

5 Three Card Poker

Basic outline rules/How to play

- 5.1** The game is played with one deck of cards. Ace is high, but may be used as a value of one within a Straight or Straight Flush (see below), being Ace, 2, 3.
- 5.2** Players may make an initial wager, comprising either or both of the following:
- An Ante wager – being that the player's hand will have a higher poker ranking than the dealer's.
 - A Pair Plus wager – being that the player's hand will achieve a particular hand ranking, irrespective of whether it beats the dealer.
- 5.3** Each player and the dealer is dealt three cards face down. Players may touch their cards to assess their hand.
- 5.4** A Player who has made an Ante wager who wishes to continue in the game must make a further wager, called the Play wager, of an equal amount to their Ante bet. Otherwise, their Ante bet will lose.
- 5.5** Players who only placed a Pair Plus wager, without an Ante bet, will remain in the game provided their hand contains at least a pair (see below).
- 5.6** Hands are ranked in descending order as follows:
- STRAIGHT FLUSH** – three cards of consecutive values of the same suit (e.g. 4H,5H,6H);
 - THREE OF A KIND** – three cards of the same value (e.g. 3 x 7's, 3 x kings etc)
 - STRAIGHT** – three cards of consecutive values but not the same suit (e.g. 4H,5C,6D);
 - FLUSH** – three cards of the same suit but not consecutive values (e.g. 4H, 7H, 9H)
 - PAIR** – two cards of the same value (e.g. 2 x 6's, 2 x 4's)
 - HIGH CARD** – the highest single card in a hand that has none of the above rankings.
- 5.7** The Dealer must have a hand with at least "Queen High" to qualify against the Player's hand.
- 5.8** If the Dealer DOES NOT qualify:
- All Play bets are void ("stand off") and are returned to the players;
 - Ante Bonuses (see below) are paid on hands with a Straight or better;
 - All Ante bets win and are paid odds of 1 to 1
 - All Pair Plus wagers are paid or lose, according to whether they contain at least a Pair in the above table of rankings (see odds below)
- 5.9** If the Dealer DOES qualify:
- The Play wagers are paid or lose, depending on whether they have a higher ranking than the Dealer's hand in the above table.
 - Ante Bonuses are paid on all Straights or better (see odds below);
 - Ante bets are paid or taken (see odds below);
 - All Pair Plus wagers are paid or lose according to whether they contain at least a Pair in the above table of rankings (see odds below).
- 5.10** A tied hand is a stand off on the Play and Ante. However, the Ante Bonus and Pair Plus are always paid where the hand meets the required ranking.

5.11 If the Dealer qualifies and has a higher hand ranking than the player, the “Ante” and Play wagers will both lose.

5.12 If the Player has placed a Pair Plus wager but their hand does not contain at least a pair, the wager will lose.

Usual odds payable

5.13 If the Player’s hand beats the Dealer’s qualifying hand, their Ante and Play wagers will win and normally be paid at odds of 1 to 1.

Ante bonus odds

5.14 A Player who has made both an Ante and a Play wager will win an Ante Bonus for the Ante wager if their hand contains one of the following:

- **Straight** – normally paid 1 to 1
- **Three of a Kind** – normally paid 4 to 1
- **Straight Flush** – normally paid 5 to 1

Pair Plus odds

- **Pair** – normally paid 1 to 1
- **Flush** – normally paid 4 to 1
- **Straight** – normally paid 6 to 1
- **Three of a kind** – normally paid 33 to 1
- **Straight Flush** – normally paid 35 to 1

House edge details

On Pair Plus wagers	2.7%
Overall game	2.0%

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