

An Easy Guide on How to Play 3 Card Poker from Philly Casino Parties

Three Card Poker is played with a single 52-card deck and is actually two games in one. First, the Pair Plus game allows players to wager on whether they will be dealt a Pair or better, or not. Secondly, the Play/Ante game allows players to wager against the house (dealer) to see who has the highest hand. Some casinos will allow you to bet on either game, while others require that you place an ante bet before you place a bet on the Pair Plus portion of the game.

The Play

There are three circles on the table per each participating player. The Pair Plus is the circle where you can place bets for the Pair Plus game. Next to it are two more circles for the base game, one labeled "Ante" and another labeled "Play." The game begins when you place a wager on the Ante and/or the Pair Plus circle equal to the table minimum.

The Deal

The dealer will give each participating player a three-card hand after all players have placed their wagers. Both the dealer and the players are dealt three cards each. For this virtual game players are only going against the dealer and NOT each other.

Play or Fold

After viewing your hand, you can decide to fold or play on. If you're not happy your hand, you can fold and lose your Ante wager. However, if you choose to continue, you must call and place an additional bet, equivalent to the Ante wager, on the Play circle.

Comparing Hands

The dealer will then reveal his three cards after you have made your decision on your own 3 Card Poker hand. If the dealer has a high card queen or better, he automatically "qualifies" his hand. You win even money on your Play and Ante bets if you beat the dealer's hand.

However, if the dealer's hand does not contain a queen or better, then all players who are still active in play will have their Play bet returned to them, plus even money for their Ante wager.

Ante Bonus

In 3 Card Poker online, you will get a bonus payout for holding certain hands when playing the Ante bet. You do not have to place an additional bet to participate. You'll receive a bonus when you win with a straight, straight flush, or three of a kind. The bonus amount will depend on the pay table values for your specific table.

Pair Plus

Your Pair Plus bet is based on whether you have a pair or better in your hand, regardless of whether you beat the dealer, or he beats you in the Ante game. If you have a Pair or better, you win; if not, you lose-it's that simple.

PAIR PLUS PAYS

Pair	1 to 1
Flush	4 to 1
Straight	6 to 1
3 of a Kind	30 to 1
Straight Flush	40 to 1

ANTE BONUS PAYS

Straight	1 to 1
3 of a Kind	4 to 1
Straight Flush	5 to 1

PLAY MUST EQUAL ANTE

Dealer plays with Queen high or better.

When Dealer DOES NOT PLAY
Play...PUSH – Ante 1 to 1

When Dealer PLAYS
Play... 1 to 1 – Ante 1 to 1