. From these seven cards the players and the dealer pick out their best 5-card Poker hand (usual 5 card Poker hand rankings). If the dealer doesn't qualify with an Ace high or better, then each player wins one half of his or her wager. If the dealer does qualify then wagers are settled, each player versus dealer, in the usual Poker fashion. Ties, as in regular Poker, are pushes.

In addition there is an optional **Bonus** bet that is paid using a pay table. The bet has to be within the Bonus Bet limits and does not have to equal any of the other bets on the table. The Bonus is settled in terms of the player's 5 card Poker hand. Simply make two pair, jacks high or better. Or please see posted payable on the casino layout.

BETTING FOR THE DEALER

Management at each casino will make the determination on bets for the dealer.

HOW IS THE GAME DEALT

The dealer will shuffle the deck using the appropriate house procedure. The shuffled cards are placed into a shoe. The dealer deals left to right giving each participating player one card face up and one card to himself face up. After all players and the dealer receive their first card and the High Card wager is settled, each player receives a second card face up, the dealer deals his second card to himself, face down. The dealer, again dealing left to right, will hit players until they stand or bust, leaving all cards on the layout. If the player draws to seven (7) cards without busting, the player wins automatically. Once all the Blackjack hands are finalized and resolved the dealer once again, starting from left to right, deals out each player face down enough remaining cards so that each participant (including the dealer) has a 7-card hand. From these seven cards the players and dealer pick out their best five-card poker hand. Once the poker wagers are settled, the dealer settles any bonus wagers using the posted pay table. Once all bonus wagers are settled the dealer will collect all the cards and begin a new round of play.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TABLE AND EQUIPMENT

The 3 Way-Action table is a semi-circle playing surface. The table includes:

- A padded rail attached to the circular outer edge of the table.
- A felt playing surface (containing miscellaneous logos) and having six betting positions.
- A chip rack (with clear security cover) located on the straight edge of the table.
- A playing card discard holder
- A table limit sign.
- A dealer tip box (*optional*)
- A dealing shoe (*optional*)

POKER: HAND RANKINGS

The permissible poker hands in the game of Poker, in order of highest to lowest rank will be:

- a) **"Royal Flush"** is a hand consisting of an ace, king, queen, jack and ten of the same suit.
- b) **"Straight Flush"** is a hand consisting of five (5) cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking, with king, queen, jack, ten, and nine being the highest-ranking straight flush and ace, two, three, four, five being the lowest ranking straight flush.

- c) **“Four-of-a-Kind”** is a hand consisting of four (4) cards of the same rank regardless of suit; with four (4) aces being the highest-ranking four-of-a-kind and four (4), two’s being the lowest ranking four-of-a-kind.
- d) **“Full House”** is a hand consisting of “three-of-a-kind” and a “pair”, with three (3) aces and two (2) kings being the highest ranking full house and three (3) twos and (2) threes being the lowest ranking full house.
- e) **“Flush”** is a hand consisting of five (5) cards of the same suit.
- f) **“Straight”** is a hand consisting of (5) cards of consecutive rank, regardless of suit with an ace, king, queen, jack and ten being the highest ranking straight and an ace, two, three, four and five being the lowest ranking straight. However, an ace may not be combined with any other sequence of cards for purposes of determining a winning hand (e.g., queen, king, ace, two, three).
- g) **“Three-of-a-Kind”** is a hand consisting of three (3) cards of the same rank regardless of suit; with three (3) aces being the highest-ranking three-of-a-kind and three (3), two’s being the lowest ranking three-or-a-kind.
- h) **“Two Pairs”** is a hand consisting of two (2) “pairs”, with two (2) aces and two (2) kings being the highest ranking two (2) pair and two (2) three’s and two (2) two’s being the lowest ranking two (2) pair.
- i) **“One Pair”** is a hand consisting of two (2) cards of the same rank, regardless of suit; with two (2) aces being the highest-ranking pair and two (2), two’s being the lowest ranking pair.

WAGERS

- a) All wagers in 3 Way-Action are made with gaming chips.
- b) The casino establishes the betting limits for all wagers.
- c) Only players who are seated at a 3 Way Action table may wager at the game.
Once a player has placed a wager and received cards, the player will remain seated until that completion of that round of play. (Card room operators must not allow wagering limits to exceed the authorized limits set out in WAC 230-15-040 and WAC 230-15-140).

PROCEDURES FOR COMPLETION FOR A ROUND OF PLAY

- a) Each player that bets at 3 Way Action will be responsible for his own hand. No other persons, other than the player and dealer, may touch the cards of that player. Cards must be kept within the parameters of the table and in full view of the dealer at all times.
- b) The player’s first card constitutes the card to use for settlement of the High Card wager. Bets are taken or paid accordingly. Winning bets to be paid and pushed out of the circle.
- c) Once all High Card wagers are settled, the dealer continues to deal a standard blackjack round and bets are taken or paid accordingly. Keep in mind that players may not receive more than seven (7) cards. If a player draws to seven (7) cards without busting player wins automatically.
- d) After all Blackjack wagers are settled the dealer deals out each player face down enough remaining cards so that each participant (including the dealer) has a 7-card hand. From these seven cards the players and dealer pick out their best five-card poker hand.

- e) Once all poker wagers are settled, the dealer settles any bonus wagers using the posted pay table.
- f) All cards are then picked up, placed in the discard rack, and bets are placed for the next hand.

PAY TABLES AND PERCENTAGES

Bonus Bet

The Bonus bet is a bonus bet whose payoff is determined by the player’s final five-card hand.

**3 Way Action 7-card Bonus Bet “3WA-A” Paytables
(all pays “to 1”)**

Hand	Probability	Paytable 3WA-A1	Paytable 3WA-A2	Paytable 3WA-A3	Paytable 3WA-A4	Paytable 3WA-A5
Royal Flush	0.00003232	100	200	200	250	100
Straight Flush	0.00027851	20	25	30	50	20
4 of a Kind	0.00168067	7	10	15	20	10
Full House	0.02596102	5	5	5	5	6
Flush	0.03025494	4	4	4	4	4
Straight	0.04619382	3	3	3	3	3
3 of a Kind	0.04829870	2	2	2	2	2
2 Pair – Jacks High	0.12995078	1	1	1	1	1
House Advantage		8.08%	7.12%	6.14%	4.58%	4.98%

Summing the individual probabilities of each winning hand for any of the “3WA-A” paytables yields 0.28265. That is, the player will win 28.265% of the time on the 7-card Bonus Bet. This corresponds to a win frequency of **1 in every 3.54 hands**.

**3 Way Action 7-card Bonus Bet “C” Paytables
(all pays “to 1”)**

Hand	Probability	Paytable C1	Paytable C2	Paytable C3	Paytable C4
Royal Flush	0.00003232	1000	1000	1000	500
Straight Flush	0.00027851	100	100	100	100
4 of a Kind	0.00168067	25	25	25	25
Full House	0.02596102	7	7	8	9
Flush	0.03025494	5	5	5	6
Straight	0.04619382	3	4	4	3
3 of a Kind	0.04829870	3	3	3	2
House Advantage		8.08%	7.12%	6.14%	4.58%

With the “C” paytables, the player’s win frequency is 0.1527, or **1 in every 6.55 hands**.

****recommended pay tables are highlighted in yellow****

