



Training Manual

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Overview of the Rules

Introduction

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. Note: Exceptions are listed at page 7.

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.** The ANTE BONUS payouts are attached.

(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.

Dealing Procedures

Three Card Poker must be dealt with an automatic card shuffler produced by SHFL entertainment, such as SHFL's i-Deal[®] or ACE[®].

1. Each player makes a wager as indicated below, according to posted table limits:
 - To play against the dealer by placing an ANTE wager on the ANTE spot.
 - To play the hand value against the payable by placing a PAIR PLUS wager on the PAIR PLUS spot.
 - To play against the dealer and the payable by placing the ANTE wager on the ANTE spot and a PAIR PLUS wager on the PAIR PLUS spot.
 - At the casino's discretion, a player may place wagers at two adjacent betting positions during a round of play.
2. The dealer shall announce "No more bets" prior to the dealer dispensing any stacks of cards. Verbally acknowledge those players who have not made the PAIR PLUS wager. (Example: "No PAIR PLUS, position 2, 3 and 5.")
3. Each player and the dealer receive three cards face down. Cards are delivered face down to the player from the dealer's left to right in rotation. To enhance game security, do not expose the bottom card.
4. After examining his or her cards, the player has the option to either make a PLAY wager in the amount EQUAL to the player's ANTE wager, or forfeit the ANTE wager by folding. If a player has placed an ANTE wager and a PAIR PLUS wager but does not make a PLAY wager, the player forfeits both the ANTE wager and the PAIR PLUS wager.
5. After each player has either placed a PLAY wager on the PLAY spot or folded, the dealer collects all forfeited wagers and cards.
6. The dealer will arrange his hand from highest card value to the lowest, and announce, "Dealer doesn't play" or "Dealer plays with a Queen."
7. The dealer will then reconcile the hands of those players who have not folded. Starting with the player on the dealer's right, bring the player's hand into the "work area" between the dealer's hand and the PAIR PLUS wager and reveal the player's cards. The dealer will pay and/or take from the back forwards, reconciling the PLAY wager first, the ANTE BONUS second, the ANTE wager third and the PAIR PLUS wager last. The dealer will lay and pay, or pick and pay, depending on casino procedures. At the casino's discretion, the dealers can resolve the bets in the order the casino wishes.

Irregularities in Dealing Procedures

1. Incorrect number of cards in player's/dealer's hand.

If any player or the dealer is dealt an incorrect number of cards, all hands are void and the cards reshuffled.

2. Card shuffler malfunction.

1. Refer to the trouble shooting guide on the back of the shuffler, or;

2. If the shuffler has continually malfunctioned, replace it as follows:

1. Turn off the shuffler.
2. Unplug the power cord.
3. Replace the shuffler with the backup shuffler.
4. Plug in the power cord and the data cable.
5. Turn the shuffler on.
6. CALL SHFL entertainment to service the shuffler.
7. Resume play.

OR

3. Follow specific procedures approved by your local regulatory body.

Exceptions

In many jurisdictions, the ANTE wager is mandatory. (For Example: Louisiana and certain California casinos.)

In these cases, the player must make the ANTE wager to play against the dealer's hand, and may make the PAIR PLUS wager to bet on the outcome of his or her hand against a posted PAIR PLUS pay table.

Operators cannot allow wagering limits to exceed the authorized limits set out in WAC 230-15-040 and WAC 230-15-140.

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 Ante Bonus Paytable	Pair Plus A Pair Plus Paytable	Ante A Ante Bonus Paytable	Pair Plus B Pair Plus Paytable	Ante B Ante Bonus Paytable	Pair Plus A Pair Plus Paytable	Ante B Ante Bonus Paytable	Pair Plus B Pair Plus 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 Flush	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 Ante Bonus Paytable	Pair Plus A Pair Plus Paytable	Ante C Ante Bonus Paytable	Pair Plus B Pair Plus Paytable	Ante A Ante Bonus Paytable	Pair Plus C Pair Plus Paytable	Ante B Ante Bonus Paytable	Pair Plus C Pair Plus 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 Flush	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 Ante Bonus Paytable	Pair Plus C Pair Plus Paytable	Ante A Ante Bonus Paytable	Pair Plus D Pair Plus Paytable	Ante B Ante Bonus Paytable	Pair Plus D Pair Plus Paytable	Ante C Ante Bonus Paytable	Pair Plus D Pair Plus 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 Flush	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 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. SHFL entertainment 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 bets are reconciled.
10. Envy Bonuses (as applicable):
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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.
 - c. **A player cannot win Envy Bonuses for his own hand or the dealer’s hand.**
 - d. If more than one Envy Bonus hand occurs during a single round, players that made the bet receive multiple Envy payouts.

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