

CRISS CROSS POKER

Criss Cross Poker is a poker game played using two 5-card hands in one game. The player plays against a payable – no dealer hand and no qualifying is required. To begin, each player must place two ante bets of equal value, with one corresponding to the “across” hand and the other corresponding to the “down” hand. The player may also place the optional 5 Card Bonus bet.

THE CARDS

The dealer will place five community cards face down to form a cross. Each player receives two cards to examine.

PLAYING “ACROSS”

Each player has the option to either make an “across” bet or forfeit their ante wagers. The “across” bet must be one to three times the amount of their ante wager. After each player has placed the “across” bet, the dealer will turn over the two OUTSIDE cards on the HORIZONTAL positions of the cross.

PLAYING “DOWN”

Players remaining in the hand, now have the opportunity to make a “down” bet or forfeit ALL PREVIOUS wagers. The “down” bet must be one to three times the amount of their ante wager. After each player has placed the “down” bet the dealer will turn over the two OUTSIDE cards on the VERTICAL positions of the cross.

PLAYING “MIDDLE”

Finally, the dealer offers each player the option to either make the “middle” bet or forfeit all previous wagers. The “middle” bet must be one to three times the amount of the ante wager. After each player has placed the “middle” bet, the dealer turns over the center card of the cross.

WINNERS

As the dealer reveals each player’s two cards, the player uses their two cards, plus the three cards in the horizontal positions to see their “across” hand, then their two cards, plus the three cards in the vertical position to see their “down” hand.

Winning hands are paid according to the payable, and the ante bet on the winning hand pays even money if there is a pair of Jacks or better. The “middle” bet only pays if either the “across” OR “down” bets win – and pays the odds of the highest ranking hand if both the “across” and “down” bets are winners.

If one hand should push, and the other is a loss, the “middle” is also a push. The “middle” bet only is a loss if BOTH the “across” and “down” hands are losses.