

Blackjack

Blackjack, also known as "21" is a table game that players may bet either \$2 or \$10 per hand, it is played with up to an eight deck shoe. Players may not play more than two hands at a time.

At the start of a game the dealer will inspect each deck to be sure all decks are complete and not damaged. The dealer will next wash each deck face up to insure the cards are mixed. After the dealer shuffles all seven decks a player will cut the cards. The player must cut at least one deck on from the front or back of the combination deck. After the player cuts the cards the dealer will re-cut the back of the deck to protect the shoe. When the dealer re-cuts the shoe, it must be at least one full deck.

The main objective of Blackjack is to come as close to 21 as possible without going over.

If a player goes over at anytime the dealer will take the bet first and take the cards second.

The dealer must hit (take a card) when they have sixteen or less. The dealer must also hit on a soft seventeen. A soft hand is any hand that can be hit and not bust, ex, if the dealer has an ace, ace, three, two the total is seventeen but it is considered soft so the dealer must hit. If the dealer busts then all players that have a live hand will get paid for each bet they have posted.

The dealer gives each player who has posted a bet, two cards face up. The dealer also gets two cards with only one of them face up.

If a player gets an ace and ten/face card showing he will pay that player 3/2 or 1.5 times their bet.

If the dealer has an ace showing the dealer will offer insurance or even money to all players. If a player has blackjack they can take even money at that time. Players that do not have blackjack may insure their hand for up to half their bet.

If the dealer has blackjack the dealer will turn over the hand immediately, take all players bets that do not also have Blackjack, players with blackjack will receive a push. The player that bought insurance will receive 2/1 for their insurance bet.

If the dealer has a ten showing the dealer will check for blackjack at that time. Without asking the players if they would like insurance or even money.

After checking for blackjack, action begins starting at the dealers left each player has the chance to hit, split, double down, stay, or surrender.

A player may split any matching cards by putting up an additional bet. The player may also split any face cards including tens. Players may split up to three times and play up to a four hand total. If a player chooses to split aces he or she will only receive

one card per ace. If the player receives a third ace when splitting, then the player may not re-split aces.

A player may double down on the first two cards. When a player doubles down they put up a second bet and receive only one card. A player may double down for equal or less than the original bet, ex, a player bets \$4 and wants to double for less, they can double for \$2 if they chose to do so. A player may surrender and lose half the bet when it is their turn to act, and only after the dealer checks for blackjack, provided the dealer has ace or face card showing.

If the dealer and player have the same hand it is considered a push. When a player pushes on a single bet they keep the money they have bet.

If a player splits and pushes both hands they keep the money they have bet on both hands. At the end of the night the manager tells the dealer when he or she is shuffling the last shoe; the dealer notifies the players that when the shoe is complete the table will be closed. When the dealer reaches the cut card that is the last hand for the shoe. The dealer will re-suit all the decks to insure that all cards are still there. The trays and rakes are taken to the cage and counted.

Players are permitted to play up to two hands at one time at the same table. In the event there are additional customers waiting to play, HBC Gaming will use its best efforts to open additional tables if equipment and personnel are available.

Match the Up-Card side bet:

In addition to the regular BlackJack bet a single side wager to match the dealer up-card is offered. Players may wager from \$1 - \$10 this side bet. A Match the Up-Card wager is a wager that one or both of the player's original two cards of the hand will exactly match the dealer's up-card in rank. There are two payoff amounts for each respective wager, a suited rank match and an unsuited rank match. In order to place a Match the Up-Card wager, the player must make a regular BlackJack wager and a Match the Up-Card wager on the same hand prior to the cards being dealt. When the dealer has dealt the initial two cards to each player and a down card (face down) and an upcard to himself, the dealer will check all hands to determine if one or both of each player's cards match in rank to the up-card the dealer has. If that player has made a Match the Up-Card wager and his card or cards match the dealer's up-card, the dealer will pay the player based upon the following payoff table.

MATCH	PAYS
2 Suited	20-1
1 Suited/ 1 Non-Suited	14-1
2 Non-Suited	10-1
1 Suited	7-1
1 Non Suited	3-1