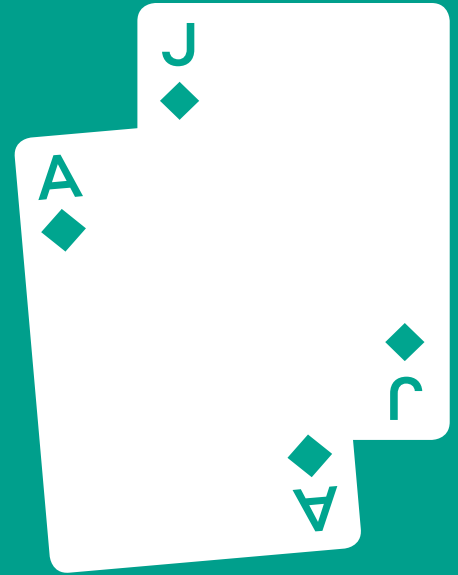


## HOW TO PLAY

# STAR BLACKJACK



## THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE GAME RULES

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 dealing device called a shoe or from a shuffling machine. You are dealt two cards, while the dealer takes one card. The cards are dealt face up so you can see your point value. Star Blackjack is 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 their 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. You must hit if the point total of your cards is 11 or less. Irrespective of your point total, the dealer must hit with a soft 17 (a hand that contains an Ace that may be counted as 11) or less and stand with a hard 17 (a hand that contains no Aces, or that contains Aces that can only be counted as 1 in value) 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 Star Blackjack, 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.

**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 bet if your first two cards total 9, 10, or 11, but if

one of the first two cards is an Ace, it will be counted as a one towards your final total. If you elect to double, you place an additional bet of not more than the original bet. You will then receive one more card on that hand.

**Insurance** – Whenever the first card dealt to the dealer is an Ace, the dealer will announce "insurance" and you may make an insurance bet in case the dealer makes Blackjack.

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

An insurance bet shall win if the dealer makes Blackjack with the second card being a 10-value card and is paid at odds of 2 to 1. If the dealer does not make a Blackjack, it shall lose.

**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 other 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 bets paid and taken after the dealer's hand has been completed.

### OPTIONAL WAGERS

There are several optional wagers that may be offered on Star Blackjack games.

To play any of the optional wagers available on the table, place a bet in the corresponding area on the layout. You may not be required to make an initial wager on the Star Blackjack hand, but there must be at least one wager on the Star Blackjack hand before any of the optional wagers may be placed and cards dealt to the box.

A maximum of three wagers will be permitted for each optional wager offered per Star Blackjack box. Preference shall be given to players who have placed a wager on the Star Blackjack hand for that playing area.

Please note that the casino may limit the placement of optional wagers to those players who have placed a Star Blackjack wager; a sign will be displayed at the table when this applies.

All wagers must be placed before any cards are dealt, and you may only place one bet for each of the optional wagers offered on each Star Blackjack playing area in a round of play.

### PERFECT PAIRS

**Perfect Pairs** – A Perfect Pairs™ bet wins if the first two cards dealt to a Star Blackjack hand are a pair and loses if they are not a pair. There are three different types of pairs and the payout odds vary accordingly.

#### 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 (B)

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 (C)

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

**PAYS 30 TO 1**



Indicative table design

### ANY PAIRS

**Any Pairs** – An Any Pairs wager wins if the first two cards dealt to your Star Blackjack 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

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.

### LUCKY LUCKY

A Lucky Lucky bet wins if the first two cards dealt to your Star Blackjack hand and the dealer's first card add up to a total of 19, 20 or 21, as specified in Table 1

Where the players first two cards and the dealer's first card do not win as per Table 1, the bet shall lose.

HAND	ODDS
Suited 7,7,7	200 to 1
Suited 6,7,8	100 to 1
Unsuited 7,7,7	50 to 1
Unsuited 6,7,8	30 to 1
Suited 21	10 to 1
Unsuited 21	3 to 1
Any 20	2 to 1
Any 19	2 to 1

Table 1

### IMPORTANT

You may not handle, remove or alter any cards used in the game of Star Blackjack. 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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