

# THREE CARD POKER INCLUDING BLIND

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The rules for Three Card Poker at this casino, set out below, are our Commitment to the players in ensuring that the gambling we offer is 'Fair and Open'. In the event of a dispute resulting from any ambiguity in the rules, the decision shall always be in the player's favour until that ambiguity has been resolved.

- The player plays against the Dealer/House.
- Three Card Poker is dealt with a standard deck of 52 cards.
- The player must place their bets prior to any cards being dealt. No bets can be changed or altered after any cards have being drawn.
- Each player is only allowed to play one open hand. Any other hand must be played blind.
- The wager(s) is valid for one hand only.
- Players must place an initial bet on either the Ante, Pair Plus or both.
- Players must have a bet on either the Ante, Pair Plus or both to play the Prime wager.
- Players playing a blind bet who have a wager on the 'Ante', must place the equivalent wager on the 'Play' bet before any cards are drawn.
- All wagers must be within the specified minimums and maximums displayed at the table.
- Three cards are dealt face down to each player and the Dealer.
- The relative value of each of the cards is as follows (in descending order): - Ace, King, Queen, Jack, Ten, Nine, Eight, Seven, Six, Five, Four, Three, Two, except that the Ace may be used as a value of one in order to complete a straight flush or a straight, being 3, 2, Ace.
- The terms used to describe the hands held by a participant in the game, and the ranking of hands from highest to lowest, are as follows:
  - i) Straight flush – three cards of consecutive values of the same suit;
  - ii) Three of a kind – three cards of the same value;
  - iii) Straight – three cards of consecutive values of different suits;
  - iv) Flush – three cards of the same suit not being a straight flush;
  - v) Pair – two cards of the same value;
  - vi) High card – the highest value single card;
- After all the cards have been dealt; the players may examine their hands, excluding any blind hands which the players cannot touch. If they decide to fold and do not wish to proceed their Ante bet will be lost and surrendered to the House.
- If they wish to continue in the game, they must place a bet in the 'Play' box. This bet must be equal to the amount of the 'Ante' bet.
- Players with a Pair Plus and/or Prime bets can continue in the game as these wagers are not determined on the outcome of the Dealer's hand.
- When all the players have made their decisions, then the Dealer will declare their hand.
- The Dealer only qualifies to play if they have a Queen high or better hand.
- If the Dealer does not qualify to play, then all players remaining in the game will win 1-1 on their Ante bet, and their Play bet is stand off/push.
- If the Dealer does qualify, then players whose hand outranks the Dealer's hand are paid 1-1 on the 'Ante' and 'Play' bets.
- However, if the Dealer does qualify, and their hand outranks the player's hand, then the player's Ante and Play wagers are lost and surrendered to the house.
- In addition, if the player's hand is a Straight or better, they will qualify for the Ante bonus regardless of the Dealer's hand and will be paid at the following odds:

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## ANTE BONUS

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| i) Straight         | (1 to 1) |
| ii) Three of a Kind | (4 to 1) |
| iii) Straight Flush | (5 to 1) |
- All players cards must at all times remain in full view of the Dealer within the perimeters of the layout and are placed face down on the table before the Dealer starts to take and pay.
  - Players may not exchange cards or communicate information concerning their respective hands. Violation of this rule may result in the hand being declared void.
  - It is the player's own responsibility to establish the value of their own hand.
  - If an incorrect number of cards are dealt to either the Dealer or to a player, a misdeal will be called.
  - If the Dealer's hand and the Player's hand are of equal value then this is deemed a standoff, with the exception of those wagers that do not rely upon the outcome of the Dealer's hand.
  - An exposed card does not constitute a misdeal; the Dealer will turn the card over and continue the deal. However, if one or more of the Dealer's cards are exposed then this is a misdeal.

## PAIR PLUS

- The Pair Plus bet is an alternative or additional wager that the player's hand will have a pair or better irrespective of the Dealer's hand.
- If the Pair Plus hand is not a pair or better, then the wager will be lost and surrendered to the House.
- If the player's Pair Plus hand has a pair of better they will be paid at the following odds below:
 

i) Pair	(1 to 1)
ii) Flush	(4 to 1)
iii) Straight	(6 to 1)

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| iv) Three of a Kind | (33 to 1) |
| v) Straight Flush   | (35 to 1) |

## PRIME

- The Prime bet is an additional wager that the player's cards will be of the same colour. Should the Dealer's cards also be of the same colour this increases the odds paid out to them.
- If their Prime hand does not comprise cards of the same colour, then this wager will be lost and surrendered to the House.
- If their Prime wager show cards of the same colour and the Dealer's cards are also of the same colour, it will be paid out at the appropriate odds below:
 

Both the Player's and Dealer's cards are the entire same colour	(4 to 1)
Player's cards of the same colour	(3 to 1)

## A PLAYERS GUIDE TO THE HOUSE EDGE

The House Edge is a measure of how much the House expects to win, expressed as a percentage of the player's wager. For example, in a wager with a House Edge of five percent the player will lose, on average over time, £5 for every £100 wagered. House Edges vary by region, casino and game. In some games, player betting or skills decisions can affect the Edge, but it's important to keep in mind that the House always has some advantage against the typical player.

### THE HOUSE EDGE FOR THREE CARD POKER:

<b>ANTE &amp; PLAY IS</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
<b>PAIR PLUS IS</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
<b>PRIME IS</b>	<b>3.6%</b>

## 'KNOW WHEN TO STOP BEFORE YOU START'

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