

3-Card Poker

The Ante Bet

There are two betting circles, labeled Ante and Play. After players place their wagers in the Ante circle, the dealer will give each player a three card hand. Play begins with the first player to the dealer's left and continues clockwise around the table.

The Play Bet

After examining their hands, players must decide to fold or play. The player's cards must be kept secret – no sharing of information is permitted. If the player folds he forfeits his Ante wager. Any players who wish to continue must make an additional bet in the Play circle equal to their Ante bet.

Dealer Qualification

After all the players have decided to play or fold, the dealer will turn over his three card hand. The dealer's hand needs to pass the criteria of Queen-high or higher in order for play to continue. If the dealer's hand does not contain a Queen or higher all players still active in the hand will be paid even money for their Ante wager and their Play bet will be returned to them.

Beating the Dealer

Players reveal their hands. (Dealers won't take your word for it!) Their hand is compared to the dealer's hand. If your hand beats the dealer's hand you will be paid even money for your Ante and Play bets. If the dealer's hand beats your hand you lose both bets. In the rare event of a tie then the player's bet is pushed.

Hand Rankings

Because you are only dealt three cards instead of five, the hand ranking is a little different. This is because of the mathematical probabilities of making certain hands. The hands are ranked from highest to lowest as follows:

- Straight Flush. Three cards of the same suit in sequence. Example: 6-7-8 of spades.
- Three of a Kind. Three cards of equal rank.
- Straight. Three cards in sequence of mixed suits.
- Flush. Three cards of the same suit.
- Pair. Two cards of equal rank.
- High Card. The highest card in your hand.

Ante Bonuses

You're in the ballpark for winning, but in order to make the big bucks, you need to understand the ante bonus. Ante bonuses are additional payouts on the Ante bet for certain hands. This bonus does not require an additional wager. The bonus payout is paid based on the pay table posted on the table.

Basic Strategy

These rules seem challenging, but the strategy for the Ante portion of Three Card Poker is actually very simple. You should fold if you have a hand lower than Queen-6-4 and you should make the Play bet if your hand is higher.

Casino Rules

The casino encourages all players to have a good time, but must keep in mind that cheating is strictly prohibited by the casino. After the dealer sees or hears you attempting to cheat, he will cancel all bets and eject you from the table with no marker.

Making the Game Fun

Although it is important for players to be careful not to appear to be cheating, they should still have fun! Talking with the other players at your table is permitted, but realize that discussing your hands is strictly prohibited. It is also more fun to play with friends! There is space at this table for up to three players – playing with less just isn't as much fun!

Legal Disclosure

Three Card Poker is presented for entertainment purposes only. Casino game management makes no guarantees about fairness of game. Players bet at their own risk of personal loss. Players do not hold casino game management liable for any dealer errors or other game irregularities. No refunds will be given under any circumstances.

Other Questions?

Players seeking additional information should try talking to casino management or your friendly dealers! If your dealer seems to not be paying attention for any reason, simply speak up, and the dealer will be sure to pay attention to you.

Lucky Numbers

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