

Blackjack



Blackjack, or 21, is considered one of the most popular card games in the world. It takes only minutes to learn to play Blackjack.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE GAME IS:

- To draw cards that total as close to 21 as possible, without exceeding it.
- You may Stand or Draw additional cards to improve your total.
- If your total is closer to 21 than the dealer's, you win.
- Face cards count as 10. Aces count as 1 or 11. All others count at face value.

RULES OF THE GAME

After all players have placed their bets in the box corresponding to their seat position, two cards are dealt in sequence face up to each player. The dealer also deals two cards to him/herself, one up and one down.

If your first two cards are an Ace and a ten-value card, you have "Blackjack" and will be paid 3 to 2 odds on your bet. You cannot lose, but if the dealer should also have Blackjack, it is a stand-off ("Push").

If you feel the total of your first two cards can beat the dealer's total, you "Stand" and do not draw additional cards. If you feel that the dealer has cards that can beat your total, ask for additional cards, one at a time. This is called a "Hit."

After all players have completed their hands, the dealer exposes their card, which has been facedown. If their two cards total 16 or less, they must hit until they reach 17 or more. If your total is closer to 21 than the dealer's, or if the dealer "busts," you will win even money for your bet.

SPLITTING PAIRS

If your first two cards are a pair with the same numerical value, you may split them into two hands, provided that the bet on the second hand equals the original bet. Once the hands are split and the wagers placed, the first hand is played out before receiving any cards for the second hand. The split hand may be split again if another pair of cards is formed. You may split up to three times to give you a total of four hands. If the split pair are Aces, you are limited to a one-card draw on each hand and

cannot split again. A hand in which a split Ace draws a ten-value card counts as 21, not as Blackjack.

DOUBLING DOWN

On any of your first two cards except Blackjack, you may elect to wager an additional amount up to the value of the original bet. On any double down, you may only draw one additional card. You may double down after splitting a pair, except when splitting Aces.

INSURANCE

If the dealer's first card is an Ace, you may elect to take insurance by placing a bet on the insurance line not greater than one-half of the original bet. The insurance bet is a wager that the dealer will have a Blackjack with his second card. Insurance bets pay 2 to 1 if the dealer draws a Blackjack, but lose

in all other instances. A player with Blackjack wishing to take "insurance" will be paid immediately at "even money" and take no further part in that hand.

GENERAL

You should always indicate whether you want another card by making a hand signal. If you want another card, you should make a scratching motion on the table. If no card is needed, you should make a slight sideways motion with your hand.

The dealer is the only person allowed to handle, remove or alter the location of the cards or chips. If you wish to double or split, the dealer will show you where to make the additional wager.

The responsibility for correctly computing the point count of the player's hand lies solely with the player.

When the dealer's first card is a ten-value card or an Ace, the dealer will place both cards in an optical device on the table to determine whether the dealer has Blackjack. If the dealer does not have Blackjack, play will continue as normal. If the dealer does have Blackjack, the facedown card will be turned over immediately and the players' wagers dealt with accordingly.

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