



# **THREE CARD POKER**

## **DESCRIPTION**

- The object of Three Card Poker is to beat the Player/Dealer in a three-card poker game. The ranking of hands is below:
  - Royal flush
  - Straight flush
  - Three of a kind
  - Straight
  - Flush
  - Pair
  - High card
- Three Card Poker is played with a standard deck of 52 cards.
- The game uses a standard-sized blackjack table or poker table.
- The game is played with up to ten Players, plus a Player/Dealer.
- The house dealer deals the game.
- With respect to the collection of Player fees in gambling establishments, no fee may be calculated as a fraction or percentage of wagers made or winnings earned. Fees charged for all wagers shall be determined prior to the start of play of any hand or round. The actual collection of the fee may occur before or after the start of play. Ample notice shall be provided to the patrons of gambling establishments relating to the assessment of fees. Flat fees on each wager may be assessed at different collection rates, but no more than three collection rates may be established per table. The fee and its assessment is the responsibility of the gambling establishment as described in California Penal Code section 337j., subd.(f).

## METHOD OF PLAY

- Players must make an Ante wager.
- Players can also make an optional bonus bet wager.
- Players receive three cards face down.
- The Player/Dealer receives three cards—two face down and one face up.
- Once Players inspect their hand, they have two options:
  - Fold the hand and forfeit the Ante and bonus bet
  - Stay in the game by making a Play bet; this bet must equal the Ante.
- The Player/Dealer must qualify to play with **minimum Queen-high.**
  - If the Player/Dealer does not qualify, the Play bet receives no action. The dealer shall immediately refund this bet to Players.
  - The Ante will receive action. If the Player's hand beats the Player/Dealer's hand, the dealer will then pay each Ante—the ones not surrendered by folding—even money.
  - **Player can never lose Ante on non qualifying Player/Dealer hand. S/he can only push or win.**
  - If the Player/Dealer hand qualifies, and:
    - If the Player's hand beats the Player/Dealer's, the Player wins even money on the Ante and Play.
    - If the Player/Dealer's hand beats the Player's, the Player's Ante and Play lose.
- A bonus bet is a separate wager and is paid regardless of the outcome of the hand.
- All bets receive action to the extent that the Player/Dealer wager covers.
- The round of play ends when the Player/Dealer exhausts his bankroll, or when all Player wagers receive full action.