



## Training Manual



## PAYOUTS

### PLAYING AGAINST THE DEALER

- Player folds .....Lose
- When dealer does not qualify .....  
.....Play is a PUSH & ANTE wins 1 to 1
- When dealer qualifies and player's  
hand beats dealer's hand .....  
.....PLAY wins 1 to 1 & ANTE wins 1 to 1
- Tie .....PUSH

### RANKING OF HANDS FROM HIGHEST TO LOWEST

- Straight Flush
- Three-of-a-Kind
- Straight
- Flush
- Pair

If no hand contains a pair or better, the hand that contains the highest ranking card(s) wins. Ace is high except in 3-2-Ace sequence.

### ANTE BONUS PAYOUTS

When wagering against the dealer, the following bonuses will be paid:

- Straight .....1 to 1
- Three-of-a-Kind .....4 to 1
- Straight Flush .....5 to 1

### PAIR PLUS PAYOUTS

- Pair .....1 to 1
- Flush .....4 to 1
- Straight .....6 to 1
- Three-of-a-Kind .....30 to 1
- Straight Flush .....40 to 1

## HOW TO PLAY



## THREE CARD POKER

## THREE EXCITING WAYS TO PLAY!

### BET AGAINST THE DEALER'S HAND

The ANTE allows you to play against the dealer. After you look at your three card hand, you have two options. You can fold, or if you think your hand is high enough to beat the dealer, place an equal wager on the PLAY spot. If your hand beats the dealer's qualifying hand of a queen or better **YOU WIN BOTH** wagers. If the dealer doesn't qualify, you win the ANTE wager and the PLAY wager is a push.

### BET ON YOUR OWN HAND

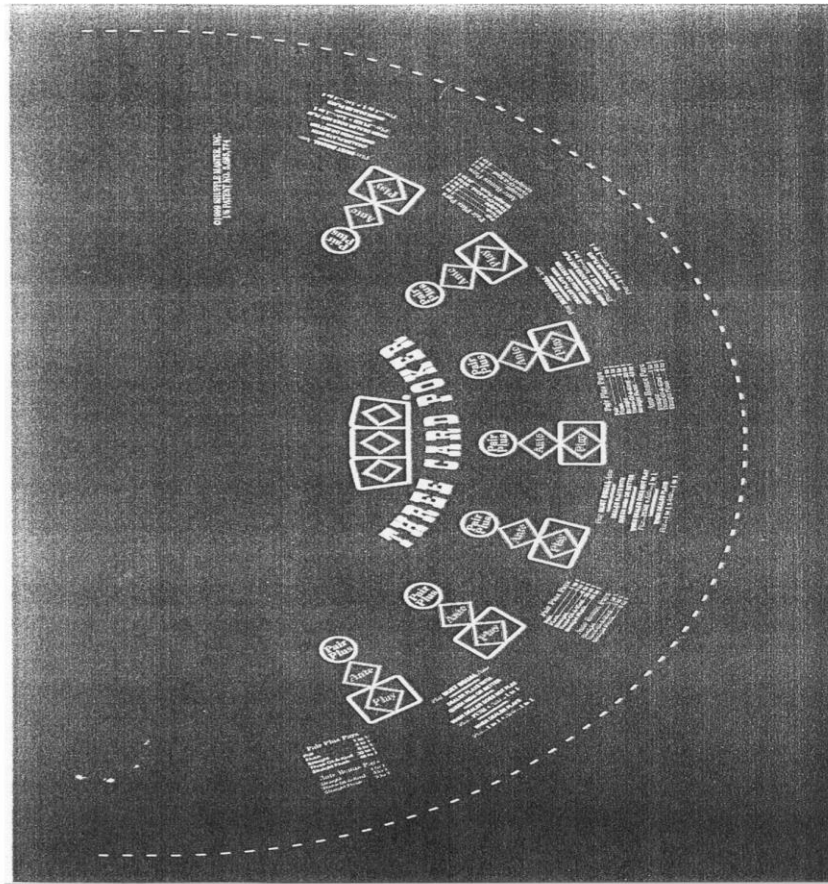
Bet just the **PAIR PLUS** spot to play your hand value only and not against the dealer's hand. If your hand contains a pair or better, **YOU WIN!**

### BET BOTH

Bet ANTE and PAIR PLUS to play both.

If a player has placed an ANTE wager and a PAIR PLUS wager but does not make a PLAY wager, the player forfeits the ANTE and the PAIR PLUS wagers.

Bet with your head, not over it. If you or someone you know has a gambling problem and wants help, call 1-800-GAMBLER.



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Design 23"x 4: Cloth 52"x 78"

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## Overview of the Rules

### Rules and Dealing Procedures

#### 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 6.

#### 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

- |                                                           |                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ▪ Player folds                                            | LOSE                                 |
| ▪ When dealer does not play                               | PLAY is a PUSH<br>ANTE wins 1 to 1   |
| ▪ When dealer plays and player's hand beats dealer's hand | PLAY wins 1 to 1<br>ANTE wins 1 to 1 |
| ▪ When dealer plays and dealer's hand beats player's hand | PLAY is a loss<br>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 as follows:

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| STRAIGHT        | 1 to 1 |
| THREE OF A KIND | 4 to 1 |
| STRAIGHT FLUSH  | 5 to 1 |

(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 as follows:

| <u>Payout Option A</u> |         | <u>Payout Option B</u><br>(Available Nevada Only) |         |
|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------|---------|
| <b>PAIR</b>            | 1 to 1  | <b>PAIR</b>                                       | 1 to 1  |
| <b>FLUSH</b>           | 4 to 1  | <b>FLUSH</b>                                      | 4 to 1  |
| <b>STRAIGHT</b>        | 6 to 1  | <b>STRAIGHT</b>                                   | 6 to 1  |
| <b>THREE OF A KIND</b> | 30 to 1 | <b>THREE OF A KIND</b>                            | 25 to 1 |
| <b>STRAIGHT FLUSH</b>  | 40 to 1 | <b>STRAIGHT FLUSH</b>                             | 40 to 1 |

(3) **Playing Both - PAIR PLUS and ANTE**

The object of playing both the PAIR PLUS and the ANTE is to get a three card poker hand that beats the dealer's qualifying hand of a Queen or better and have a pair or better. **The ANTE and PAIR PLUS wagers do not have to be the same amount.** 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.

**Dealing Procedures**

Dealing procedures vary by jurisdiction. Please refer to the appropriate gaming agency for regulations specific to your jurisdiction. It is recommended that Three Card Poker be dealt with an automatic card shuffler [REDACTED]

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.

**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. [REDACTED] service the shuffler.
  7. Resume play.

OR

3. Follow specific procedures approved by your local regulatory body.



**Exceptions**

***Louisiana:*** According to the Louisiana State Police Riverboat Gaming Division, the ANTE wager is mandatory at Louisiana Riverboat Casinos. The **PAIR PLUS** wager is optional.

Therefore, 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.

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