HOW TO PLAY

STAR BLACKJACK



THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE GAME RULES

Star Blackjack 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 dealing device called a shoe or from a shuffling machine. 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). Star Blackjack can be played with either 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 standoff (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.

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 wager if your first two cards total 9, 10, or 11, but if one the first two cards is an ACE, it will only be counted as a one towards your final total. If you elect to double, you place an additional wager of not more than the original wager. You will then receive an additional 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 wager in case the dealer makes Blackjack.

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

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

Blackjack – In the event that the dealer receives Blackjack and you have placed additional bets on spilt 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 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 wagers paid and taken after the dealer's hand has been completed.

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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 wager 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 wager 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™ wager 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

COLOURED PAIR

and Queen of Spades

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

PAYS 5 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

ANY PAIRS

Any Pairs is an optional wager offered on certain Star 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™

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



BLAZING 7s

Blazing 7s is an optional wager offered on certain Star Blackjack tables. Players must opt in before the commencement of the first card being dealt 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 faceup 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

See table games staff for further information on how to play. Think! About your choices. Call Gambling Help 1800 858 858 www.gamblinghelp.nsw.gov.au





Indicative table design, actual design and optional wagers may differ on the casino floor to what is shown above.