

BLACKJACK

Blackjack, or “21,” is the most popular of all casino games. It is fun to play and easy to learn. Blackjack is played with standard playing cards. We offer hand-held double deck games. The game of Blackjack has one dealer and can accommodate up to nine players. In Blackjack, the object is to beat the dealer. Each player is dealt two cards face up (face down in double deck) and the dealer is dealt one card face up and one card face down. All face cards count as ten, and Aces count as either one or eleven, whichever you choose. All other cards are played at face value. The object of the game is to accumulate cards with a total as close to 21 as possible, without going over 21, or “busting.”

Additional cards are called “hits,” and a player can take as many as desired until a satisfactory hand is obtained or the player goes “bust.” After all players have completed play on their hands, the dealer turns his “hole card” up and completes his hand. The dealer will draw on any point total of 16 or less. The dealer will stand on a “hard 17” or higher, but hit a “soft 17.” A soft 17 is a hand containing at least one Ace, counted as an 11 to make 17. (A hard 17 hand will automatically bust if given a “hit” card greater than four.)

If a dealer’s point count exceeds 21, he busts, and all players whose point count is 21 or less win. If the dealer does not bust, he compares his hand to each player’s total and takes the bets on all players’ hands that are less than his, and pays the bets on hands that are higher than his. When your point total is the same as the dealer’s, you “push,” and your wager is not taken or paid. All winning bets are paid even money, with the exception of Blackjack, which is paid 3 to 2.

BLACKJACK TERMINOLOGY

Blackjack:

If your initial two cards consist of an Ace with any 10, Jack, Queen or King - you have a Blackjack. If both you and the dealer have a Blackjack, it is a standoff or push. A winning Blackjack is paid 3 to 2 (1 ½ times the bet).

Splitting Pairs:

You may "split" any first two matching cards or face cards into two hands. The bet on the second hand must be equal to the original bet. Each hand must be completed individually and in turn. A hand may be split up to three times, for a total of four hands. If the split pair are Aces, they receive only one card per Ace and can only be split one time.

Doubling Down:

You may "double down" on the first two cards of your original hand, or the first two cards of any split hand. You may double down for any amount up to the value of the original bet. You are limited to drawing only one additional card on a double down hand.

Insurance:

If the dealer's up card is an Ace, you may elect to take "insurance." The insurance bet is a wager that the dealer has Blackjack. In other words, you are betting the dealer's down card will be a face card. You may bet any amount up to half of your original bet on insurance. Insurance bets pay 2 to 1 if the dealer has a Blackjack. The bet is forfeited if he does not.

Push:

If the player and dealer have equal point values at the end of the hand, this is a "push," and the wager is neither paid nor taken.

Even Money:

If a player has a Blackjack and the dealer has an Ace showing as the up card, that player may elect to take "even money" (1 to 1) on his bet before the dealer checks his hand.

Late Surrender:

After the dealer ensures that he does NOT have Blackjack, any player may then "surrender" half his wager and end the hand. Note: No Surrender on Double Deck.

Requesting Hits:

You should indicate your decision to hit or stand with hand signals. The accepted signals are a side-to-side motion to "stand," and a sweeping motion toward yourself to take a "hit." Decisions to split pairs, double down, or take insurance should be indicated verbally or by turning your hand face up. In multi-deck games, players do not touch the cards.

HOUSE RULE

Side betting is strictly prohibited on the casino floor.