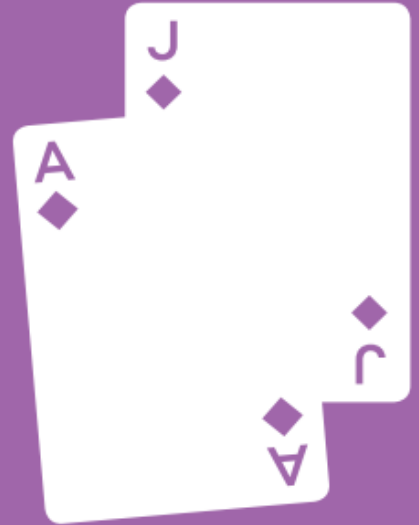


## HOW TO PLAY

# BLACKJACK CHALLENGE



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

Blackjack Challenge is a variation of Blackjack, 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 device called a card 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 Challenge can be played with 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 the first two cards of your original hand or split hand are an Ace AND any ten-point card, you have Blackjack.

The dealer will announce "Blackjack" The odds paid will depend on if the dealer also has a blackjack and the ranking of your 10 value card when compared with the dealer's 10 value card.

The rank of cards for the purpose of determining blackjack payouts from highest to lowest is king, queen, jack and 10. A player blackjack will be paid at the odds listed below:

	DEALERS 10 VALUE CARD	ODDS
Dealer has a blackjack	Ranked lower than players 10 value card	5 to 1
Dealer has a blackjack	Same rank as players 10 value card	4 to 1

Dealer has a blackjack	Ranked higher than players 10 value card	3 to 1
Dealer doesn't have a blackjack		2 to 1

If you do not have Blackjack on your first two cards, you may decide 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. 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 even money.

If you finish with a total closer to 21 than the dealer's total, you win and will be paid even money.

If you have a point total equal to or less than the point total of the dealer's hand and the dealer's hand does not exceed 21, you lose.

**21** – In the event your point total equals 21 (not Blackjack), you automatically win, and the dealer will pay you even money.

**Five card trick** – In the event you draw 5 cards to a hand without exceeding 21, you automatically win and the dealer will pay you even money.

**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 wagering an amount equal to the original wager. Each hand will be played and completed in turn.

At least one card will be dealt to each hand. You are only allowed to split twice per box forming three hands per playing area. You may also double in a split hand providing the hand contains two or three cards.

**Doubling** – You may elect to double on the first two cards or first three cards dealt to your original or split hands by placing a wager of not more than your original wager. You will then be dealt one additional card face upwards and placed sideways to that hand. In the event your point total equals 21 after doubling, you automatically win and the dealer will pay you even money.

**Blackjack** - If the dealer obtains Blackjack after you have placed additional wagers on split hands and/or a double where you have not achieved 21, the dealer will only collect an amount equal to your original wager from the remaining wagers.

Blackjack, 21 and Five Card Trick can be achieved on split hands. If the dealer obtains Blackjack after you have split and you have not achieved Blackjack, 21 or Five Card Trick, the dealer will only collect an amount equal to your original wager from the remaining wagers.

In the game of Blackjack Challenge, 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 the wagers remain within the maximum limits displayed on the table sign.

#### 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™.

#### PERFECT PAIRS

**Perfect Pairs** – Perfect Pairs™ is an optional side wager offered on certain Blackjack Challenge tables. The concept of the wager is simple. A Perfect Pairs™

wager wins if the first two cards dealt to a Blackjack Challenge hand are a pair and loses if they are not a pair.

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

A Perfect Pairs™ wager is made prior to the initial deal. There are three different types of pairs and the payout odds vary accordingly.

A maximum of three Perfect Pairs™ wagers will be permitted per Blackjack Challenge box and preference will be given to players who have also placed a wager on the Blackjack Challenge 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 Challenge wager and will display a sign at the table when this applies.

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

Challenge hand are a pair, you win! 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

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

PAYS 5 TO 1



#### COLOURED PAIR

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

PAYS 10 TO 1



#### PERFECT PAIR

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

PAYS 30 TO 1



#### 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

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

PAYS 5 TO 1



#### SAME COLOUR PAIR

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

PAYS 8 TO 1



#### SUITED PAIR

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

PAYS 20 TO 1



#### PAIR OF ACES

Two cards that are both Aces

PAYS 30 TO 1



#### 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 are 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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