

Poker Or Bust™ Game Rules

Poker or Bust is played with 6 standard 52-card decks. The object of the game is to have a higher ranked 3-card poker hand than the dealer without going over a point value of 31. Aces are counted as one, 10's and face cards count as ten and all remaining cards count as their face value.

The game begins by the player placing two mandatory Ante and Odds wagers of equal amounts.

Each player then receives two cards face up and the dealer receives two cards, one face up and one face down, dealt in standard Blackjack fashion. Each player will then receive a third card. This is done as it takes 3 cards to form a 3-card poker hand and the player can never bust on three cards.

Players must then decide to draw additional cards or stand on their initial three cards. If the player's point total goes over 31, the player has busted and both the Ante and Odds wagers are lost. The dealer will continue this process until all players have had a chance to act on their hand.

After all players have acted, the dealer will expose the down card and deliver one additional card to his/her hand. If the total of the dealer's three cards is 22 or less, the dealer must take additional cards until his/her hand value exceeds 22. If the dealer's hand value totals 23 to 31, the dealer must stand and take no additional cards.

The dealer will then compare his best three-card hand to each player's best three-card hand and settle the wagers as follows:

If the dealer's hand goes over 31, the dealer busts and all remaining players are paid even money on their Ante wagers.

If the player's three-card hand outranks the dealer's three-card hand, the Ante wager is paid even money.

If the player's three-card hand ties the dealer's three-card hand, the Ante wager is a push.

If the dealer's three-card hand outranks the player's three-card hand, the Ante wager loses.

Regardless of the dealer versus player outcome, the Odds wager is paid against the Odds paytable. (see layout)

Poker Or Bust™ 3 Card Hand Rankings

Royal Flush (A, K, Q same suit)
Suited Trips
Straight Flush
Three of a Kind
Straight
Flush
Pair
High Card