

## HOW TO PLAY

# THREE CARD POKER



### THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE GAME RULES

Three Card Poker® is an exciting Poker-style game using a 52-card deck. There are three ways you can play:

- 1) ANTE/PLAY** – the aim is to get a Three Card Poker hand with a value higher than the Dealer's, or
- 2) PAIR PLUS** – the aim is to get a Three Card Poker hand with a pair or higher (regardless of the Dealer's hand); or
- 3) A combination of the ANTE and PAIR PLUS options.**

#### HOW TO PLAY

Before any cards are dealt you must decide whether to place a wager on the Ante, Pair Plus or both by placing your wager(s) in the appropriate area(s) on the table.

After all wagers are placed, the dealer will deal three cards face down to each player and to him/herself. You can then view your hand and decide whether you want to play or fold (forfeit).

If you don't think your hand can beat the dealer's, or you don't have a pair or higher, then you can fold your Ante wager and Pair Plus wager.

If you have placed an Ante wager and you think your hand can beat the dealer's, you must place an amount equal to your Ante in the 'PLAY' area on the layout. If you have only placed a Pair Plus wager then you are not permitted to make a Play wager but the hand will be played to completion.

Once all betting has finished, the dealer will turn his/her cards face up. The dealer needs a Queen or higher to make a hand or to open. If the dealer does not open with a Queen or higher, then all Play wagers shall be a stand-off, Ante wagers are paid at even money and any winning Pair Plus and Ante Bonus wagers are paid.

If the dealer opens and your hand beats the dealer's, then your Ante and Play wagers are paid at even money. Should the dealer's hand beat your hand, the dealer will collect both your Ante and Play wagers. If you have a pair or higher your Pair Plus wager will be paid in accordance with the order of hands and the odds listed on a sign on the table, regardless of the dealer's hand.

#### ANTE BONUS

Ante wagers will qualify for a bonus payment if the hand contains a Straight or higher, regardless of the dealer's hand.

The Ante Bonus will be paid at odds listed on a sign at the table.



Indicative table design

### ORDER OF HANDS

The order of hands in Three Card Poker is different to Poker. In Three Card Poker, a Straight beats a Flush and a Three of a Kind beats a Straight as outlined below.



#### 1. STRAIGHT FLUSH

Three cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking. An Ace may be counted high or low.



#### 2. THREE OF A KIND

Three cards of the same rank.



#### 3. STRAIGHT

Three cards of consecutive rank not all the same suit. An Ace may be counted high or low.



#### 4. FLUSH

Three cards of the same suit but not in consecutive ranking.



#### 5. ONE PAIR

Two cards of the same rank.



#### 6. THREE ODD CARDS

Three cards of different rank and at least two suits.

Cards are ranked from highest to lowest i.e. Ace, King, Queen, Jack, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2. Ace always counts as high, except when used in a Straight Flush or Straight where it can be used either high or low.

If a hand does not contain a Pair or better, the hand that contains the highest-ranking card(s) shall win. Hands of the same value but consisting of different card values shall be ranked in accordance with the rank of cards.

#### Example 1

A Straight containing an Ace, King, Queen shall be ranked higher than a Straight containing a 3, 2, Ace;

#### Example 2

If both hands hold the highest Pair, the respective card values of the third card of the hands determines which hand shall be higher.

**See table games staff for further information on how to play.**

**Think! About your choices.**

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