

# **Three Card Lowball Poker**

## **Rules Of Play**

Three Card Lowball Poker is a custom poker game played using one standard 52 card deck. The object of the game is for the player to make a three-card poker hand that is lower by standard three-card poker rankings. Straights and Flushes count against the player and Aces are always low.

- Play begins with the player making two (2) wagers, which must be of equal amounts: the Ante wager and the Bonus wager. The player may also make a wager on the optional Progressive side bet.
- The dealer and each player receive three (3) face-down cards. Players may not exchange information about their cards.
- Each player then has an opportunity to discard one (1) or two (2) cards, and receive replacement cards from the dealer.
- The dealer then reveals their three (3) face-down cards, and has similar opportunities to draw and discard according to the following house way:
  - With three of a kind, discard any two (2) of the three (3) cards.
  - With a flush, straight or straight flush, discard the two (2) highest cards if they are both ten (10) or higher; otherwise, discard the highest card.
  - With one pair, discard one (1) of the pair cards and, if the higher of the two (2) remaining cards is ten (10) or higher, discard that as well.
  - When discarding only one (1) card to a pair, if one (1) of the two (2) pair cards matches the singleton in suit, discard that one (1); otherwise, discard either pair card.
  - With no pair, discard any cards that are ten (10) or higher, keeping the lowest of the three (3) cards if all three (3) cards are ten (10) or higher.
- The dealer then compares their hand with each player's hand, and resolves the two (2) wagers as follows:
  - If the dealer's hand is lower ranking than the player's hand, the Ante and Bonus wagers are collected.
  - If the dealer's hand and the player's hand tie, the Ante and Bonus wagers are pushed.
  - If the player's hand is lower than the dealer's hand, the Ante wager pays even money, and the Bonus wager is paid (or pushed) according to the following paytables:

Hand type	Paytable #1	Paytable #2	Paytable #3
	Pays (to 1)	Pays (to 1)	Pays (to 1)
4-2-A, one color	10	12	10
4-2-A, two color	6	8	6
4-3-A, all	5	4	4
5 high	3	3	3
6 high	2	2	2
7 high	1	1	1
All other player wins	(push)	(push)	(push)

- After the dealer has resolved the main game, the dealer will resolve the Progressive side bet for those players with eligible wagers as follows:
  - If the player and the dealer are both dealt hands of 4-2-A in their first three (3) cards (without discarding and receiving replacement cards), the Progressive is awarded. Hands comprised only of the initial three (3) cards are referred to as “pat hands”.
  - If the player is dealt a pat hand of 4-2-A composed of the same color and has a lower ranking hand than the dealer, a \$200.00 payout is awarded.
  - If the player is dealt a pat hand of 4-2-A composed of two (2) colors and has a lower ranking hand than the dealer, a \$50.00 payout is awarded.
  - If the player is dealt a 4-high hand (does not have to be a pat hand) and has a lower ranking hand than the dealer, a \$10.00 payout is awarded.
  - If the player is dealt a 5-high hand (does not have to be a pat hand) and has a lower ranking hand than the dealer, a \$3.00 payout is awarded.

**Good Luck & Go Low!**