

## 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  | <b>LOSE</b>                                  |
| • When dealer does not play                               | <b>PLAY is a PUSH<br/>ANTE wins 1 to 1</b>   |
| • When dealer plays and player's hand beats dealer's hand | <b>PLAY wins 1 to 1<br/>ANTE wins 1 to 1</b> |
| • When dealer plays and dealer's hand beats player's hand | <b>PLAY is a loss<br/>ANTE is a loss</b>     |

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 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
<b>OUTCOME</b>								
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
<b>Par per Ante</b>	<b>3.37%</b>		<b>3.37%</b>		<b>3.61%</b>		<b>3.61%</b>	

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
<b>OUTCOME</b>								
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
<b>Par per Ante</b>	<b>3.83%</b>		<b>3.83%</b>		<b>3.37%</b>		<b>3.61%</b>	

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
<b>OUTCOME</b>								
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
<b>Par per Ante</b>	<b>3.83%</b>		<b>3.37%</b>		<b>3.61%</b>		<b>3.83%</b>	

## THREE CARD POKER WITH OPTIONAL BAD BEAT SIDE WAGER

### RULES OF PLAY:

1. Three Card Poker Bad Beat Bonus features an optional bet.
2. The bet wins if the player is involved in a bad-beat with the dealer.
  - a. The player has a pair or better and loses to the dealer.
  - b. The dealer has a pair or better and loses to the player.
3. Payouts below:

Hand Beaten	Payout
Straight Flush	15,000 to 1
Three of a Kind	5,000 to 1
Straight	100 to 1
Flush	35 to 1
Pair	4 to 1
House edge	19.87%
Hit frequency	6.59%

Note: The recommended minimum bet is \$1.

4. To begin each round, players must make their standard Three Card Poker wagers and, if they like, the bad-beat wager.
5. The dealer then follows house procedures for Three Card Poker.