



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 Shuffle Master Inc., such as Shuffle Master's BG-2, BG-3 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 SHUFFLE MASTER 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.

****This game will use the approved Shuffle Master owned progressive system containing the following components and their compatible software versions: Game Manager v6.6 Build 520 or higher, Aquarius Controller v6.5.6SP, Coin Spot v6.0 and the progressive displays can be either CHAM2+ v1.66P\$ or ViPS v1.2.0 or higher.**

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 Progressive is an optional progressive side bet.
2. The bet considers the best hand possible among each individual player's cards.
3. Sample Paytable below:

Hand	Paytable 1*	Paytable 2*	Envy (both paytables)
AKQ Spades	100%	100%	\$100
AKQ Hearts/Diamonds/Clubs	500 for 1	500 for 1	\$25
Straight Flush	70 for 1	100 for 1	
Three of a Kind	60 for 1	90 for 1	
Straight	6 for 1	n/a	
*Original Wager is NOT Returned			
Seed amount**	\$1,000	\$1,000	
House advantage	22.33%	22.85%	
Hit frequency	3.72%	0.45%	
Probability of top payout	22,100 to 1	22,100 to 1	
Top payout average**	\$4,000	\$5,000	
**Reflects a \$1 wager. All numbers multiply up for a larger wager.			

4. The meter will be reseeded when the 100% award hits. The cost of the reseed has been factored in to the casino's mathematical advantage.
5. To begin each round, players must make their regular game's wager. They may optionally place any side bet wagers and the progressive wager. Players must place the progressive wagers on the sensor in front of their betting position. The sensor will light up.

6. Once all players place their bets, the dealer will press “COIN IN” on the keypad. The sensors will then light up, indicating a progressive wager. The dealer will then remove all progressive bets from the table.
7. The dealer then follows house procedures for dealing the regular game.
8. The dealer reconciles the standard wager, side bet wager, and progressive wagers at the same time. Follow the procedure in the next section for reconciling percentage pays from the progressive meter.
9. Progressive winners:
 - a. The percentage pays are paid from the progressive jackpot shown on the progressive meter.
 - b. Other hands are paid from the tray; they do not come off the meter.
 - c. In the event more than one progressive meter pay hits during the same round, see Appendix A attached for resolution of the progressive hands.
 - d. When a player has a progressive winner, the dealer shall press the appropriate hand button on the keypad. (If the hand button is pressed by accident, pressing it again will turn it off.)
 - e. The dealer shall then contact a supervisor.
 - f. Once the casino verifies the progressive win, the supervisor shall insert the key and rotate it to “JPH” and then press “J-pot” button. This records the win onto the Game Manager. House procedures are then followed for paying the prize. (Reviewing the monitor connected to the Game Manager will show the prize amount to be paid, and pressing the “money bag” icon will print a win page, which can be used to help record the payout for accounting.)
 - g. Returning the supervisor key to the “Run” position will restore normal operation of the table, and adjust the meter appropriately for the prize won.
 - h. When the dealer reconciles all action, he presses “Game Over.” This resets the system to begin the next hand.
 - i. Once the “J-pot” button is pressed, the prize is logged into Game Manager. If the progressive pay needs to be backed out at this point, the award will need to be manually backed out using the Game Manager manual adjustment feature.
10. Envy Bonus:
 - a. A player making the progressive side wager also qualifies to win an envy payout. If another player at the table hits a hand associated with an envy pay, all other players who made the progressive side bet win the envy pay. The player hitting the hand receives the normal prize pay only, but does NOT receive the envy pay.

Rule of thumb: You can't win an envy bonus pay from yourself, or the dealer. If one player is playing more than one hand and achieves a triggering envy pay, they would be paid the envy bonus on their other hands, as the hands are viewed as independent of each other.

- b. If a player's hand triggers an envy payout, the dealer will leave the hand 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. In the event that more than one player is involved in a qualifying envy pay, then all players win multiple envy payouts.

Appendix A

Reconciling Multiple Progressive Meter Wins

In the event more than one progressive hand, payable from the progressive meter, hits at the same table during the same round, the dealer will first pay the player farthest on his right and then move counter-clockwise to pay other players.

As regulatory procedures permit, this policy can be replaced by casino internal controls.



THREE CARD POKER

Hand	Pays*	Envy
AKQ Spades	100%	\$100
AKQ Hearts/Diamonds/Clubs	500 for 1	\$25
Straight Flush	70 for 1	
Three of a Kind	60 for 1	
Straight	6 for 1	

*Original Wager is NOT Returned