



## BLACKJACK

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### HOW TO PLAY


The object of Blackjack is to attempt to reach a point total of 21 or as close to 21 as possible without going over. Hands that are closer to 21 than the dealer's hand wins. Hands that are not, or hands that have a point total exceeding 21, lose. Cards from 2 through 10 have their face values. Jacks, Queens and Kings have a face value of 10. Aces are valued at 1 or 11.

A Blackjack occurs when a player's first two cards are an Ace and a 10 value card. This pays 3 to 2. After all players have made a bet in the circle in front of them, the dealer deals two cards in sequence to each player and the dealer. The dealer places his/her first card face up and his/her second card face down under the first card.

If a player feels the total of his/her first two cards can beat the dealer, he/she "stands" – additional cards are not drawn. This decision is indicated by a wave of the hand, palm down, over the table. If a player feels the dealer has cards that beat his/her total, he/she indicates his/her decision to "hit" – draw additional cards. This is done by scratching the index finger on the table towards oneself. After each additional card, a player must indicate his/her decision to stand or draw to the dealer.

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After all the players have completed their hands, the dealer's hole card is exposed. The dealer must draw on a total of 16 or less, until reaching a total of 17 or higher on some tables, while having to hit a soft 17 on other tables. Each layout will designate which style game is being dealt, or feel free to ask the dealer. If the dealer's total is less than a player's, or if the dealer exceeds a point count of 21, the player wins even money! If a player's point count is equal to the dealer's it is a "push" and he/she does not win or lose.

Besides having the option to stand or draw after the first two cards, a player may also double down, split pairs or take insurance.

### **DOUBLE DOWN**

Players may double down on any two cards except for a point count of 21. This is done by placing an additional wager (up to the total amount of your initial bet) next to the original bet. Players receive only one additional card when doubling down.

### **BET THE SET**

If the players first two cards are a "Pair" or "Suited Pair" they win according to the pay table.

### **ROYAL MATCH**

If the players first two cards are the "Same Suit" or a "Royal Match" (Kings and Queens of the same suit) the player shall win according to the pay table. A "Crown Treasure Bonus" is awarded when both the player and dealer have a "Royal Match".

### **KINGS BOUNTY**

If the players first two cards total for a hand of 20, the player shall win according to the pay table.

### **SPLITTING PAIRS**

If a player's first two cards are a pair, he/she may split them into two hands by placing an equal amount next to the original bet. If the next card makes a pair, the player may split again. He/she can split up to three times for a total of four hands. Split Aces once with only a one card draw. A 10 value card on a split Ace counts as 21, not as a Blackjack.

### **INSURANCE**

If the dealer's up card is an Ace players may make an additional wager betting that the dealer has Blackjack.

Insurance bets are made by placing up to half the original bet on the insurance line, prior to the dealer checking his/her hole card. If the dealer has Blackjack, the bet wins and pays 2 to 1.

For pay table please see the Pit Supervisor or find the pay tables at [www.hollywoodcolumbus.com](http://www.hollywoodcolumbus.com)

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