

SUBCHAPTER 20. THREE-CARD POKER

13:69F-20.1 Definitions

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

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"Pair plus wager" means the **optional** wager that a player is required to make prior to any cards being dealt in order to compete against a posted scale of payouts, regardless of the outcome of the player's hand against the dealer.

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"Six-card bonus wager" means an optional wager that a player **is required to make prior to any cards being dealt in order for the player to** [will] be able to form a five-card poker hand listed on a posted payout table from the three cards dealt to the dealer and the three cards dealt to the player during that round of play.

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"Three Card Poker Progressive Wager" means an optional wager that the player will be able to form a five card poker hand listed on a posted payout table from the three cards dealt to the player and two additional community cards dealt during that round of play.

13:69F-20.7 Procedures for dealing the cards from a manual dealing shoe

(a) - (c) (No change.)

(d) After three cards have been dealt to each player and the dealer, the dealer shall remove the stub from the manual dealing shoe and, except as provided in (e) below, place the

stub in the discard rack without exposing the cards. **Notwithstanding the foregoing, at a table at which the Three Card Poker Progressive Wager is offered, the dealer shall deal the next two cards in the deck and place them, face down, on the spot designated on the table layout for the Three Card Poker Progressive Wager community cards. The additional two cards shall be for the sole purpose of resolving the Three Card Poker Progressive Wager and shall have no effect on any other wager made by a player.**

(e) - (f) (No change.)

13:69F-20.8 Procedures for dealing the cards from the hand

(a) - (c) (No change.)

(d) After three cards have been dealt to each player and the dealer, the dealer shall, except as provided in (e) below, place the stub in the discard rack without exposing the cards. **Notwithstanding the foregoing, at a table at which the Three Card Poker Progressive Wager is offered, the dealer shall deal the next two cards in the deck and place them, face down, on the spot designated on the table layout for the Three Card Poker Progressive Wager community cards. The additional two cards shall be for the sole purpose of resolving the Three Card Poker Progressive Wager and shall have no effect on any other wager made by a player.**

(e) (No change.)

13:69F-20.9 Procedures for dealing the cards from an automated [dealing shoe] shuffler

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of N.J.A.C. 13:69E or this chapter, a casino licensee may, in its discretion, choose to have the cards used to play three-card poker dealt from an automated [dealing shoe] **shuffler** which dispenses cards in stacks of three cards, provided that the [shoe] **shuffler**, its location and the procedures for its use in accordance with the casino licensee's internal control procedures.

(b) If a casino licensee chooses to have the cards dealt from an automated [dealing shoe] **shuffler**, the following requirements shall be observed.

1. Once the procedures required by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.5 have been completed, the cards shall be placed in the automated [dealing shoe] **shuffler**.
2. The dealer shall then announce "No more bets" prior to the [shoe] **automated shuffler** dispensing any stacks of cards.

(c) The dealer shall deliver the first stack of cards dispensed by the automated [dealing shoe] **shuffler** face down to the player farthest to his or her left who has placed a wager in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.6. As the remaining stacks are dispensed to the dealer by the automated [dealing shoe] **shuffler**, the dealer shall, moving clockwise around the table, deliver a stack face down to each of the other players who has placed a wager in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.6. The dealer shall then place a cover card on top of the dealer's stack of three cards in the automated [dealing shoe] **shuffler** and either:

1. - 2. (No change.)

(d) After each stack of three cards has been dispensed and delivered in accordance

with this section, the dealer shall remove the stub from the automated [dealing shoe] **shuffler** and, except as provided in (e) below, place the cards in the discard rack without exposing the cards. **At the discretion of a casino licensee, the input tray on an automatic shuffler may be used as a discard rack. Notwithstanding the foregoing, at a table at which the Three Card Poker Progressive Wager is offered, the dealer shall deal the next two cards in the deck and place them, face down, on the spot designated on the table layout for the Three Card Poker Progressive Wager community cards. The additional two cards shall be for the sole purpose of resolving the Three Card Poker Progressive Wager and shall have no effect on any other wager made by a player.**

(e) (No change.)

13:69F-20.10 Procedures for completion of each round of play

(a) (No change.)

(b) After examination of his or her 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 farthest to the left of the dealer and moving clockwise around the table in order. If a player has placed an ante wager and a pair plus wager but does not make a play wager, the player shall forfeit the ante wager and the pair plus wager. If a player has placed an ante wager, a pair plus wager and a six-card bonus wager, but does not make a play wager, the player shall forfeit the ante wager and the pair plus wager, but shall not forfeit the six-card bonus wager. **If a**

player has placed an ante wager and a Three Card Poker Progressive Wager, but does not make a play wager, the player shall forfeit the ante wager and the Three Card Poker Progressive Wager. After each player has either placed a wager on the table in the play wager area or forfeited his or her wager and hand, the dealer shall collect all forfeited wagers and associated cards, placing them in the discard rack **or the input tray of the automatic shuffler.** The dealer shall then reveal the dealer's cards and place the cards so as to form the highest possible ranking hand. If an automated [dealing shoe] **shuffler** is used to deal the cards pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.9 and a cover card is used on top of the dealer's stack removed from the [shoe] **shuffler**, the cover card shall be removed from the stack and placed on the table layout immediately next to the automated [dealing shoe] **shuffler.**

(c) The dealer shall then settle the wagers remaining on the table by complying with either (c)1 or 2 below. A casino licensee shall identify in its gaming submission which alternative the dealer shall use. The dealer's cards shall be placed in the discard rack **or input tray of the automatic shuffler** after all players' cards have been collected.

1. The dealer shall, for each of the following procedures, start with the player farthest to the dealer's right and continue counterclockwise around the table until the procedure has been completed as to all players:
 - i. - ii. (No change.)
 - iii. **If a player has made a Three Card Poker Progressive Wager, follow the procedure set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.12B;**

[iii]iv. Pay each winning wager in accordance with the payout odds listed in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.11; and

[iv]v. Collect all player hands and place them in the discard rack **or the input tray of the automatic shuffler.**

2. The dealer shall, starting with the player farthest to the dealer's right and continuing counterclockwise around the table, complete all of the following procedures as to each remaining player in succession:

i. (No change.)

ii. **If a player has made a Three Card Poker Progressive Wager, follow the procedure set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.12B;**

iii. Collect losing wagers or pay winning wagers in accordance with the payout odds listed in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.11; and

[iii]iv. Collect the player's cards and place them in the discard rack.

(d) (No change.)

13:69F-20.12B Optional Three Card Poker Progressive Wager

(a) A casino licensee may give each player at a three-card poker table who makes an ante wager the option to make an additional wager known as a Three Card Poker Progressive Wager at a table that contains a table game progressive payout wager system approved by the Division. A Three Card Poker Progressive Wager shall win if the three cards dealt to the player and two additional community cards dealt during that round of play pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.7, 8, or 9 may be used to

form one of the following five-card poker hands, listed in order of highest to lowest rank:

1. "Royal flush" is a hand consisting of an ace, king, queen, jack and 10, all of the same suit;
2. "Straight flush" is a hand consisting of five cards all of the same suit and in consecutive ranking;
3. "Four-of-a-kind" is a hand consisting of four cards of the same rank, regardless of suit;
4. "Full house" is a hand consisting of a "three of a kind" and a "pair" (two cards of the same rank, regardless of suit);
5. "Flush" is a hand consisting of five cards of the same suit, regardless of rank;
6. "Straight" is a hand consisting of five cards of consecutive rank, regardless of suit; and
7. "Three-of-a-kind" is a hand consisting of three cards of the same rank, regardless of suit.

(b) Prior to the first card being dealt for each round of play, a player who has made an ante wager may make a Three Card Poker Progressive Wager by placing a gaming chip or chips, in an amount as may be specified by the casino licensee, on the designated spot at the player's betting position. Once such wagers have been placed, a light shall illuminate at each betting position at which a Three Card Poker Progressive Wager has been made. The dealer shall then announce "No more bets,"

and use the table game progressive payout wager system to prevent the placement of any additional progressive payout wagers. The dealer shall then collect any Three Card Poker Progressive Wagers and, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, verify that the number of gaming chips wagered equals the number of progressive payout wagers accepted by the table game progressive payout wager system. The dealer shall then place the gaming chips into the table inventory container in accordance with the rules of the Division.

(c) If the light at a player's betting area on a three card poker table which offers the Three Card Poker Progressive Wager is not operating properly, no progressive wager shall be permitted in that betting area.

(d) A winning Three Card Poker Progressive Wager shall be paid in accordance with the payable in section (e) below. Prior to paying a winning Three Card Poker Progressive Wager, the dealer shall:

1. Verify that the light on the correct acceptor device has been illuminated;
2. Verify that the hand is a winning hand; and
3. Request a casino supervisor to validate any payouts to be deducted from the progressive meter pursuant to the casino licensee's internal control procedures.

(e) A casino licensee shall pay winning Three Card Poker Progressive Wager at no less than the amounts listed in one of the paytables below:

**\$1.00 (or multiple thereof) Three Card Poker Progressive Wager
(Paytable 1)**

<u>Hand Type</u>	<u>Payout</u>
Royal Flush	100% of the amount on the Mega progressive meter and a \$1,000 Envy Bonus (or multiple of base progressive wager amount) to every player placing a Three Card Poker Progressive Wager other than the winning player.
Straight Flush	100% of the amount on the Major progressive meter and a \$300 Envy Bonus (or multiple of base progressive wager amount) to every player placing a Three Card Poker Progressive Wager other than the winning player.
Four of a Kind	300 for 1
Full House	50 for 1
Flush	40 for 1
Straight	30 for 1
Three of a Kind	9 for 1
\$1.00 (or multiple thereof) Three Card Poker Progressive Wager (Paytable 2)	

<u>Hand Type</u>	<u>Payout</u>
Royal Flush	100% of the amount on the Mega progressive meter and a \$1,000 Envy Bonus (or multiple of base progressive wager amount) to every player placing a Three Card Poker Progressive Wager other than the winning player.

Straight Flush	100% of the amount on the Major progressive meter and a \$1,500 Envy Bonus (or multiple of base progressive wager amount) to every player placing a Three Card Poker Progressive Wager other than the winning player.
Four of a Kind	100% of the Minor progressive meter
Full House	50 for 1
Flush	40 for 1
Straight	30 for 1
Three of a Kind	9 for 1

**\$1.00 (or multiple thereof) Three Card Poker Progressive Wager
(Paytable 3)**

<u>Hand Type</u>	<u>Payout</u>
Royal Flush	100% of the amount on the Mega Progressive Jackpot meter and a \$1,000 Envy Bonus (or multiple of base progressive wager amount) to every player placing a Three Card Poker Progressive Wager other than the winning player.
Straight Flush	100% of the amount on the Major Progressive Jackpot meter plus a \$300 Envy Bonus (or multiple of base progressive wager amount) to every player placing a Three Card Poker Progressive Wager other than the winning player.
Four of a Kind	100% of the amount on the Minor Progressive Jackpot meter
Full House	50 for 1
Flush	40 for 1
Straight	30 for 1
Three of a Kind	9 for 1

(f) All winning Three Card Poker Progressive Wagers shall be paid in accordance with the amount on the primary meter when the player's regular three card poker wager is settled; provided, however, if more than one player at a table has a Royal Flush, each player shall share equally in the amount on the progressive meter when the first player with a Royal Flush is paid. If a player has won a

progressive payout which is not being paid from the table inventory container, the cards of that player shall not be collected until the necessary documentation has been completed pursuant to the rules of the Division.

(g) A Three Card Poker Progressive Wager shall have no bearing upon the outcome of any other wager made by a player at the game of three-card poker and shall be paid irrespective of the dealer's hand, provided, however, that a player who folds his or her hand in any round shall also forfeit the Three Card Poker Progressive Wager made in that round. No Envy Bonus shall be paid on the player's own hand or on the dealer's hand.

(h) The progressive meter used in the Three Card Poker Progressive Wager shall be reset to an amount no less than \$10,000. The rate of progression for the progressive meter shall be no less than 21%. Notwithstanding the foregoing, when Paytable 3 is in use, the Mega Progressive Jackpot meter shall be reset to an amount no less than \$10,000; the Major Progressive Jackpot meter shall be reset to an amount no less than \$1,000; and the Minor Progressive Jackpot shall be reset to an amount no less than \$300. When Paytable 3 is in use, the rate of progression for the Mega Progressive Jackpot meter shall be no less than 10%; for the Major Progressive Jackpot meter, no less than 8%; and for the Minor Progressive Jackpot meter, no less than 3%.