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## Overview

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TriPeaks is a single-player card game. Your goal is to earn a higher score than anyone else in the history of the game. Your success will depend on your perseverance, memory, and luck.

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## Playing the Game

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The object of TriPeaks is to earn money by clearing cards from the three peaks. Sometimes you will clear the three peaks, sometimes not. You play by moving the cards from the peaks to the pile according to the [rules](#).

### To Start Your Game:

◆ Enter your name in the box that appears when you launch TriPeaks. Or, choose Change Player from the Game menu and enter your name.

### To Deal the Deck of Cards:

◆ From the Game menu, choose Deal. Or press F2.

### To Move a Card:

◆ Just click the card that you want to remove from the TriPeaks.

### To Reset A Player's Score:

◆ From the Game menu, choose Reset. This will permanently erase your cumulative score and reset your score at zero.

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## Rules of the Game

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### TriPeaks Rules:

- You can only remove cards from the TriPeak area if they are one card lower or higher in rank than the current card in the face-up pile.

**Note:** Aces are considered one higher than Kings and one lower than Two cards. This means you can place an Ace on a King and then place a Two on the Ace.

- ◆ You can move any card from the face-down pile to the face-up pile, but each time you do so you lose money.

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## Scoring

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- ◆ Every card that is taken from the face down pile costs \$5.
- ◆ How much you earn from cards taken from the three peaks and placed on the face up pile depends on how many cards have been played since you last drew from the face down pile. For example, if you place only one card from the three peaks before going to the stack, you would get \$1 for that card. If you place three cards from the three peaks before going to the stack, you get \$1 for the first card, \$2 for the second, and \$3 for the third card. For a grand total of \$6. If you never draw from the face down pile and still clear all the cards in play, you get a whopping \$406 dollars.
- ◆ For clearing the first two peaks, there is a bonus of \$15 dollars each, and for clearing the last peak, which is the last card in play, you get a bonus of \$30 dollars.
  - ◆ If you decide to exit or redeal while cards are in play, you will be penalized \$5 for each card left in the TriPeaks area. This can be a good move if there are a lot of cards left in face down pile, because your probability of getting bonus points in this situation is slim.
- ◆ If you finish a deal and you are in the red, just Reset -- unless you feel guilty. (No one is watching!)
- ◆ Keep mental notes on what's been played. For example, if all four 7's have been played it is harder to place 6's and 8's. And if no Aces have been played they will probably appear soon.

## Strategy and Hints

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This section contains helpful hints for playing TriPeaks successfully.

- ◆ The object of TriPeaks is to earn money, not to clear all three peaks every time. So it is not always the best idea to try to clear all three peaks. Sometimes it can be wise to deal a new hand rather than lose \$5 for every card you turn over in the face down pile.
- ◆ If you have a choice between two cards, remove the card from the TriPeaks area that will turn over the largest number of cards.
- ◆ In general, keep as many cards as possible in the TriPeaks area face up.
- ◆ Keep track of what cards have been played. For example, if you know that all four of the seven cards have been played, and you have sixes and eights face up on the TriPeaks area, it is probably a good idea to redeal.

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## How to Play

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# Commands

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## Game Menu Commands

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This section contains information about Game menu commands in TriPeaks.

### **Deal**

Deals a new game of TriPeaks.

### **Change Player**

Changes the current player.

### **Reset**

Resets the score for the current player. Remember, this permanently erases your previous cumulative score.

## Options Menu Commands

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This section contains information about the Options menu commands in TriPeaks.

### **Deck**

Allows you to select the pattern on the back of the cards.

### **Show Statistics**

Displays game and session statistics for the current player.

### **Hall of Fame**

Displays the TriPeaks Hall of Fame.

## Keyboard Commands

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This section contains information about the Keyboard commands in TriPeaks.

### Key

Left Arrow and Right Arrow  
Down Arrow  
Up Arrow  
ENTER  
ESC

### Function

Move the cursor around the cards available for play.  
Places the cursor on the face-down pile.  
Moves the cursor up to the TriPeak area.  
Moves the card over which the cursor is positioned.  
Automatically minimizes the game.

The **Rank** of a card is its numerical value. An Ace has a rank of 1, a 2 card has a rank of 2. Jacks have a rank of 11, Queens of 12, and Kings of 13.