

PYRAMID POKER

Rules of Play

Pyramid Poker is dealt from a shoe utilizing 6 or more standard 52 card decks of cards (with the jokers removed.)

Before the cards are dealt, the player's must place 3 separate wagers onto the 3 corresponding locations on the layout for their hand. The 3 separate wagers have table minimum and maximum limits to be determined by the house, the 3 wagers may be different amounts.

1st wager is the 3 card Pyramid Poker hand that is played against the dealer's 3 card Pyramid Poker Hand. (Main Bet).

2nd wager is the 3 Card Poker hand that is played, and paid per the pay table.

3rd wager is the 6 Card Poker hand (players 3 cards + House's 3 cards) that is played, and paid per the pay table.

Each player in the hand will receive 3 cards that will be their hand, as does the dealers hand consisting of 3 cards. All hands are dealt face down.

The players must set their 3 cards to form 2 poker hands. (1 card in the low hand, and 2 cards in the high hand)

If a player sets the hand were the low hand is higher ranking than the 2 card hand, the hand is considered fouled and the player automatically loses the first wager regardless of the dealers hand, but it does not foul the 3 card hand (2nd wager or the 6 card hand 3rd wager).

If the players 3 cards are 3 of a Kind, it is an automatic winner regardless of the dealer's hand, and is paid 3 to 1 on the 1st wager, 20 to 1 on the 2nd wager, and 2 to 1 minimum on the 3rd wager, with the potential to pay 1000 to 1.

To win or lose the 1st Pyramid Poker wager:

After all players have set their hands (face down) the dealer will then expose their 3 cards, and set their hand per the "House Ways". (See below)

Beginning with the player on the dealer's right, the dealer will expose the player's hand and compare the players 1 card low hand against the dealer's 1 card low hand and determine the winner. Then the dealer will compare the players 2 card high hand against the dealers 2 card high hand and determine the winner.

- If the players 1 card low hand and the players 2 card high hand both outrank the dealers 1 card low hand and 2 card high hand, the player wins even money (1 to 1) on the 1st wager.
- If the players 1 card low and the dealers 1 card low hand are the same ranking (push) and the players 2 card high hand out ranks the dealers 2 card high hand, the player wins even money (1 to 1) on the 1st wager.
- If the players 1 card low hand out ranks the dealers 1 card low hand, and the players 2 card high hand and the dealers 2 card high hand are the same ranking (push), the player wins even money (1to 1) on the 1st wager.
- ❖ If the dealers 1 card low hand and the dealers 2 card high hand both outrank the players 1 card low hand and 2 card high hand, the dealer wins, and collects the 1st wager placing it in the chip rack.
- ❖ If the dealers 1 card low hand and the players 1 card low hand are the same ranking (push) and the dealers 2 card high hand out ranks the players 2 card high hand, the dealer wins, and collects the 1st wager placing it in the chip rack.
- ❖ If the dealers 1 card low hand out ranks the players 1 card low hand, and the dealers 2 card high hand and the players 2 card high hand are the same ranking (push) the dealer wins, and collects the 1st wager placing it in the chip rack.

If the player wins either the 1 card low hand or the 2 card high hand, but loses the other hand, the hand is considered a push and the 1st wager is not taken or paid.

Ranking of Pyramid Poker Hands:

2 card high hand - Pair, descending order: A,K,Q,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2

1 card low hand - Individual ranking, A,K,Q,J, 10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2

Pyramid Poker House Way Rules:

Always split three of a Kind into two hands (one card at second high hand and a pair at high hand).

Always split pair of jacks or higher if the kicker is not less than 4 units.

- a. Pair Jack-----If one card hand is 7 or higher then keep pair together.
- b. Pair Queens—If one card hand is 8 or higher then keep pair together.
- c. Pair Kings-----If one card hand is 9 or higher then keep pair together.
- d. Pair Aces-----If one card hand is 10 or higher then keep pair together.

Always play a pair 10's or less as the two card hand (high hand), regardless of the kicker card.

If no pair, then always play the second high card in the one card hand, the first and third high card in the two card hand. i.e. if a hand has an 8, 10, and a King, then play the 10 in the one card hand (second high hand) and the 8 and King in the two card hand (high hand).

Additional Rules:

Player's may play multiple hands according to House Policies and Procedures. The House may set a maximum aggregate payout per hand, and minimum and maximum wagering limits per hand, according to their House Policies and Procedures.

Player Banker Rules:

Pyramid Poker does allow for the Player to Bank. The Player may only Bank against the House and other player's for the 1st wager. The 2nd and 3rd wagers are always banked by the House. The 3rd wager is determined by utilizing the players 3 cards and the House's 3 cards forming the 6 Card Poker hand the pays per the pay table. The House must bank every other hand.

If a player Banks the game, a "Banker" button will be placed in front of their wagering spot.

The dealer will perform all duties as mentioned above, the only difference being that all players and the dealer are now playing against the player who is banking the game.

The Player who is Banker must have enough "Bank" to cover all potential wagers against them, and prior to the cards being dealt, the dealer will tally up the wagers against the Player Banker for that round, confirming that there is enough in the Player Bank. Co-Banking is not allowed.

The House will take and pay from the Player Banker for all 1st hand (main bet) wagers only. Players may pass the opportunity to Bank at any time.

The Player Banker may choose to have the House wager against their hand at a maximum wager of how much the Player Banker wagered against the House on the previous hand. The Player Banker may also choose not to wager against the House on the 1st wager. The Player Banker must still bet minimum on 2nd and 3rd wagers.

The Player Banker does not have to set their hand the House Way, but cannot set a fouled hand. If the Player Banker does set a fouled hand, the House will re set the hand the House Way.

2nd Wager (3 Card Poker) pay table:

7 or lower, No Ace	Push
One Pair	1 to 1
Flush	2 to 1

Straight	5 to 1
3 of a Kind	20 to 1
Straight Flush	30 to 1
Ace, King, Queen Suited	50 to 1

3rd Wager (6 Card Poker) pay table:

2 pairs	1 to 1
3 of a Kind	2 to 1
Straight	5 to 1
Flush	6 to 1
Full House	7 to 1
4 of a Kind	10 to 1
5 of a Kind	50 to 1
Straight Flush	75 to 1
Royal Flush	200 to 1
6 of a Kind	1000 to 1