

# Batter Up! Poker

An Original Poker Table Game By Ocean's 3 Gaming, LLC

# Game Objective:

The objective of Batter Up! Poker is for the player to make a poker hand using each individual card (1,2 and 3) with the 4 community cards (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Home). The player(s) will have up to 3 separate poker hands. Ante wagers and Baseball wagers pay according to the pay table. The player(s) also have an optional 3 card bonus consisting of the player's three cards, and win according to the pay table.

#### Game Rules:

- 1) Dealer will shuffle a standard 52 card deck.
- 2) To begin play, players must make all three Ante wagers
- 3) Players have to option to make a 3 card bonus wager, and/or Grand slam bonus wager
- 4) Working from the left to the right, the dealer gives each player their first card, face up to the designated spot with one baseball bat, corresponding to the Ante 1 wager
- 5) The dealer deals the first community card face up to "1st" base position
- 6) Player's have a choice:
  - A) Fold, surrendering their Ante 1 wager
  - B) Make a baseball wager of 1-3 times their Ante 1 wager to stay in with that card
- 7) Working from the left to the right, the dealer gives each player their second card, face up, to the designated spot with two baseball bats, corresponding to the Ante 2 wager
- 8) The dealer deals the second community cards face up to the "2<sup>nd</sup>" base position
- 9) Players have a choice:
  - A) Fold, surrendering their Ante 2 wager
  - B) Make a baseball wager of 1-3 times their Ante 2 wager to stay in with that card
- 10) Working from the left to the right, the dealer gives each player their third card, face up, to the designated spot with three baseball bats, corresponding to the Ante 3 wager.
- 11) The dealer deals the third community cards face up to the "3rd" base position
- 12) Players have a choice:
  - A) Fold, surrendering their Ante 3 wager
  - B) Make a baseball wager of 1-3 times their Ante 3 wager to stay in with that card
- 13) The dealer the deals the final community card face up to the spot labeled "Home"
- 14) Working from the right to the left, the dealer the resolves each active wager according to the pay table
- 15) The dealer will resolve each 3 card bonus and/or Grand slam bonus according the paytable

## Method of Play

Batter Up! Poker is a poker game played with a standard 52 card deck. To begin, each player MUST place all three Ante wagers of equal value, with one corresponding to each card to be dealt. Each card along with the four community cards makes an individual 5 card poker hand. The player(s) also has the OPTION to place a 3 card bonus bet consisting of their 3 cards and the OPTION to place a Grand Slam Bonus wager consisting of the players 3 cards and the 4 community cards.

#### **GAME PLAY:**

Once all bets are set, the dealer begins the game by dealing the player(s) a single card, face up, to the designated spot with one baseball bat. The dealer then deals the first community card, located in the "1st" position, face up for all to see.

The player(s) has the option to fold their first card, forfeiting their Ante 1 wager, or to wager again to stay in the game with their first card.

If the player wishes to remain in the game with their first card they must make a Baseball wager of 1-3 times their Ante 1 wager, located beneath the Ante 1 wager. In the event the player(s) decides to fold, the dealer will collect the Ante 1 wager, and turn their first card face down to show it is out of play.

Once the player(s) has decided to play or fold their first card, the dealer then deals the player(s) a single card, face up, to the designated spot with two baseball bats. The dealer then deals the second community card, located in the "2nd" position face up.

The player(s) has the option to fold their second card, forfeiting their Ante 2 wager, or to wager again to stay in the game with their second card.

If the player wishes to remain in the game with their second card they MUST make a Baseball wager of 1 - 3 times their Ante 2 wager, located beneath their Ante 2 wager.

In the event the player decides to fold their second card, the dealer will collect the Ante 2 wager, and turn their second card face down to show it is out of play.

Once the player(s) has decided to play or fold, the dealer then deals all players their final single card, face up, to the designated spot with three baseball bats. The dealer then deals the third community card, located in the "3rd" position face up.

The players now have the option to fold their third card, forfeiting their Ante 3 wager, or to wager again to stay in the game with their third card.

If the player wishes to remain in the game with their third card, they must make a BASEBALL wager of 1 - 3 times their Ante 3 wager, located beneath their Ante 3 wager.

In the event the player(s) decides to fold, the dealer will collect the Ante 3 wager, and turn the third card face down to show it is out of play.

Once all decisions have been made, the dealer will deal the fourth and final community card located in the "Home" position, face up.

The dealer then settles all bets. The player uses each card that remains in play along with the 4 community cards to make a 5 card poker hand. Winning hands are paid according to the pay table.

Both Ante and Baseball wagers will be a push (neither win nor lose, and retained by the player) if they consist of a pair of 6s-9s, per the pay table.

The designated spot on the table with the baseball glove is the 3 card bonus. It qualifies to win when the players 3 cards consist of a pair or better, regardless of whether the player folded any, or all of their cards during the decision making part if the game, and pays according to the pay table.

The designated spot on the table marked "Grand Slam Bonus" qualifies to win when the players 3 cards, regardless of whether they folded any or all during in the decision making part of the game, combined with the 4 community cards, and pays according to the pay table.

#### **EQUPIMENT USED:**

- 1) Standard casino gaming table.
- 2) Batter Up Poker layout.
- 3) Standard deck of 52 cards.
- 4) Discard rack
- 5) Standard cut card
- 6) Gaming chips of denominations \$1, \$2, \$5, \$25, \$100

#### Types of Wagers:

- 1) Three equal Ante wager (Required)
- 2) Optional 3 Card bonus
- 3) Optional Grand Slam Bonus

#### Wager Amounts:

- 1) \$2 minimum, \$10 maximum
- 2) Maximum payout is \$1,250 for \$2-\$5 wagers, and \$,2500 for \$10 wagers
- 3) Maximum payout is for the total hand, (Ante 1,2, and 3) and includes bonus wagers.

## Pay tables:

## Table 1. Pays — Ante and Baseball Wagers

## **Hand Pay**

Royal Flush 250 to 1

Straight Flush 100 to 1

Four of a Kind 40 to 1

Full House 10 to 1

Flush 8 to 1

Straight 5 to 1

Three of a Kind 3 to 1

Two Pair 2 to 1

Pair of Tens or Better 1 to 1

Pair of Sixes to Nines Push

## Table 2. Pays — 3 Card Bonus

## **Hand Pay**

Mini Royal Flush (Suited AKQ) 40 to 1

Straight Flush 30 to 1

Three of a Kind 25 to 1

Straight 5 to 1

Flush 3 to 1

Pair 1 to 1

## Table 3. Pays — Grand Slam Bonus

## **Hand Pay**

Royal Flush 250 to 1

Straight Flush 100 to 1

Four of a Kind 50 to 1

Full House 10 to 1

Flush 4 to 1

Straight 3 to 1

Three of a Kind 2 to 1

