

THREE CARD POKER® RULES

Three Card Poker uses a standard 52-card deck. There are three ways to play. The game allows the player to wager against the dealer, to wager only on the value of his own hand, or to wager both against the dealer and on the value of his own hand. The game must be used with a shuffler produced by Shuffle Master Inc.

Ranking of Hands

The ranking of the hands in Three Card Poker differs from traditional poker hands. In Three Card Poker, a STRAIGHT beats a FLUSH. Cards are ranked from highest to lowest as follows.

STRAIGHT FLUSH
THREE OF A KIND
STRAIGHT
FLUSH
PAIR

If a hand does not contain a pair or better, the hand that contains the highest ranking card(s) wins. Ace is high except in 3-2-Ace sequence.

Three Ways To Play

(1) *Playing Against the Dealer - ANTE WAGER*

The object when playing against the dealer is to get a three card poker hand with a value higher than the dealer's qualifying hand of a Queen or better. Players place an ANTE wager. After looking at their three card poker hand, players may fold or, if they believe their hand is high enough to beat the dealer's hand, they will place an amount EQUAL to the ANTE on the PLAY spot.

Playing Against the Dealer

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| • Player folds | LOSE |
| • When dealer does not play | PLAY is a PUSH
ANTE wins 1 to 1 |
| • When dealer plays and player's hand beats dealer's hand | PLAY wins 1 to 1
ANTE wins 1 to 1 |
| • When dealer plays and dealer's hand beats player's hand | PLAY is a loss
ANTE is a loss |

The ANTE BONUS is paid when a player is dealt one of the three highest ranking hands in the game. **The ANTE BONUS is paid regardless of the dealer's hand.**

(2) *Playing the Hand Value - PAIR PLUS*

The object of betting the PAIR PLUS wager is to receive a pair or better. If the player's hand contains a pair or better the player wins the PAIR PLUS wager. **Players receive PAIR PLUS payouts regardless of the dealer's hand.**

PAIR PLUS payouts are attached.

(3) *Playing Both - PAIR PLUS and ANTE*

When a player bets both the PAIR PLUS and the ANTE (including PLAY), he is playing against two separate paytables with two different criteria for payouts. In playing the ANTE wager, the object is to get a three-card poker hand that beats the dealer's qualifying hand of Queen or better. In playing the PAIR PLUS wager, the object is to receive a pair or better. **The ANTE and PAIR PLUS wagers do not have to be the same amount. Players receive the PAIR PLUS payouts regardless of the dealer's hand.** Players can wager anywhere from the table minimum to the maximum allowed bet on either spot. However, the PLAY wager must always equal the ANTE wager.

If the player has made the ANTE wager and the PAIR PLUS wager, he must make the PLAY wager or will forfeit both the ANTE and PAIR PLUS wagers.

*** Side bets between players are prohibited.**

Three Card Poker
Paytable Summary

Paytable Designator Description	TCP-01 A/A		TCP-02 A/B		TCP-03 B/A		TCP-04 B/B	
	Ante A Paytable	Pair Plus A Paytable	Ante A Paytable	Pair Plus B Paytable	Ante B Paytable	Pair Plus A Paytable	Ante B Paytable	Pair Plus B Paytable
OUTCOME								
Straight Flush	5	40	5	40	5	40	5	40
Three of a Kind	4	30	4	25	3	30	3	25
Straight	1	6	1	6	1	6	1	6
Flush		4		4		4		4
Pair		1		1		1		1
Par per Ante	3.37%		3.37%		3.61%		3.61%	

Paytable Designator Description	TCP-05 C/A		TCP-06 C/B		TCP-07 A/C		TCP-08 B/C	
	Ante C Paytable	Pair Plus A Paytable	Ante C Paytable	Pair Plus B Paytable	Ante A Paytable	Pair Plus C Paytable	Ante B Paytable	Pair Plus C Paytable
OUTCOME								
Straight Flush	4	40	4	40	5	40	5	40
Three of a Kind	3	30	3	25	4	30	3	30
Straight	1	6	1	6	1	5	1	5
Flush		4		4		4		4
Pair		1		1		1		1
Par per Ante	3.83%		3.83%		3.37%		3.61%	

Paytable Designator Description	TCP-09 C/C		TCP-10 A/D		TCP-11 B/D		TCP-12 C/D	
	Ante C Paytable	Pair Plus C Paytable	Ante A Paytable	Pair Plus D Paytable	Ante B Paytable	Pair Plus D Paytable	Ante C Paytable	Pair Plus D Paytable
OUTCOME								
Straight Flush	4	40	5	40	5	40	4	40
Three of a Kind	3	30	4	30	3	30	3	30
Straight	1	5	1	6	1	6	1	6
Flush		4		3		3		3
Pair		1		1		1		1
Par per Ante	3.83%		3.37%		3.61%		3.83%	



RULES OF PLAY:

1. Three Card Poker Bonus features an optional bonus side bet.
2. The bet considers the best hand possible among each individual player's cards.
3. Paytables (with Envy Bonuses) offered are shown below:

Hand	TCPB-03E	TCPB-04E	Envy (both paytables)
AKQ Spades	4,000 to 1	3,000 to 1	\$100
AKQ Suited	1,000 to 1	1,000 to 1	\$25
Straight Flush	100 to 1	50 to 1	\$5
Three of a Kind	75 to 1	40 to 1	
Straight	n/a	6 to 1	
House advantage	19.59%	19.50%	
Hit frequency	0.45%	3.71%	

4. Paytables (with no Envy Bonuses) offered are shown below:

Hand	TCPB-01	TCPB-02
AKQ Spades	4,000 to 1	4,000 to 1
AKQ Suited	1,000 to 1	1,000 to 1
Straight Flush	125 to 1	60 to 1
Three of a Kind	100 to 1	40 to 1
Straight	n/a	7 to 1
House advantage	19.46%	20.45%
Hit frequency	0.45%	3.71%

5. Shuffle Master recommends a \$1 bonus wager.
6. To begin each round, players must make their standard wagers and, if they like, the bonus wager.
7. The dealer will place an “Envy” lammer next to each player’s bonus bet.
8. The dealer then follows house procedures for dealing the regular game.
9. Bonus payouts:
 - a. If the player’s hand qualifies for bonus payouts, the dealer pays him according to the posted payable. If the player’s hand doesn’t qualify for payouts, the dealer removes the cards. The Envy button will remain at the player’s position until all bonus side bets are reconciled.
10. Envy Bonuses (as applicable):
 - b. If a player’s hand triggers an Envy payout, the dealer will leave it face-up on the layout; otherwise, the dealer will lock up the cards. The dealer will then move on to the next player.
 - c. The dealer pays any Envy Bonuses at the end of the round. If at least one player has a straight flush or higher, all players that made the bonus bet win. See appropriate payable for Envy Bonus payouts.
 - d. A player cannot win Envy Bonuses for his own hand or the dealer’s hand.**
 - e. If more than one Envy Bonus hand occurs during a single round, players that made the bet receive multiple Envy payouts.