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Standards of play:

Three Card Poker (TCP) is a three card poker game that utilizes a player/dealer position. As in other games featuring a player/dealer, the players play against another player where they will collect all winnings and pay all losing bets to the extent that their money covers.

The player/dealer position will be selected as in other games approved by the Bureau of Gambling Control; and the player/dealer will only “bank” the hand (including bonus bets) for two (2) consecutive times before it is rotated in a clockwise fashion around the gaming table.

All standard poker rankings will be used from the minimum winning hand of a high card to the best hand; a Royal Flush.

Type of gaming table utilized for this game:

Three Card Poker shall be played on a standard blackjack table having eight places on one side for the players and the player/dealer, and a place for the Casino dealer on the opposite side.

The cloth covering a Three Card Poker table (the layout) shall have betting areas for eight players. Within each betting area there shall be three separate designated betting spaces labeled ‘Ante’ and ‘Play’ for the placement of bets, as well as a separate circle for the placement of a bonus bet labeled ‘Bonus.’

Number of players in the game:

A maximum of eight players including the player/dealer position.

Type of card deck used:

1. ***Shuffling Machine:*** Cards used to play Three Card Poker shall be dealt from a single deck automatic card shuffling device (‘shuffler’).
2. ***Physical Characteristics:*** Cards used to play Three Card Poker shall be in standard decks of 52 cards.
3. ***Number of Decks:*** Cards used to play Three Card Poker shall be played with two alternating decks, each consisting of a 52 card deck with backs of the same design.
 - a. The backs of each deck will be a different color;
 - b. One deck will be shuffled by the automated card shuffling device while the other deck is being dealt or used to play the game;
 - c. Both decks will be continuously alternated in and out of play, with each deck being used for every other round of play; and
 - d. The cards from only one deck shall be placed in the discard rack at any given time.



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Betting scheme:

1. All wagers in Three Card Poker shall be made by placing gaming chips on the appropriate betting areas of the table layout keeping in mind the table minimum and maximum wagering limits.
2. All wagers shall be placed prior to the dealer announcing "No more bets." No bets shall be made, increased, or withdrawn after the dealer has announced "No more bets."
3. At the beginning of each round of play, each player shall be required to place an ante wager. Each player will have the option to place a play wager, after inspecting their hand, which must be equal to the ante wager.
4. Each player at a Three Card Poker table, who has placed the ante wager required above, shall also have the option to make an additional "bonus wager" that awards a bonus payout to the player(s) who receive a poker hand consisting of certain hand combinations as listed in the *Bonus Bet Payout Table*.

Dealing procedures:

1. Immediately prior to the commencement of play and after each round of play has been completed, the dealer shall shuffle the cards by use of a shuffle machine so that the cards are randomly intermixed. Upon completion of the shuffle, the device shall place the deck of cards in a single stack.
2. The dealer shall wait for each player to place their ante bets as well as any bonus bets. After each player has had the opportunity to place his/her bonus bet, the dealer will announce "No more bets."
 - a. The shuffler deals the cards in stacks of three. The dealer shall deliver the first stack of cards dealt by the shuffler to the player to the left of the player/dealer. As the remaining stacks are dealt by the shuffler, the dealer shall deliver a stack in turn to each of the other players, including the player/dealer, moving clockwise around the table. The dealer shall deliver each stack face down. The stack given to the player/dealer shall be delivered face down after which one card will be turned face up.
3. After the stacks have been dealt and delivered to each player and the player/dealer, the dealer shall unload the remaining cards in the shuffler and place them into the discard rack without exposing the cards.

Round of Play

1. After the dealing procedures above have been completed, each player shall examine his/ her cards.
2. Each player who wagers in Three Card Poker shall be responsible for his/ her own hand and no person other than the player or the dealer may touch the cards of that player. Each player shall be required to keep his/ her three cards in full view of the dealer at all times.
3. After examination of the cards, each player who has placed an ante wager shall have the option to either make a play wager in an amount equal to the player's ante wager or forfeit the ante wager and end his or her participation in the round of play. The dealer shall offer this option to each player, starting with the player to the left of the dealer and moving clockwise around the table in order.
 - a. If a player has placed an ante wager and a bonus wager but does not make a play wager, the player shall forfeit both the ante wager and the bonus wager.



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4. After each player has either placed a wager on the table in the play wager area or forfeited his/ her wager and hand, the dealer shall collect all forfeited wagers and associated cards, placing them in the discard rack.
5. The dealer shall then reveal the remaining player/dealer's cards and place the cards so as to form the highest possible ranking hand. The player/dealer must qualify to play with a minimum of Queen-high.
 - a. If the player/dealer does NOT qualify, the play bet receives no action. The dealer shall immediately refund this bet to players. However, if the player/dealer's hand did not qualify, the player/dealer will automatically pay each ante not surrendered by folding even money regardless of whether the player's hand ranks higher than the player/dealer's or not.
 - b. If the player/dealer's hand qualifies, the dealer shall immediately stack each player's play bet atop the Ante.
 - i. If the player's hand beats the player/dealer's hand, the player wins even money.
 - ii. If the player/dealer's hand beats the player's hand, the player loses.
6. The dealer shall then reveal the three card hand of each active player, starting with the player farthest to the dealer's right.
7. All cards collected by the dealer shall be picked up in order and placed in the discard rack in such a way that they can be readily arranged to reconstruct each hand in the event of a question or dispute.
8. The player/dealer will first collect all losing wagers and then pay all winning wagers. Once the player/dealer's wager has been exhausted, the wagers not covered by the player/dealer will be returned to the players.
9. Player/dealers are never required to cover all opposing players' wagers. Payoffs of wagers are limited to the amount of the player/dealer wager. The house never participates as a player/dealer. The house never takes a percentage of wagers placed in the game. There is no maximum on the player/dealer's wager.
10. The player/dealer position rotates in a systematic and continuous way among the seated players, and no one player may serve as the player/dealer for more than two consecutive hands. The player/dealer button rotates clockwise around the table.

Bonus Bet:

The Bonus Bet is an optional side bet for Three Card Poker. The rules are as follows:

1. Bonus Bets must be placed prior to the initial deal.
2. Bonus Bets may be made at any amount within table betting limits to qualify for a Bonus Bet payoff.
3. The Bonus Bet only considers the three cards each player receives.
4. If the player's hand qualifies for payouts, the player is paid according to the posted pay below by the player/dealer.



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5. If the player's hand does not qualify for payouts, the player/dealer collects the Bonus bet.
6. The player/dealer will pay all winning bonus bets and will collect all losing bonus bets.
7. Once the player/dealer's wager has been exhausted, the wagers not covered by the player/dealer will be returned to the players.
8. Bonus Bets pay as follows:

Hand	Payoff
Royal Flush	200:1
Straight Flush	40:1
Three of a Kind	30:1
Straight	6:1
Flush	3:1
One Pair	1:1

How and when house fees are collected:

Table Fees: Fees will be charged for all wagers and shall be determined prior to the start of play of any hand or round. The actual collection of the fee will occur prior to the start of a hand. Ample notice shall be provided to players relating to the assessment of fees. Flat fees on each wager may be assessed at different collection rates.



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Glossary of terms used in the controlled game:

The following words and terms, when used in this section, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Action Button	A token used to designate where the settling of bets will begin (the action).
Action	The player position where the settling of bets begins.
Ante	The mandatory wager players make before seeing their hand.
Bonus Bet	An optional bet for players who place an ante bet. See bonus bet pay chart in rules.
Fold	The player option to surrender his/her ante, rather than continue the game.
Hand	A five card poker hand formed for each player by combining the three cards dealt to the player and the two community cards.
Play Bet	An optional bet that players make after seeing their three-card hand. The play bet must equal the ante bet.
Play Wager	If players make the play bet, it means they wish to enter the showdown against the player/dealer. If players decide not to make the play bet, they forfeit their ante wager, and are no longer in the game.
Player/Dealer	Seated-position that, for any given hand of play, all other players at the table are playing against. The player in that position taking the Player/dealer position is also referred to as the Player/dealer.
Qualifier	A specific set of card(s) that a player and/or the Player/dealer must have to play.
Round of Play	One complete cycle of play during which all wagers have been placed, all cards have been dealt and all remaining wagers have been paid off or collected in accordance with the game rules.
Seated-positions	The designated positions on the table (often designated with a number) where players may place bets and receive a hand.
Suit	One of the four categories of cards: club, diamond, heart, or spade.