

BACCARAT

Baccarat is generally considered to be a glamorous game with high limits, played in an elegant setting.

A variation of Baccarat is Even Money Baccarat. The way the game is played is the same; the only difference being in the way the bets are paid.

The games are easy to play and both have the same basic rules. You can bet on either the Player's hand or the Banker's hand, and the one which has a point total of nine or closer will be the winning hand. You may also bet that the hands will Tie (finish with the same point total).

HOW TO PLAY

All cards from 2 to 9 are counted at face value and an Ace is counted as 1. Picture cards (Jack, Queen and King) and tens are counted as zero. When adding card totals together only the right-hand digit will be counted.

For example:

Ace (1) + 5 = 6 Hand total = 6

10 (0) + 3 + 6 = 19 Hand total = 9

9 + 5 = 14 Hand total = 4

The game begins when the cards are shuffled and placed in a dealing device called a shoe. Four cards will then be dealt: the first and third cards will be the Player's hand and the second and fourth cards will be the Banker's hand.

The dealer announces the initial point totals and should either hand add up to 8 or 9, this hand is called a Natural and no further cards are dealt.

If neither hand is a Natural, one additional card may be dealt to each hand in accordance with the table overleaf known as the Table of Play or Tableau.

Winning bets on the Player's hand are always paid even money (1 to 1).

Winning bets on the Banker's hand are paid according to the version of the game being played.

Winning bets on a Tie are always paid at odds of 8 to 1.

The table of play/tableau

At first glance this may look confusing; however, to play Baccarat it is not necessary for you to know the Table of Play. The cards are drawn strictly in accordance with the Table of Play and there are no optional draws.

Just remember that it is the card that is drawn as the Player's third card (not the total of the cards on the Player's hand), which controls whether the Banker's hand has to draw a third card.

Baccarat

Baccarat is played on either a 7 or 9 playing position table.

Baccarat can be played with 3, 4, 6 or 8 decks of cards. Cards are generally shuffled by a shuffling machine.

Winning bets on the Player's hand are paid even money (1 to 1) whilst winning bets on the Banker's hand are paid at odds of 19 to 20.

Winning Tie bets are paid at odds of 8 to 1.

Even money baccarat

Even Money Baccarat is also played on either a 7 or 9 playing position table.

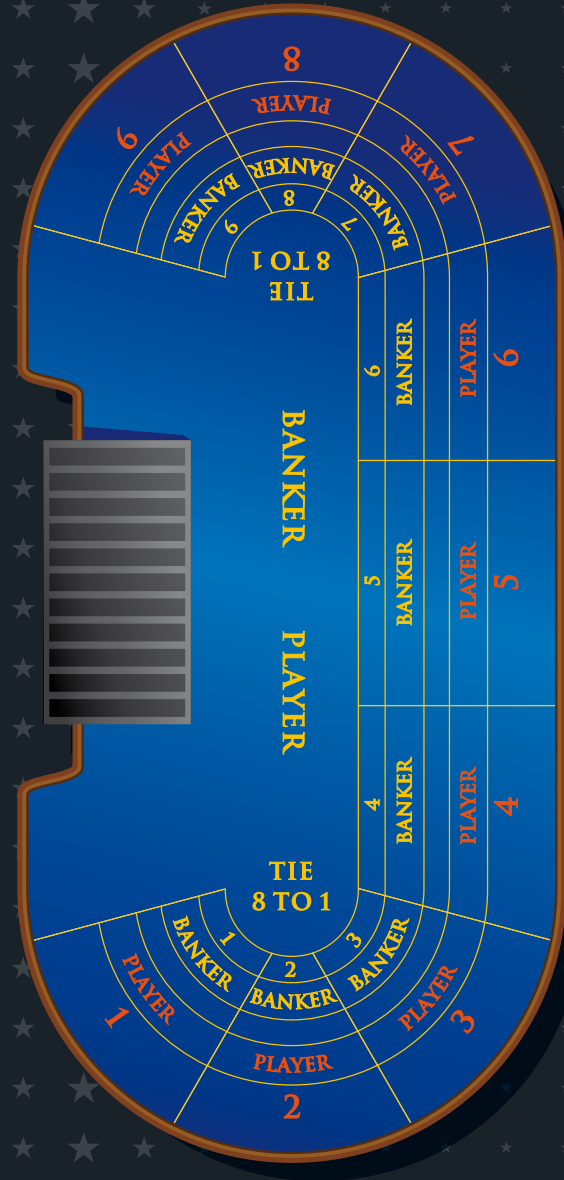
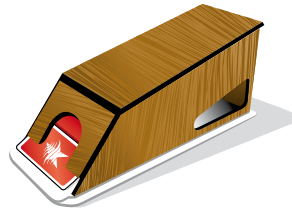
Even Money Baccarat can be played with 3, 4, 6 or 8 decks of cards. Cards are generally shuffled by a shuffling machine.

Winning bets on the Player's hand are paid even money (1 to 1).

Winning bets on the Banker's hand are also paid at even money EXCEPT when the Banker's hand wins with a point total of 6 – in which instance, winning bets on the Banker's hand are paid at odds of 1 to 2 or at half of your original bet.

Winning Tie bets are paid at odds of 8 to 1.

A sign at the table will indicate when the game in play is Even Money Baccarat.



See table games staff for further information on how to play.

DRAGON BONUS

Dragon Bonus™ is an optional side wager offered on selected Baccarat tables. A Dragon Bonus™ wager wins if the Baccarat hand (Player or Banker) is a natural* with a higher point count total than the opposite hand, or if the point count total of the winning Baccarat hand exceeds the opposite hand by 4 points or more.

HOW TO PLAY

To play Dragon Bonus™ simply place a wager in the "Player" Dragon Bonus™ or "Banker" Dragon Bonus™ area of the layout. Players may choose to wager on either the Player Dragon Bonus™, the Banker Dragon Bonus™ or both, but may only make one wager per option. Players are not required to make an initial wager on the Baccarat hand, but there must be at least one regular Baccarat wager placed on the table before a Dragon Bonus™ wager can be made and the cards drawn for that round of play.

A maximum of three Dragon Bonus™ wagers will be permitted per Dragon Bonus™ box and preference will be given to players who have also placed a wager on the Baccarat hand for that round of play.

All wagers must be placed before any cards are dealt.

If the Banker's Hand and Player's Hand both form a natural* with the same point count total the Player Dragon Bonus and the Banker Dragon Bonus wagers shall be declared a stand off and shall neither win nor lose.

If the Banker's Hand and Player's Hand do not form a natural* and have the same point count total both the Player Dragon Bonus and the Banker Dragon Bonus wagers shall lose.

Know your odds

Each casino game has a theoretical house margin which is the percentage of money wagered that is retained by the casino. The lower the house margin, the higher the proportion of money that is returned to players. With games of skill it is possible for players using betting/decision strategies to reduce the house margin, while for games of chance no betting system will change the house margin. In the long run, most players are unlikely to come out ahead. Each casino game played at Star City must be conducted in accordance with rules approved by the NSW Casino, Liquor and Gaming Control Authority.

Baccarat is considered to be a game of chance. The house margin for the traditional game of Baccarat played at Star City is around 1.2%. The house margin may vary if other wagering options and payment odds are offered.

The house margin for Tie wagers is around 14.36%.

The house margin for Even Money Baccarat is around 1.7%.

The house margin for the Dragon Bonus option may vary between 2.46% and 9.37%.

The house margin for the Baccarat Pairs is around 10.3%.

DRAGON BONUS* BANKER SHALL WIN IF:	DRAGON BONUS* PLAYER SHALL WIN IF:	ODDS	
Natural	The point count total of the Banker's Hand forms a natural* of eight or nine, and has a higher point count total than the Player's Hand.	The point count total of the Player's Hand forms a natural* of eight or nine, and has a higher point count total than the Banker's Hand	1 to 1
4 points	The point count total of the Banker's Hand does not form a natural* and is four points higher than the Player's Hand	The point count total of the Player's Hand does not form a natural* and is four points higher than the Banker's Hand	1 to 1
5 points	The point count total of the Banker's Hand does not form a natural* and is five points higher than the Player's Hand	The point count total of the Player's Hand does not form a natural* and is five points higher than the Banker's Hand	2 to 1
6 points	The point count total of the Banker's Hand does not form a natural* and is six points higher than the Player's Hand	The point count total of the Player's Hand does not form a natural* and is six points higher than the Banker's Hand	4 to 1
7 points	The point count total of the Banker's Hand does not form a natural* and is seven points higher than the Player's Hand	The point count total of the Player's Hand does not form a natural* and is seven points higher than the Banker's Hand	6 to 1
8 points	The point count total of the Banker's Hand does not form a natural* and is eight points higher than the Player's Hand	The point count total of the Player's Hand does not form a natural* and is eight points higher than the Banker's Hand	10 to 1
9 points	The point count total of the Banker's Hand does not form a natural* and is nine points higher than the Player's Hand	The point count total of the Player's Hand does not form a natural* and is nine points higher than the Banker's Hand	30 to 1

* "Natural" means a point count of eight or nine for either the Player's Hand or the Banker's Hand in the initial deal (ie. first two cards dealt to each hand).



PERFECT PAIRS

Perfect Pairs™ is an optional side bet offered on certain Baccarat tables. The concept of the bet is simple.

A Perfect Pairs™ bet wins if the first two cards dealt to a Baccarat hand are a pair and loses if they are not a pair. A Perfect Pairs™ bet is made prior to the initial deal. There are three different types of pairs and the payout odds vary accordingly.

HOW TO PLAY

To play Perfect Pairs™ simply place a bet in the Player Perfect Pairs™ or Banker Perfect Pairs™ area of the layout. You may choose to wager on either the Banker Perfect Pairs™, the Player Perfect Pairs™ or both, but may only make one wager per option. You are not required to make an initial wager on the Baccarat hand, but there must be at least one regular Baccarat bet placed on the table before a Perfect Pairs™ wager can be made and the cards drawn for that round of play. A maximum of three Perfect Pairs™ wagers will be permitted per Baccarat Perfect Pairs™ box and preference will be given to players who have also placed a wager on the Baccarat hand for that round of play. Please note that the casino may limit the placement of Perfect Pairs™ wagers to those players who also have a Baccarat wager on either the Player's Hand, Banker's Hand or Tie and will display a sign at the table when this applies.

All bets must be placed before any cards are dealt. If the first two cards dealt to the Banker's or the Player's hand are a pair, you win if you have the corresponding Perfect Pairs™ wager. For the purpose of playing Perfect Pairs™ a pair is a hand where the first two cards dealt, in the initial deal only are either:

BACCARAT PAIRS

Baccarat Pairs are optional bets offered on certain Baccarat tables. The concept of the bet is simple. You may choose to wager that the first two cards drawn to the bankers hand and/or the players hand are of the same number or the same picture type (such as 2-2 or King-King).

A Pairs Player is a wager that the first two cards dealt to the players hand will be of the same number or the same picture type. It wins at the odds of 11-1 if they are of the same number or picture type and loses if they are not.

A Pairs Banker is a wager that the first two cards dealt to the bankers hand will be of the same number or the same picture type. It wins at the odds of 11-1 if they are of the same number or picture type and loses if they are not.

HOW TO PLAY

To play Baccarat Pairs simply place a bet in the Pairs Player or Pairs Banker area of the layout.

You may choose to place a wager on the Pairs Banker, a wager on the Pairs Player or a wager on both the Pairs Banker and Pairs Player, but may only make one wager per option.

You are not required to make an initial Baccarat wager, but there must be at least one Baccarat wager on the Player's Hand, Banker's Hand or Tie before a Baccarat Pairs wager can be made and the cards drawn for that round of play.

A maximum of three Pairs Player wagers will be permitted per Pairs Player box and a maximum of three Pairs Banker wagers per Pairs Banker box.

All bets must be placed before any cards are dealt. If the first two cards dealt to the Banker's or the Player's hand is of the same number or picture type, you win if you have the corresponding Baccarat Pairs wager.

Please note that the casino may limit the placement of Baccarat Pairs wagers to those players who also have a Baccarat wager on the Player's Hand, Banker's Hand or Tie and will display a sign at the table when this applies.

PERFECT PAIRS	ODDS
Mixed Pair (A)	Two cards of the same number or picture type but of different colours eg. Queen of Hearts and Queen of Spades Pays 5 to 1
Coloured Pair (B)	Two cards of the same number or picture type and colour but of different suits eg. Queen of Hearts and Queen of Diamonds Pays 10 to 1
Perfect Pair (C)	Two cards of the same number or picture type and suit eg. Queen of Hearts and Queen of Hearts Pays 25 to 1



MIXED PAIR (A)



COLOURED PAIR (B)



PERFECT PAIR (C)

BANKER	When Player's third card is:	When Player's third card is:
3	1-2-3-4-5-6-7-9-0: Draws	8: Stands
4	2-3-4-5-6-7: Draws	0-1-8-9: Stands
5	4-5-6-7: Draws	0-1-2-3-8-9: Stands
6	6-7: Draws	0-1-2-3-4-5-8-9: Stands
7	Stands	
8-9	Has a Natural and cannot draw	
0-1-2	Draws	

PLAYER'S HAND THIRD CARD RULE

Player's first two cards total:	Player's Hand
0-1-2-3-4-5	Draws a card unless the Banker has a Natural
6-7	Stands
8-9	Natural Stands

Note: Banker must stand on 6 and 7 on the initial deal when a Player has 6 or 7 on the initial deal. Banker must draw on 0-5 when a Player stands on 6 or 7 on the initial deal. There are no optional draws.

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