

# Three Card Poker

## Game Objective:

Three-Card Poker is two games consisting of the Ante and Raise and Pair Plus. The object in the Ante and Raise portion is to receive a higher 3-card poker hand than the Dealer. The object of the Pair Plus game is simply to bet on whether you will receive a 3-card poker hand with any pair or better. The Player may bet on either or both games for any amount within the posted table limit. The bets do not have to be equal amounts.

## Game Rules:

1. Player makes an Ante and/or Pairplus bet
2. The dealer gives each player three cards and himself three cards. The player may examine his own cards. The dealer's cards are dealt face down.
3. If the player made the Ante bet, then he has must either fold or raise.
4. If the player folds, then he forfeits his Ante wager.
5. If the player raises, then he must make an additional Play bet, equal exactly to his Ante bet.
6. The dealer will turn over his cards.
7. The dealer needs a queen high or better to qualify.
8. If the dealer does not qualify then the player will win even money on the Ante bet and the Play bet will push.
9. If the dealer qualifies, then the player's hand will be compared to the dealer's hand, the higher hand wins. The order of poker hands is indicated below.
10. If the player has the higher poker hand then the Ante and Play will both pay even money.
11. If the dealer has the higher poker hand then the Ante and Play will both lose.
12. If the player and dealer tie then the Ante and Play bets will push.
13. If the player made the Ante bet and has a straight or higher then the player will receive an Ante Bonus, regardless of the value of the dealer's hand.

## Equipment Used:

Standard Casino Gaming Table  
Three Card Poker Layout  
Two separate distinguished decks of 52 cards  
Discard rack  
2 Cut Cards  
Gaming chips of denominations of \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$25

## Method of Play (Three Ways To Play):

### (1) Playing Against the Dealer

- **Player folds** **LOSE**
- **When dealer does not play** **PLAY is a PUSH**  
**ANTE wins 1 to 1**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>When dealer plays and player's hand beats dealer's hand</b></li> </ul> | <p><b>PLAY wins 1 to 1</b><br/><b>ANTE wins 1 to 1</b></p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>When dealer plays and dealer's hand beats player's hand</b></li> </ul> | <p><b>PLAY is a loss</b><br/><b>ANTE is a loss</b></p>     |

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.

**Side bets between players are prohibited.**

## Dealing Procedures:

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.
2. If any player or the dealer is dealt an incorrect number of cards, all hands are void and the cards reshuffled.

## **Types of Wagers:**

Ante; Play; Pair Plus

## **Wager Amounts:**

Ante: \$2 minimum and \$10 maximum  
Play: \$2 minimum and \$10 maximum  
Pair Plus: \$2 minimum and \$10 maximum

## **Payout Table:**

Pair Plus:

Straight Flush	40 to 1
Three of a Kind	30 to 1
Straight	5 to 1
Flush	3 to 1
Pair	1 to 1

Ante Bet:

Straight Flush	4 to 1
Three of a Kind	3 to 1
Straight	1 to 1

Play:

Pay 1 to 1