

3 Card Hold'em

Rules of Play

"3 Card Hold'em" is a house banked poker game played using one standard 52 card deck. The object of the game is for players and the dealer to obtain their best three card poker hand formed from five cards. 3 Card Hold'em also offers optional side wagers that pay odds against a posted payable.

To begin, players make an Ante bet and may also place an optional Flush or Pair and/or Straight Up side wagers. The player and the dealer then receive two cards, dealt face down.

1. Three communal cards are dealt on the board, with the first card face up.
2. After looking at his hand, and the first communal card, the player may place an additional bet, equal to the Ante wager, or fold, forfeiting the Ante wager. If the player made the two side wagers they remain in action regardless of the player's action.
3. The dealer reveals the second communal card.
4. Each player may check or match the Ante with a third wager. If the player Checks, the Ante is not forfeit.
5. The dealer reveals the third communal card and his two hole cards, giving each player and the dealer a total of five cards.
6. All players and the dealer may use any three of their five cards to make their best three card poker hand.
7. If the dealer beats the player, the player loses his Ante and subsequent wagers.
8. If the player beats the dealer, the hand is settled depending on whether the dealer has a qualifying hand of a pair of 4's, or better.
 - a. If the dealer hand is less than a pair of 4's, the Ante wager pushes and subsequent bets are paid 1 to 1.
 - b. If the dealer has a pair of 4's or better, the Ante and subsequent wagers are paid 1 to 1.

The Flush or Pair wager is based on the player's first two cards, which wins when those two cards are suited, a pair, a pair of aces, or suited Ace and King. See paytables below:

Player 2 Card Hand	A1	A2	A3	A4
AK Suited	30 to 1	30 to 1	25 to 1	30 to 1
AA	16 to 1	15 to 1	16 to 1	12 to 1
Pair	5 to 1	5 to 1	5 to 1	5 to 1
Flush	1 to 1	1 to 1	1 to 1	1 to 1

The Straight Up wager is a side wager based on the best three of the player's five cards unless specified otherwise, and wins when those cards are a straight, three of a kind, straight flush, suited Ace / King / Queen, or suited Ace / King / Queen plus a pair. See paytables below:

Hand Type	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6
AKQ Suited, Plus a pair	100 to 1	100 to 1	100 to 1	80 to 1	100 to 1	100 to 1
AKQ Suited	25 to 1	25 to 1	40 to 1	40 to 1	33 to 1	30 to 1
Straight Flush	6 to 1	6 to 1	10 to 1	10 to 1	10 to 1	10 to 1
Three of a Kind	4 to 1	4 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1
Straight	2 to 1	2 to 1	1 to 1	1 to 1	1 to 1	1 to 1

Hand Type	C1	C2
Straight Flush, plus a pair	40 to 1	40 to 1
AKQ Suited	33 to 1	30 to 1
Straight Flush	10 to 1	10 to 1
Three of a Kind	6 to 1	6 to 1
Straight, plus a pair	4 to 1	4 to 1
Straight	1 to 1	1 to 1