

# BLACKJACK GUIDE

		QUICK GUIDE									
		Dealer's Visible Card									
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
Your Hand	17+	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	16	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
	15	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
	14	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
	13	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
	12	H	H	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
	11	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	H
	10	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	H	H
	9	D	D	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
	5-8	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
	A, 8-10	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	A, 7	S	D	D	D	D	S	S	H	H	H
	A, 6	H	D	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
	A, 5	H	H	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
	A, 4	H	H	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
	A, 3	H	H	H	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
	A, 2	H	H	H	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
	A, A, 8, 8	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP
	10, 10	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	9, 9	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	S	SP	SP	S	S
7, 7	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	H	H	H	H	
6, 6	H	SP	SP	SP	SP	H	H	H	H	H	
5, 5	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	H	H	
4, 4	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	
3, 3	H	H	SP	SP	SP	SP	H	H	H	H	
2, 2	H	H	SP	SP	SP	SP	H	H	H	H	

Hit	Stand	Double Down	Split
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## General Rules

Blackjack, or 21, is the most popular casino game. One of the biggest reasons for its popularity is it's a simple contest between you and the dealer. You need not concern yourself about the play of others at the table.

The object of 21 is to beat the dealer by drawing cards that add up to 21, or as close to 21 as possible without exceeding that number. The Jack, Queen and King count as 10 and the ace counts as 1 or 11, whichever you prefer. All other cards count at their face value.

If you draw cards exceeding 21, you go bust and lose, even if the dealer also goes bust. If your count is closer to 21 than the dealer's count, you win. If your count is the same as the dealer's, it's a tie or push - nobody wins.

If your first two cards total 21 exactly, you have Blackjack (and 10 or face card with an Ace) and win one-and-a-half times the money you bet. However, if the dealer also Blackjacks on his first two cards, it's a tie - nobody wins.

## When to Play

If you never played Blackjack before you should visit some of the major Casinos early in the afternoon as most offer classes with low minimum bets.

The best time to play with low minimum tables is early in the morning when most casinos lower their minimum bids to attract customers during quiet times. It's difficult to find \$5 tables in the evening.

## How to Win

Learn the chart on the left and the basic guidelines below, as it suggests how you should play each hand for the best odds. Also it's worth purchasing a Casino computer game with Las Vegas odds, you can learn how to play without risking any of your money.

While your playing at the table you should never drink any alcohol or play when your tired. Casinos give free alcoholic drinks out in the attempt to impair your thinking. Don't play after midnight unless you slept all day. Remember Blackjack is a thinking person's game and playing to the chart on the left will help you increase your chances of winning.

## Understanding Splits

If your first two cards are a pair, you can play two hands by matching the amount of your original bet on each hand. You can draw as many cards as you like for each hand. However if you're splitting Aces, you can draw only one card for each hand. However, be sure to check the dealer hands before deciding to split, refer to the above chart on when to split.

## Understanding Double Downs

If your first two cards total a combination that you feel will only take a single card to draw to beat the dealer, you may double your bet. Remember, you can only draw one additional card.

## Understanding Insurance

This is a protection bet for the player and pays 2 to 1. When a dealer has an Ace showing, the player has the option to take Insurance by placing up to half of his bet in the Insurance square. If the dealer has 21, you win the insurance bet and lose if he doesn't. Basically, placing an insurance bet is betting that the dealer has a blackjack. Even if you win the insurance bet, you will still lose your original bet. Most experts will tell you to stay away from Insurance.

## Blackjack Odds

A single deck game with Las Vegas Strip rules and double after splitting allowed actually gives the player a +0.1% advantage

## BASIC GUIDLINES

### Hit and Stand:

**Hard** : Always Hit except:

- Stand on 12 against dealer 4-6
- Stand on 13-16 against dealer 2-6
- Stand on 17 or more

**Soft** : Always Hit except:

- Stand on 18 against dealer 2,7, 8
- Stand on 19 or more

### Double-Down:

**Hard** :

- Double 9 against dealer 3-6
- Double 10 against dealer 2-9
- Double 11 against dealer 2-10

**Soft** :

- Double 13, 14 against dealer 5, 6
- Double 15, 16 against dealer 4-6
- Double 17, 18 against dealer 3-6

### Hand Splitting:

- NEVER split 10s or 5s (treat 5s as a Hard 10)
- ALWAYS split Aces and 8s
- Split 2s, 3s, and 7s against dealer 2-7; otherwise Hit
- Split 4s against dealer 5, 6; otherwise Hit
- Split 6s against dealer 2-6; otherwise Hit
- Split 9s against dealer 2-6, 8, 9; otherwise Stand