

HOW TO PLAY THREE CARD POKER



Three Card Poker is based on the traditional Poker game where you play your hand against the House.

THE AIM OF THE GAME

The aim of the game is for your Poker hand to beat the Dealer's hand. If you draw one of the top three hands you will also be eligible for an additional ante bonus payout. You can also place a pairs plus wager which wins if you have any pair or higher.

TABLE LAYOUT

The Three Card Poker table seats up to seven Players on one side, and the Dealer on the other. Its layout features fields for placing your ante and bet wagers, and a field for placing a pairs plus wager.



HOW TO PLAY

To commence the game, you place a wager in the ante box. You also have the option of placing an additional wager in the pairs plus field. This makes you eligible for bonus payouts, in addition to the regular payout on your winning hand.

After the initial ante stakes have been placed, all Players and the Dealer receive three cards face down.

WILL YOU FOLD OR PLACE YOUR BET?

Inspect your cards, without revealing them to the other Players or the Dealer. If you are not confident that your hand can beat the Dealer's, you may fold by placing your cards face down, in front of your box. If you think you may be able to beat the Dealer's hand, you may elect to play on by making an additional wager. This is known as your Bet wager – it must be equal to the value of your ante wager.

THE DEALER'S HAND

After all Players have either bet or folded, the Dealer displays their hand. The Dealer must have a Queen or higher ranked hand to qualify for the winning payouts.

If the Dealer's hand fails, all ante wagers paid at even money, and all bet wagers are considered void.

If the qualifying Dealers hand is higher than your hand, you lost both your ante and bet wagers.

If you beat the Dealers hand, you will be paid even money on your ante and bet wagers.

Remember, the Dealer must have an odd card hand containing either an Ace, King, Queen or a higher ranked hand for your hand to qualify for the winning bet payout.

WINNING BET PAYOUTS

ANTE WAGER	1 to 1
BET WAGER	1 to 1

ANTE BONUS

If you hold one of the top three highest ranking Poker hands, you will receive an automatic payout called an ante bonus. This is paid at odds on the ante wager.

STRAIGHT	1 to 1
3 OF A KIND	4 to 1
STRAIGHT FLUSH	5 to 1

PAIRS PLUS

You can also make an optional bet called the "pairs plus" wager.

You are not required to win in the main game to be paid on the pairs plus wager, provided the wager was placed prior to any cards being dealt. The pairs plus wager wins when your hand is any pair or better and is paid at the following odds:

PAIR	1 to 1
FLUSH	4 to 1
STRAIGHT	6 to 1
3 OF A KIND	25 to 1
STRAIGHT FLUSH	40 to 1

HOW THE HANDS RANK IN THREE CARD POKER



STRAIGHT FLUSH
The highest hand in Three Card Poker. Three consecutive cards of the same suit.



THREE OF A KIND
Any three cards of the same face value.



STRAIGHT
Three cards of two or more suits running consecutively in face value.



FLUSH
Any three cards of the same suit, but not running consecutively in face value.



PAIR
Any two cards of the same face value and one other odd card.



ODD CARD
An Ace, King or Queen and two other odd cards.

POKER LINK PROGRESSIVE JACKPOT

Three Card Poker also has a jackpot bet which can be placed by the players. Before each game and prior to the dealing of any cards you have the opportunity to participate in the displayed jackpot prize. To do this, place your jackpot wager onto the jackpot sensor adjacent to the regular betting boxes. This makes you eligible for a jackpot prize, in addition to the regular payment made to a winning bet. You receive a jackpot payout on a qualifying hand regardless of whether the dealer opens or not.

The qualifying hand for a jackpot in Three Card Poker shall comprise of the 3 hole cards dealt to the player plus the first two dealer's cards dealt in the area on the layout marked for jackpot inclusion.

POKER LINK JACKPOT PAYOUTS

If you have entered the jackpot and your hand qualifies for a payout, you win the amount appropriate to that hand - regardless of the strength of the Dealer's hand. If two or more Players have major jackpot wins during the same hand, the winners share the jackpots. The following jackpot bonuses are additional to the winning bet payouts.

The progressive jackpot amount is contributed to and can be awarded at all participating poker derivative table games in the casino.

Royal Flush	The greater of \$50,000 or 100% of the jackpot
Straight Flush	The greater of \$5,000 or 10% of the jackpot
4 of a kind	\$500
Full House	\$150
Flush	\$100

WHAT THE THREE CARD POKER TERMS MEAN

"Ante"- The initial wager that commences the game.

"Bet"- An additional wager that must be equal in value to your ante.

"Ante bonus"- An additional payout made if you receive one of the top three hands.

"Pairs plus"- An additional bet that you may contribute to and qualify for on every hand by placing a wager in the pairs plus field.

THE ODDS OF WINNING

The House edge for Three Card Poker is approximately 3.37% based on the ante bet only, and approximately 2.01% on the total bet when played to optimal strategy.

For Poker Link, 85% of each jackpot bet contributes to the jackpot pools. 15% of each jackpot bet is held by the casino. The table below shows the approximate hit rate for each Poker link jackpot.

Poker link Jackpot	approx. hit rate
Royal Flush	1 in 649,740
Straight Flush	1 in 72,193
4 of a kind	1 in 4,165
Full House	1 in 694
Flush	1 in 509

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