

Blackjack

Blackjack is closely related to the popular card game Pontoon, or 21, Blackjack is the most popular card game in casinos all over the world where skill and judgement are as important as luck. Dealing from 6 decks of cards, your croupier will give each player 2 cards, dealt face up. The croupier will also have one card face up. The players are not playing against each other, but against the dealer. Every player will then either stand (stick) or draw (twist) trying to get close to 21, without going over. When all players have played, the dealer will then turn a second card. The dealer does not have a choice of when to take cards and when to stop. He/ she must continue to take cards until reaching seventeen and must then stop. So, please remember that the dealer may also bust (and frequently does). ***Blackjack consists of an ace and any card with a points value of 10.***

First Bet (Ante Bet)

Bets are placed by players in the centre of the square box usually corresponding to their table position.

'Splitting' your hand into two different hands is possible if your first two cards are the same except for pairs of 4, 5, or 10's. If you decide you want to 'split', the dealer will place your two cards apart on the table and you must make an additional bet equal to your original one. The dealer will place an additional card on each card creating two hands that you can then play. You are permitted to split more than once if you wish. When Aces are split the player may only take one more card and if the score of 21 is achieved this does NOT count as 'Blackjack'.

'Double Down' is allowed if the players first two cards total 9, 10 or 11 the player may double their bet but they will ONLY draw one further card.

'Insurance' can be taken if you have been dealt a blackjack and the dealers up card shows an ace (meaning they also have a good chance of making Blackjack). To do this you must again bet half your original stake. If the dealer has Blackjack you will win your insurance bet at the rate 2:1 and you stand off on your Blackjack hand. If the dealer does not have blackjack you lose the insurance bet but get paid 3:2 for Blackjack.

Payouts

Any player with a card total above 21 loses their bet.

If the dealer's card total is above 21 then all players with 21 or under win and are paid even money (players win the same amount as they bet).

If the player card total is closer to 21 than the dealer then the player wins and paid even money.

Any 'Blackjack' winning hands are paid 3:2 (player wins the amount bet plus an extra half).

If the players total is lower than the dealers hand the player loses his bet.

If the player and dealer tie it is a 'stand off' you neither win nor lose, including Blackjack.

Please remember you & your guests do not have to be an expert at any of the games. Allow the croupiers to guide you & your guests through each game, to ensure you get the most fun out of any casino game played.