

Four Card Poker

Rules

1. Two initial bets are available: The Ante and the Aces Up.
2. All players get five cards each and the dealer gets six cards. One of the dealer cards is placed face up, and five face down.
3. Players making the Ante bet must decide to fold or raise.
4. If the player folds he forfeits all bets¹.
5. If player raises, then he must raise at least the amount of the Ante and at most, three times the Ante.
6. Players then keep their best four cards and discard one.
7. Following is the ranking of hands from lowest to highest: high card, pair, two pair, straight, flush, three of a kind, straight flush, four of a kind.
8. After all decisions have been made the dealer will turn over his cards and select the best four out of six.
9. The player's hand shall be compared to the dealer's hand, the higher hand winning.
10. If the dealer's hand is higher the player shall lose the Ante and Raise.
11. If the player's hand is higher or equal then the Ante and Raise shall pay one to one.
12. If the player has at least a three of a kind he shall also be paid a Bonus, regardless of the value of the dealer's hand. Two different pay tables are available for the Bonus, as displayed below, and are based on the ante bet. Pay Table 1 is the only one I know of to be actually used.
13. Another bet is available (similar to the Pair plus in Three Card Poker), based only on the player's four card hand, called the Aces Up. Seven pay tables are available as indicated below. The only one I know of to be actually used is pay table 5.

Aces Up bet Pays	
4 of a kind	50 to 1
Straight flush	30 to 1
3 of a kind	7 to 1
Straight	5 to 1
2 pair	2 to 1
Pair of aces	1 to 1

Automatic Bonus	
4 of a kind	25 to 1
Straight Flush	20 to 1
3 of a kind	7 to 1

Bad Beat Bonus	
4 of a kind	20,000 to 1
Straight Flush	10,000 to 1
3 of a kind	100 to 1
Flush	25 to 1
Straight	15 to 1
Two pair	4 to 1

Strategy

A simple strategy to this game.

- Raise 3X with a pair of tens or higher.
- Raise 1X with a pair of twos to nines.
- Fold all other.

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