

## HOW TO PLAY

# THREE CARD POKER



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## About Three Card Poker

Three Card Poker is a fast-paced and easy to learn stud poker game. There are three ways to play and four ways to win. Players can place wagers on their own three card hand, bet against the Dealer or bet on both. Players and Dealers are dealt three cards face down and bets are placed before cards are dealt.

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**Pair Plus:** Player is dealt three cards and is paid according to their worth. You are not playing against the Dealer or anyone. There is no drawing for more cards and there is no raising. Just the cards in your hand count.

## Hand Payouts

Straight Flush pays 40 to 1  
Three of a kind pays 3 to 1  
Straight pays 6 to 1  
Flush pays 3 to 1  
Pair pays 1 to 1

**Play Ante:** After looking at your three cards, you must decide whether you stay in the game or fold. If you stay, you must make a bet equal to the amount you placed in the Ante in the Play betting spot. If you decide to fold, you lose your Ante bet. If the Dealer

fails to qualify by not having a Queen or higher in his hand, he pays each Player who stayed in the game even money on their Ante bet (a \$10 bet wins \$10) and returns the Play bet to the Players (this is called a "push").

If the Dealer has qualified and your hand is higher than his (ranking from high to low: Three of a kind, Straight, Flush, Pair) you win both your Ante bet and your Play bet at Even Money (\$10 bet wins \$10).

If the Dealer's hand beats yours, you lose both your Ante and Play bets.

**Ante Bonus:** If you make the Ante and Play bets, you can also win a bonus even if the Dealer beats your hand or fails to qualify. A Straight Flush will earn you a 5 to 1 payoff. Three of a kind will pay you 4 to 1 and a Straight will pay you even money (1 to 1).

The amount you bet and deciding whether to fold or make the Play bet are the only basic decisions you have to make. One simple strategy is to fold if your hand does not contain Q, 6, 4 or higher. Others recommend folding if you do not have at least the hand that a Dealer needs to qualify - Queen or higher.