

# THREE CARD POKER

HOW TO PLAY



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**THREE WAYS TO PLAY,  
FOUR WAYS TO WIN.**

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**T**hree Card Poker® is one of the most requested games in the Casino today. It is a stud poker game using one deck of 52 cards. The table can accommodate seven players; each position has three spaces marked *Ante*, *Play* and *Pair Plus* directly in front of it. The player can bet the *Ante*, *Pair Plus* or both to begin the game. All bets must be in \$5 increments, but the *Ante* and *Pair Plus* bets do not have to be the same amount. Then, each player — and the dealer — will be dealt three cards face down.

## THE ANTE AND PLAY BETS

The *Ante* is a bet against the dealer's hand. After the player views his cards, he must decide if he believes his hand can beat the dealer's. If so, he must make an additional wager equal to the *Ante* bet called the *Play*. The player's cards are placed face-down in the box marked *Play* with the *Play* wager on top; this signifies that the player wishes to remain in the hand.

If the player does not believe his hand can beat the dealer's, he should push his cards forward alongside his bet, signifying he does not wish to make the *Play*. The *Ante* wager is then taken in forfeit.

Once all *Play* bets have been made, the dealer turns his cards over and arranges them in the best three card hand. In order to qualify, the dealer must have a hand of queen-high or better.

If the dealer does not qualify, there is a push on the *Play*: no one wins, no one loses. The *Ante* pays even money, or 1 to 1.

If the dealer qualifies and the player beats the dealer, the *Play* pays 1 to 1, and the *Ante* pays 1 to 1.

If the dealer qualifies and the dealer beats the player, both the *Ante* and the *Play* lose. If the dealer qualifies and the dealer's hand ties the player's hand, there is a push on both the *Ante* and the *Play*.

## DID YOU KNOW?

A PLAYER CAN PLAY "IN THE BLIND"  
BY PUSHING THE CARDS INTO THE PLAY BOX  
WITHOUT LOOKING AT THE HAND DEALT.



Additionally, the following hands are always paid on the *Ante* bet, regardless of the dealer's hand. This is called the *Ante Bonus*:

STRAIGHT (3 in a sequence unsuited)	1 to 1
THREE OF A KIND (3 of same kind)	4 to 1
STRAIGHT FLUSH (3 in a sequence suited)	5 to 1

### PAIR PLUS BET

The *Pair Plus* is a bet on the hand value and does not play against the dealer. The *Pair Plus* will not be affected by the win or loss of the *Ante* and *Play* wagers.

Therefore, the *Pair Plus* is paid or taken, whether or not the dealer qualifies. If the player is only betting on the *Pair Plus*, he places his cards face down in the *Play* area if he has a winning hand, or simply folds if the hand does not have a pair or higher.

PAIR PLUS PAYS	
PAIR.....	1 TO 1
FLUSH.....	4 TO 1
STRAIGHT.....	5 TO 1
THREE OF A KIND.....	30 TO 1
STRAIGHT FLUSH.....	40 TO 1

  

ANTE BONUS PAYS	
STRAIGHT.....	1 TO 1
THREE OF A KIND.....	4 TO 1
STRAIGHT FLUSH.....	5 TO 1

The following hands are paid on *Pair Plus* bets:

PAIR (2 of same kind)	1 to 1
FLUSH (3 of same suit)	4 to 1
STRAIGHT (3 in sequence unsuited)	5 to 1
THREE OF A KIND (3 of same kind)	30 to 1
STRAIGHT FLUSH (3 in sequence suited)	40 to 1

On any hand other than those described above, the *Pair Plus* bet loses.

## BASIC RULES TO REMEMBER

1. Original bets on the *Ante* or *Pair Plus* may not be increased, decreased or withdrawn after the first card has been dealt.
2. Players may show their hand to each other and discuss the hand in progress, but the cards must be kept above the table, inside the rail and in their own area at all times.
3. Ace is always high—except in the 3-2-Ace sequence; then, it is played as the lowest straight or the lowest straight flush (if suited).
4. Each player can play only one table position and cannot bet on or against another player.

The following bets or combination of bets may be made for each hand:

- Bet *Ante* to play against the dealer
- Bet *Pair Plus* to play your hand only
- Bet *Ante* and *Pair Plus* to play both

The order of Three Card Poker combinations is different than that of five-card poker games.

The ranking of hands is as follows:

1. Straight Flush
2. Three of a Kind
3. Straight
4. Flush
5. Pair
6. High Card

And that's how you play Three Card Poker. For information on how to play other table games offered at Potawatomi Bingo Casino, just ask a member of our staff.

Good Luck!

Always show your Fire Keeper's Club<sup>SM</sup> card when you buy-in to earn points that can enter you into drawings or be redeemed for show tickets, food or even cash.





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