



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 object of the game is to draw cards with a total closer to 21 than the dealer's total – without going over 21.

Cards are dealt clockwise from a device called a card shoe or from a shuffling device. You are dealt two cards, while the dealer draws one card. The cards are dealt face-up so you can see your point value. Blackjack Challenge is played with 6 or 8 decks of cards.

HOW TO PLAY

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.

Blackjack - If the first two cards of your original hand or split hand are an Ace and any ten-point card, you have Blackjack. The odds you will be paid will depend on if the dealer also has a blackjack and the rank of your 10 value card when compared with the dealer 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.

Player 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.



Any Pairs

Any Pairs is an optional side wager offered on certain Blackjack Challenge tables. The concept of the wager is simple. An Any Pairs wager wins if the first two cards dealt to your Blackjack Challenge hand are a pair and loses if they are not a pair. All winning Any Pairs wagers are paid at odds of 11 to 1. Any Pairs wagers must be made prior to the initial deal.

How to Play – Any Pairs

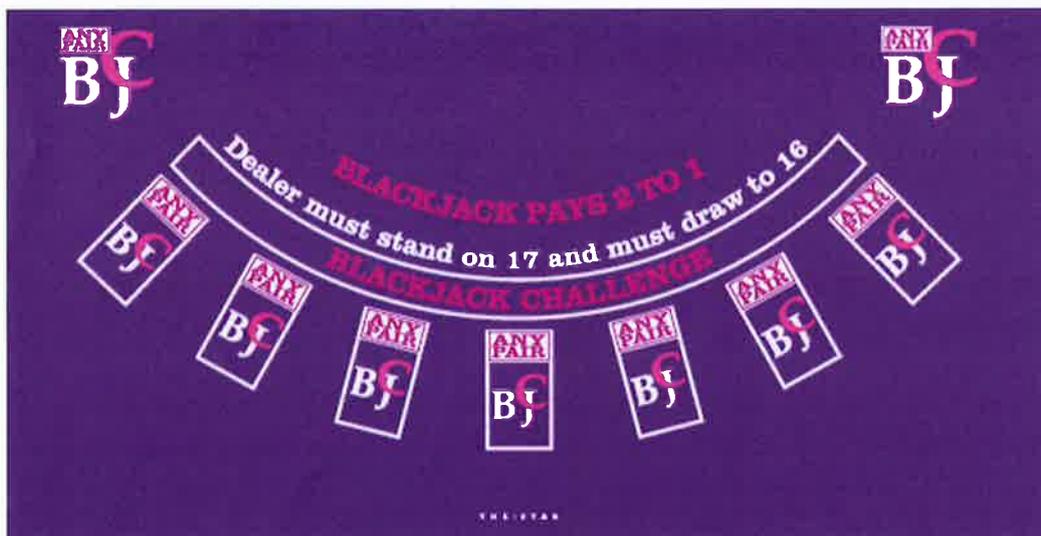
To play Any Pairs simply place a bet in the Any Pairs area in front of the Blackjack Challenge box – you are not required to make an initial wager on the Blackjack Challenge hand, but there must be at least one regular Blackjack Challenge bet placed on the Blackjack Challenge box before an Any Pairs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

A maximum of three Any 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 Any 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 Any Pairs bet for each Blackjack Challenge hand in the round of play. If the first two cards dealt to the Blackjack hand are a pair, you win!

For the purposes of playing Any Pairs a pair is a hand where the first two cards dealt, in the initial deal only, are of the same number: Ace, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10 or of the same picture type: Jack, Queen or King.



Indicative Table Design.



Perfect Pairs

Perfect Pairs™ is an optional side bet offered on certain Blackjack Challenge tables. The concept of the bet is simple. A Perfect Pairs™ bet wins if the first two cards dealt to a Blackjack Challenge 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 – Perfect Pairs

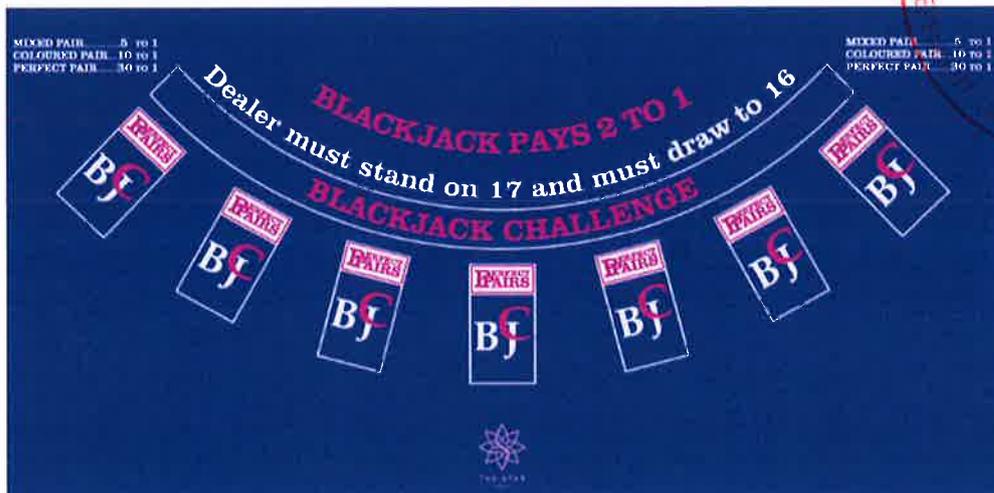
To play Perfect Pairs™ simply place a bet in the Perfect Pairs™ area in front of the Blackjack Challenge box – you are not required to make an initial wager on the Blackjack Challenge hand, but there must be at least one regular Blackjack Challenge bet placed on the Blackjack Challenge box before a Perfect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

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All bets must be placed before any cards are dealt and you can only place one Perfect Pairs™ bet 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 (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	
			MIXED PAIR (A)
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	
			COLOURED PAIR (B)
PERFECT PAIR (C)	Two cards of the same number or picture type and suit eg. Queen of Hearts and Queen of Hearts	PAYS 30 TO 1	
			PERFECT PAIR (C)



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 (Player 21) after doubling, you automatically win and the dealer will pay you even money.

If the dealer obtains Blackjack after you have doubled and not achieved Player 21, the dealer will only collect an amount equal to your original bet from the remaining bets.

Splitting

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. 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.

Blackjack, Player 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, Player 21 or Five Card Trick, the dealer will only collect an amount equal to your original bet from the remaining bets.

Dealer's Hand

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.

In the game of Blackjack Challenge, you can place a bet on a box (playing area) or behind another player's bet. Up to three players may bet on one box, provided that the total of all bets remains within the maximum limits displayed on the table sign.

Important

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

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

Think! About your choices.

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