



THREE CARD POKER™

Training Manual

Overview of the Rules

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 on page 5.

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 | LOSE |
| • When dealer does not play | PLAY is a PUSH
ANTE wins 1 to 1 |
| • When dealer plays and player's hand beats dealer's hand | PLAY wins 1 to 1
ANTE wins 1 to 1 |
| • When dealer plays and dealer's hand beats player's hand | PLAY is a loss
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 attached.

(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.

(4) **Optional 6 Card Bonus side bet.**

The 6 Card Bonus Side bet combines the player's three cards with the three cards from the 6 Card Bonus Card box to make the best five card poker hand. The only exception is the top 4 hands which are based on all 6 cards. The player is eligible to bet the 6 Card Bonus side bet only if he plays both the Ante and Pair Plus. See payable for odds.

Side bets between players are prohibited.

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, such as SHFL entertainment's i-Deal®.

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 and the 6 Card Bonus on the 6 Card Bonus spot. In order to play the 6 Card Bonus the player must make an Ante and Pair Plus wager.
- At the casino's discretion, a player may place wagers at two adjacent betting positions during a round of play.

2. 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.

- a. From an i-Deal shuffler: The dealer will place the first packet of three cards dealt in the 6 Card Bonus box. Then from right to left, continue dealing each player a packet of three cards. The dealer will receive their packet of three cards last.

3. 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 but the 6 Card Bonus bet remains in action.

4. If a player folds and they have a 6 Card Bonus wager the dealer will collect the Ante and Pair Plus wagers and will place the player's three cards face down under their 6 Card Bonus wager. If the player does not have a 6 Card Bonus the dealer place the folded hand into the discard rack.

5. Once all players have made the decision to Play or fold, the dealer will reveal his hand arrange his cards from highest to the lowest, and announce, "Dealer doesn't play" or "Dealer plays with a Queen."

6. The dealer will then reconcile the hands each player. 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.

7. If a player has a 6 Card Bonus bet the dealer will leave the players three cards face up in front of the players 6 Card Bonus wager and will continue to resolve the remaining player's hands.
8. Once each players Ante, Play (if applicable) and Pair Plus wagers have been resolved, will the dealer will discard their hand.
9. The dealer will then reveal the 3 cards from the 6 Card Bonus card box. Starting from right to left the dealer will combine the 3 Cards in the 6 Card Bonus card box with the players three cards to make the best five card poker hand. The only exception is the top 4 hands which are based on all six cards. See payable for odds.

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. CALL SHFL entertainment to service the shuffler.
7. Resume play.

OR

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

Exceptions

In many jurisdictions, the ANTE wager is mandatory. (For Example, Louisiana and certain California casinos.)

In these cases, 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.

Pair Plus Pays	
Straight Flush	40 to 1
Three-of-a-Kind	30 to 1
Straight	6 to 1
Flush	3 to 1
Pair	1 to 1
Ante Bonus Pays	
Straight Flush	5 to 1
Three-of-a-Kind	4 to 1
Straight	1 to 1

Play MUST EQUAL Ante	
DEALER PLAYS WITH QUEEN HIGH OR BETTER	
WHEN DEALER DOES NOT PLAY	
Play	1 to 1 • Ante... 1 to 1
WHEN DEALER PLAYS	
Play	1 to 1 • Ante... 1 to 1

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6 Card Bonus	
6 Card Royal Flush - All Suits	\$100,000
5 Card Royal Flush	1000 to 1
5 Card Straight Flush	200 to 1
Four of a Kind	50 to 1
Full House	20 to 1
5 Card Flush	15 to 1
5 Card Straight	10 to 1
Three of a Kind	5 to 1

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