

PICK 2 POKER™

Procedures & Training

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PLAYING THE GAME

Pick 2 Poker is played on a Blackjack style table with a standard deck of 52 cards. In front of each player's table spot there are four wagering areas, **5 Card Bonus Only**, **3 - 5 Bonus**, **Ante** and **Play (3 Card – 2x Ante or 5 Card = Ante)**. Players must bet on the 3 – 5 Bonus game and Ante in order to play against the Dealer. The **5 Card Bonus Only** wager is optional. The **3 - 5 Bonus** wager must equal the **Ante** wager. The **Ante** wagers versus the Dealer are settled in the usual poker fashion.

After the initial wagers are placed the dealer deals each player and himself five (5) cards face down. After viewing their five cards Players must decide to Play or Fold. If Players decide to Play, the Player must also decide to play either 3 Card Poker or 5 Card Poker against the Dealer – they may not play both. If Players decide to Fold they lose their Ante and Bonus wagers.

If a Player chooses to play, he will place a bet in the "Play" diamond. If the Player chooses to play 3 Card Poker he will place two times his Ante in the diamond; if he chooses to play 5 Card Poker he will place a wager equal to his Ante. Once the play/fold decision is made the Player will place his cards behind the diamond wagering spot, unless the Player has chosen to play 3 Card Poker – then the 3 cards that are in play are placed behind the diamond spot and the 2 remaining cards are placed face down under the 3 -5 Bonus wager.

The dealer will now expose his hand and set his five card hand in order from highest to lowest card, highlighting his best 3 card hand by pushing those three cards up, toward the players. The dealer will now settle the player's Bonus wagers based on the posted pay tables and then compete versus player's chosen game (3 Card Poker or 5 Card Poker) where the higher of the *Dealer* and *Player* hands wins. Ties are pushes. The winning player is paid even money on all wagers, i.e., the ante and play wagers. The Dealer must qualify with Ace/King or better in 5 Card Poker and does not need to qualify in 3 Card Poker.

Bonus wagers are always in action and Players may win on both the 3 Card and the 5 Card Bonus pay tables along with the 5 Card Bonus only pay table.

OPTIONAL 5 CARD BONUS ONLY

Players are allowed to place an optional 5 card Bonus Only wager which is paid according to the posted pay table and is based on all 5 cards in the Player's hand.

BETTING FOR THE DEALER

Management at each casino will make the final determination on bets (tips) for the dealer.

HOW IS THE GAME DEALT

The game may be dealt by hand or by automatic shuffler. If being dealt by hand, this is the recommended method:

Deal By Hand

The dealer will shuffle the deck using the house procedure for single deck shuffling. Upon completion of the shuffling process, the dealer will cut the deck using a one-handed "poker" cut, cutting the deck and placing the top half of the deck onto a cut card. Using the same hand, the dealer will grasp the bottom half of the deck and place it on top of the first half of the deck. The dealer will pick up the deck and begin dealing each player and himself five (5) cards face down. The dealer removes the cut card from the bottom of the deck and places the deck stub into the discard holder.

Automatic Shuffle Machine

An automated card-shuffling device may be used; when using a shuffler, the casino will be permitted to use a second deck of cards to play the game provided that:

- a) The backs of the cards are of different colors.
- b) The shuffling machine is shuffling one deck while the other deck is either being dealt or used to play the game.
- c) Both decks are continuously alternated in and out of play, with each deck being used for every other round of play.

The applicable house procedure for loading cards into the shuffler will be followed.

PICK 2 POKER: HAND RANKINGS FOR 5 CARD

The permissible poker hands in the game of Pick 2 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 five (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-of-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.
- j) **"High Card"**

PICK 2 POKER: HAND RANKINGS FOR 3 CARD

The permissible poker hands in the game of Pick 2 Poker, in order of highest to lowest rank will be:

- k) **"Royal Flush"** is a hand consisting of an ace, king, queen of the same suit.
- l) **"Straight Flush"** is a hand consisting of three (3) cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking, with king, queen, jack being the highest-ranking straight flush and ace, two, three, being the lowest ranking straight flush.
- m) **"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-of-a-kind.
- n) **"Straight"** is a hand consisting of three (3) cards of consecutive rank, regardless of suit, with an ace, king, queen being the highest ranking straight and an ace, two, three 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., king, ace, two). Note: a Straight ranks higher than a Flush in 3 Card Poker
- o) **"Flush"** is a hand consisting of three (3) cards of the same suit.
- p) **"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.
- q) **"High Card"**

WAGERS

- a) The house will decide the table limits for the Bonus and Ante wagers.
- b) All wagers for Pick 2 Poker are made with gaming chips.

PROCEDURES FOR COMPLETION FOR A ROUND OF PLAY

- a) Each player that bets at Pick 2 Poker will be responsible for his own play. No other person, other than the player or the dealer, may touch the player's wagers. Cards must be kept in full view of the players and dealer at all times and within the parameters of the table.
- b) The optional Bonus wager and 3 -5 Bonus wager should be settled after all other wagers.
- c) If the player chooses to play against the Dealer the better of the 3 Card Poker or 5 Card poker hand Player vs. Dealer wins; wagers are settled in the usual poker fashion.
- d) All cards are picked up, placed in the discard rack, and bets are placed for the next hand.

IRREGULARITIES

- a) If any card is found face up in the shuffler, or the deck, while the cards are being dealt, all hands will be voided and the cards will be reshuffled.
- b) If any incorrect number of cards is dealt, all hands will be voided and the cards will be reshuffled.
- c) If any of the dealer's cards are inadvertently exposed prior to the dealer revealing his cards as described above, all hands will be voided and the cards will be reshuffled.
- d) If an automated shuffle machine is being used and the device malfunctions, jams or fails to deal the appropriate number of cards; the round of play will be voided and the cards will be removed from the device, checked by a casino supervisor, and the cards will be reshuffled.
- e) All above rules in effect only if using shuffle machine.

3-5 Bonus Wager

Five Card Poker Bonus Pay Table

Hand Type	Pay (to 1)
Royal Flush	500
Straight Flush	100
4 of a Kind	25
Full House	12
Flush	10
Straight	4
3 of a Kind	1

Three Card Poker Bonus Pay Table

Hand Type	Pay (to 1)
AKQ Suited	10
Straight Flush	3
3 of a Kind	1

Optional 5 Card Bonus Only Wager

Five Card Bonus Only Pay Table

Hand Type	Pay (to 1)
Royal Flush	500
Straight Flush	100
4 of a Kind	40
Full House	15
Flush	8
Straight	6
3 of a Kind	4
Two Pair	3
Pair of 6s or Better	1