

# HOW TO PLAY 4 CARD POKER



In Four Card Poker, you receive five cards to make your best four-card hand, and the dealer receives six cards to make his four-card poker hand.

**Ranking of Hands-** Four-of-a-Kind, Straight Flush, Three-of-a-Kind, Flush, Straight, Two Pair and Pair.

**Player vs. Dealer-** Bet on the required Ante spot to play against the dealer's hand. Best four-card hand wins. The player wins ties. If you bet on the Ante wager and want to stay in the game after viewing your cards, you must make a Play wager. The Play wager has to be at least equal to the Ante but may be up to three times the Ante. It's your four-card poker hand against the dealer's four-card hand, and the best hand wins! The Ante and Play bets pay even money.

**Automatic Bonuses-** The top three hands in the game, four-of-a-kind, straight flush and three-of-a-kind, receive an automatic bonus payout on the Ante bet. See table for odds. Automatic Bonuses are paid even if the dealer has a better four-card hand.

**Play Aces Up-** Bet on the Aces Up spot and win when you're dealt a pair of Aces or better. The Aces Up bonus is always paid even if the dealer has a better hand.

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## STRATEGY GUIDE

Four Card Poker is a game that rewards skill, patience and nerve.

### SKILL

In Four Card Poker, skilled players make better decisions involving:

- When to make the Play bet
- How much to bet

### BASIC STRATEGY

Following this strategy greatly reduces the house's advantage. It also enables the player to enjoy the

PLAYER'S HAND	STRATEGY
Pair of 2s or less	Fold
Pair of 3s to 9s	Bet 1x Ante
Pair of 10s or better	Bet 3x Ante

volatile nature of the game.

**Patience-** As the strategy dictates, you should fold with anything less than a pair of 3s. This means you may fold four, five, even six hands in a row. Just be patient and wait for good hands before making the Play Bet.

**Nerve-** When you get a good hand, you can't be afraid to max out your Play bet. The dealer's average hand is a pair of 9s, so whenever you have 10s or better, you're favored to win. Go ahead and bet 3x your Ante.



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