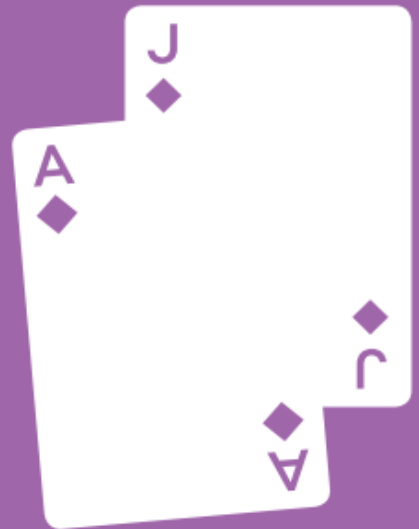


## HOW TO PLAY

# BLACKJACK



### THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE GAME RULES

Blackjack is one of the most popular casino games. The objective of the game is to beat the Dealer, without exceeding a total of 21. Cards are dealt clockwise from a dealing device called a shoe or from a shuffling machine. Each player is dealt two cards face-up and the dealer receives one card face-up. Once the player has received their two cards, they can choose to **Stand** (draw no more cards), **Hit** (take another card), **Split** (split hand with same face value) or **Double** (take one additional card). Blackjack can be played with either 6 or 8 decks of cards.

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Picture cards (Jack, Queen and King) count as 10, Aces count as 1 or 11, whichever is to your advantage e.g. Ace, 8, 10 = 19. Any other cards (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10) count as face value.

If your first two cards are an Ace AND any ten- point card, you have Blackjack. The dealer will announce "Blackjack" and pay you at odds of 3 to 2. In the event that the dealer also has a Blackjack, the hand will be a stand-off (a tie or a draw) and you will neither win nor lose. However, if the dealer makes any other total including 21 with three or more cards, your Blackjack will win.

If you do not have Blackjack on your first two cards, you may need to stand (draw no more cards) or hit (draw more cards) until you decide to stand, or until your point total goes over 21 in which case you lose (bust). You must hit if the point total of your cards is 11 or less. Irrespective of your point totals, the dealer must hit with 16 or less and stand with 17 or more. If the dealer goes over 21, all hands remaining on the table must be paid.

If you finish with a total closer to 21 than the dealer's total, you will win and be paid even money. If you and the dealer have the same totals you have a stand-off.

In the event that the dealer has a Blackjack, you lose unless you also have a Blackjack, in which case you have a stand-off. In the game of Blackjack, you can place a wager on a box (playing area) or behind another player's wager.

Up to three players may wager on one box, provided that the total of all wagers remains within the maximum limits displayed on the table sign.

**Splitting Pairs** – If your first two cards have the same point value, you may ask the dealer to split your hand to form two separate hands, by betting an amount equal to the original bet.

Each hand will be played and completed in turn. At least one card will be dealt to each hand. If the first two cards dealt to a split hand total 9, 10, or 11 you may also double. If you split Aces, only one card is dealt to each Ace. If a 10-point card is dealt to either Ace, the hand is treated as 21, not Blackjack.

**Doubling** – You may double your original wager if your first two cards total 9, 10, or 11, but if one the first two cards is an ACE, it will only be counted as a one towards your final total. If you elect to double, you place an additional wager of not more than the original wager. You will then receive an additional card on that hand.

**Insurance** – An insurance wager may be made by placing an amount not more than half of your original wager, on the Insurances line of the table layout. All insurance wagers must be placed prior to any players receiving a third card.

Whenever the first card dealt to the dealer is an Ace, the dealer will announce "insurance" and you may make an insurance wager in case the dealer makes Blackjack. This insurance wager will only win if the dealer makes Blackjack with the second card being a 10 value card and is paid at odds of 2 to 1.

**Blackjack** – In the event that the dealer receives Blackjack and you have placed additional bets on split hands and/or a double, the dealer will only take an amount equal to your original bet from the remaining bets in each box.

In the event that you have Blackjack and the dealer does not have an Ace or ten-point card as the first face - up card, the dealer will pay your Blackjack bet at odds of 3 to 2 and remove your cards prior to any players receiving a third card. If the dealer's face up card is an Ace or ten-point card, the game will be dealt in the usual fashion, with all the wagers paid and taken after the dealer's hand has been completed.

## PERFECT PAIRS

Perfect Pairs™ is an optional side wager offered on certain Blackjack tables. The concept of the wager is simple, a Perfect Pairs™ wager wins if the first two cards dealt to the player are a pair and loses if they are not a pair.

To play Perfect Pairs™ simply place a wager prior to the initial deal in the Perfect Pairs™ wagering area in front of the Blackjack betting area - you are not required to make an initial wager on the Blackjack hand, but there must be at least one regular Blackjack wager placed on the Blackjack betting area before a Perfect Pairs™ wager can be made and the cards drawn to that hand.

All wagers must be placed before any cards are dealt and you can only place one Perfect Pairs™ wager for each Blackjack betting area in the round of play. If the first two cards dealt to the Blackjack hand are a pair, you win!

There are three different types of pairs and the payout odds vary accordingly. For the purposes of playing Perfect Pairs™ a pair is a hand where the first two cards dealt, in the initial deal only, are either:

### MIXED PAIR

**PAYS 5 TO 1**

Two cards of the same number or picture type but of different colours e.g.: Queen of Hearts and Queen of Spades



### COLOURED PAIR

**PAYS 10 TO 1**

Two cards of the same number or picture type and colour but of different suits e.g.: Queen of Hearts and Queen of Diamonds



### PERFECT PAIR

**PAYS 30 TO 1**

Two cards of the same number or picture type and suit e.g.: Queen of Hearts and Queen of Hearts



A maximum of three Perfect Pairs™ wagers will be permitted per Blackjack box and preference will be given to players who have also placed a wager on the Blackjack hand for that box.

Please note that the casino may limit the placement of Perfect Pairs™ wagers to those players who also have a Blackjack wager and will display a sign at the table when this applies.

## ANY PAIRS

Any Pairs is an optional wager offered on certain Blackjack tables. The wager wins if the initial two cards dealt form a pair which pays 11 to 1. The wager loses if the first two cards do not form a pair. Wagers are made and settled in a similar way to Perfect Pairs™

## STAR PAIRS

Star Pairs is an optional wager offered on certain Blackjack tables which pays based on the player's first two cards in a similar way to Perfect Pairs™. The pay table for Star Pairs is as follows:

### MIXED PAIR

**PAYS 5 TO 1**

Two cards of the same number or picture type but of different colours e.g.: Queen of Hearts and Queen of Spades



### SAME COLOUR PAIR

**PAYS 8 TO 1**

Two cards of the same number or picture type and colour but of different suits e.g.: Queen of Hearts and Queen of Diamonds



### SUITED PAIR

**PAYS 20 TO 1**

Two cards of the same number or picture type and suit e.g.: Queen of Hearts and Queen of Hearts



### PAIR OF ACES

**PAYS 30 TO 1**

Two cards that are both Aces



## BLAZING 7s

Blazing 7s is an optional wager offered on certain Blackjack tables. Players must opt in before the commencement of the first deal by placing a \$5.00 jackpot wager on the jackpot sensor of the corresponding box. The Blazing 7's jackpot wager is limited to one wager per betting area and limited to players who have placed an initial wager in the corresponding betting area.

For the purposes of the Blazing 7s wager, the qualifying hand for the jackpot prize shall consist of the first two cards dealt to the player's hand and the first card dealt to the dealer's hand. The jackpot payouts are as follows:

## THREE 7s OF DIAMONDS

**100% OF JACKPOT**

Player's first two cards and Dealer's face-up card is sevens of Diamonds

## THREE SUITED SEVENS

**10% OF JACKPOT**

Player's first two cards and Dealer's first face-up card are sevens of the same suit except Diamonds

## THREE COLOURED SEVENS

**\$2,500**

Player's first two cards and Dealer's first face-up card are sevens of the same colour but not the same suit

## THREE SEVENS

**\$1,000**

Player's first two cards and Dealer's first face-up card are sevens not of the same colour

## TWO PLAYER SEVENS

**\$100**

Player's first two cards are sevens and dealer does not have a seven

## ONE PLAYER SEVEN & ONE DEALER 7

**\$50**

One of the player's first two cards is a seven and the dealer's first face-up card is a seven

## IMPORTANT

You may not handle, remove or alter any cards used in the game of Blackjack. Although the dealer will call out the card totals, it is your responsibility to also check your point totals are correct.

Mode of Payment of winning wagers will be paid by means of chips and/or promotional tokens.

For a copy of the approved game rules, please visit the star website.

[www.star.com.au/sydney/casino/rules-of-games](http://www.star.com.au/sydney/casino/rules-of-games)

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