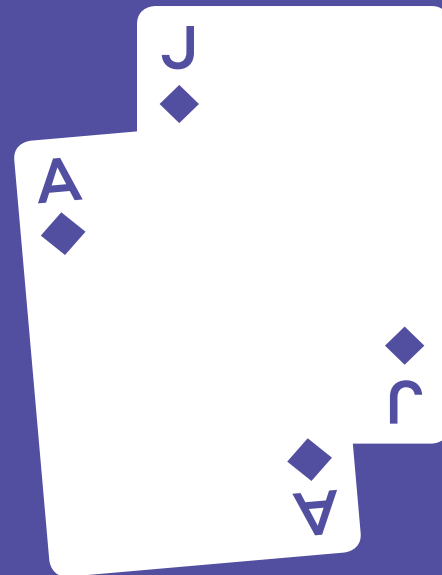


## HOW TO PLAY

# BLACKJACK



Blackjack is arguably the most popular casino card game played in casinos around the world.

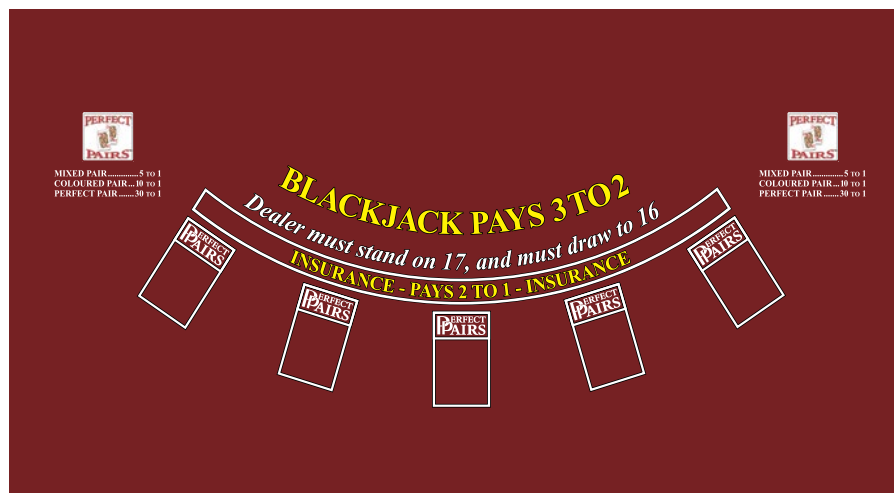
### THE AIM OF THE GAME

The aim of the game of Blackjack is to draw cards totalling closer to 21 than those in the Dealer's hand – without exceeding 21. Picture cards (Jack, Queen, King) each count as 10.

An Ace can count as 1 or 11. All number cards have their face value.

### THE BLACKJACK TABLE

The Blackjack table seats up to seven Players on one side, and the Dealer on the other. Its layout is marked out with up to seven betting areas in which the Players place their bets before the cards are dealt.



### HOW TO PLAY

All cards in Blackjack are dealt face up so that you can see the point value of the Players' and Dealer's hands. A first card is dealt to each of the Players, and then finally to the Dealer. A second card is then dealt to the Players only. The Dealer will call out the value of all hands.

### 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.**

### PLAYING THE CARDS

You may stand on the two original cards in your hand, or draw additional cards to improve your total. If you bust (go over 21) you lose.

When all Players have completed their hands, the Dealer draws a second card. The Dealer must draw on 16 or less, and stand on 17 or more.

If your hand totals closer to 21 than the Dealer's, you win, and are paid even money. If your hand is lower than the Dealer's, you lose. If the Dealer busts, all remaining hands are paid even money, except a Blackjack which is paid 3 to 2.

If you and the Dealer both have Blackjack, or the same card total, it is considered a draw or stand off – you neither win nor lose.

## ACE + 10 = BLACKJACK

Blackjack is when you are dealt a ten, or any picture card, plus an Ace as your first two cards. Blackjack pays 3 to 2 (1.5 times your bet).

## INSURANCE

When the Dealer's first card is an Ace, you may insure your bet against the Dealer getting Blackjack. Your insurance bet is placed on the table's insurance line after your second card is dealt, and before the Dealer draws any more cards. This bet may be up to half of your original wager. If the Dealer draws Blackjack, your insurance bet will be paid at 2 to 1. If the Dealer doesn't draw a ten or picture card, your insurance bet is lost.

## HOW TO SIGNAL THE DEALER FOR MORE OR NO MORE CARDS

To make draw and stand commands quickly and easily understood, Blackjack Players use hand signals to communicate with the Dealer.

To signal to the Dealer that you wish to draw another card tap the table behind your bet. You will be dealt one card. Our dealers are trained to accept tapping only.

To signal the Dealer that you wish to stand, move your hand, palm down, in a horizontal cut-off motion behind your bet.

You will not be dealt any more cards.

## THE RANGE OF BETS IN BLACKJACK

Blackjack tables on the Main Gaming Floor have varying minimum and maximum bets. Before you sit down, please check the sign displaying the minimum and maximum bets at the table, or ask any of our gaming team for assistance.

## SOME OF THE CARD COMBINATIONS AND OPTIONS IN BLACKJACK



### BLACKJACK

The name of the game – a ten or any picture card plus an Ace as your first two cards. Pays 3 to 2, unless the Dealer also draws Blackjack.



### SOFT HAND – 7 OR 17

A soft hand contains an Ace without the other card(s) totalling 10 or more – the Ace may be counted as 1 or 11.



### HARD HAND – 17

A ten makes a soft hand a hard hand – the count can no longer be altered. Alternatively, any hand without an Ace is also considered a hard hand, as its value cannot be altered.



## TWENTY-ONE

Three or more cards totalling 21.



## DOUBLING

You may double your initial bet if your first two cards total 9, 10 or 11. However, you may then only draw one more card. To double, place an additional bet – up to the value of your original bet – in your betting area.

If the Dealer draws Blackjack, your original bet is lost, but the double down portion of the wager is not taken by the Dealer.



## SPLITTING

If your first two cards have the same value, you may ask the Dealer to split them to create two separate hands.

You must then place an additional bet equal to your original bet on the second hand. You will then be dealt a second card on your first hand and each hand can then be played separately. If the total on your first hand is 9, 10, 11 you may double your bet exactly the same way as you would on a normal hand. You may double-down on the second split hand if you wish. If the Dealer obtains a Blackjack you will only lose your original bet, i.e. the bet you placed before cards were dealt. Play will be completed on that hand before continuing to the next. If you split Aces, only one card is dealt to each hand. If a ten or picture card is dealt to either of the split Aces, it is counted as 21, not Blackjack. Similarly, if you split tens, and an Ace is dealt as the first card to the split, it too is counted as 21, not Blackjack. A hand can only be split once.



## BUST OR OVER

Your card total has exceeded 21. You lose.

## PERFECT PAIRS

Players may have an additional perfect pairs wager on a Blackjack table that provides betting areas for perfect pairs.

To place an additional wager simply place an amount between the minimum and maximum limits on a perfect pairs betting area.

The additional wager wins when you receive a pair (two cards identical in type\* and value) as your first two cards.

The odds paid for winning wagers are:

<b>PERFECT PAIR</b> Same value, same suit	<b>30 to 1</b>
<b>COLOURED PAIR</b> Same value, same colour, different suit	<b>10 to 1</b>
<b>MIXED PAIR</b> Same value, different colour	<b>5 to 1</b>

Winning bets will be paid and handed off to the Player immediately after the initial deal.

\*10, Jack, Queen and King are identical in value but not in type, therefore a Jack and King, for example, are not considered a pair.

## THE ODDS OF WINNING

Blackjack is a card game of chance and skill in which Players may improve their chance of winning by using a betting strategy.

After receiving two cards from the Dealer, the Player can choose to be dealt more cards so as to have a total score closer to 21 than the Dealer's total – without going over 21.

Face cards count as 10, Aces count as 1 or 11 and the cards 2 to 10 count as their face value. The House margin for Blackjack is generally less than 0.5% for skilled Players.

## RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING

The casinos promote a responsible approach to gambling and offer gambling for your enjoyment. Only you can decide how much time and money you want to spend on gambling at a casino. If you think you may have a problem controlling your gambling behaviour, please contact:

**Gambling Helpline 1800 858 858**  
gamblinghelponline.org.au

Gambling Help services are independently run and offer free, confidential support (available 24 hours).

Bet with your head, not over it.