

PLAYERS EDGE 21

Game Description

Player's Edge 21 is a card game for up to six players, played with 5, 6, or 8 non-standard decks. The decks use the ranks Ace through Nine, and the face card ranks Jack, Queen, and King. They are equivalent to standard 52-card decks, with all cards of rank Ten removed.

Game Play

Player's Edge 21 is dealt and played in a manner similar to standard Blackjack. In particular, hand valuation is identical to standard Blackjack. The player begins by placing their main wager. The player may also place any of the following optional side wagers, as configured by the operator:

- Match-Up • Match-Down • Monster Match

The dealer then deals two cards to each player. The dealer also deals one card face-up and one card face-down to the dealer hand. If the dealer's up-card is an Ace, then the player has the option to place an Insurance wager. (The Insurance wager wins if the dealer has Blackjack. The wager pays 5 to 1 if the Blackjack is suited, and pays 2 to 1 for unsuited Blackjacks. If the dealer does not have Blackjack, the wager loses) If the dealer's up-card is an Ace or a face card, the dealer peeks for Blackjack (after insurance wagering, if applicable). If the dealer has Blackjack, all wagers are immediately resolved. Otherwise, the player then acts on his hand. Available hand actions include:

- Hit – The hand is dealt an additional card. Stand – The player signals that actions on the hand are completed.
- Double Down – The player increases their wager on the hand, either for the amount of their original wager (true double) or for an amount less than the original wager (doubling for less). The only actions available after a doubling are Stand, Double-Double Down, or Surrender (Double-Down Rescue).
- Split – Only available if the hand has two cards, and they are of identical Blackjack value. The hand is split into two new hands, each hand receiving one of the original two cards, plus one additional card from the shoe. The player continues acting on one hand, and when complete, acts on the next active split hand. The player may only split 3 times in a game, for up to 4 split hands. Note that two ten-valued cards of different rank (e.g. King through Jack) may be split.
- Double-Double Down — Only available immediately after a Double Down, or after a Double-Double down. The player may redouble their existing wager, and receive an additional card. The player may only double 3 times on each hand.
- Surrender – Only available on the first two cards, or immediately after Doubling (or Double-Doubling), and only if the dealer does not have Blackjack, and if the player's hand is not busted. The player may surrender the hand, forfeiting half of the hand's wager. In the event that the player has doubled for less, the player receives back only the last "doubled" portion of their wager. The hand is removed from play. When surrendering after doubling, this may be additionally referred to as Double Down Rescue.

If the hand's Blackjack value ever exceeds 21 after any action, then the hand is busted and the main wager is lost

Once all player actions are completed, the dealer reveals the dealer hand, and hits as long as the Blackjack total is 16 or less, or if the hand is a soft 17. After the dealer finishes hitting, all remaining wagers are then resolved.

Main Wager Each player hand is resolved individually.

If the player was initially dealt a 2-card 21 (Blackjack), the hand wins and is paid 3 to 2, regardless of dealer hand. If the hand is busted, the hand loses, regardless of dealer hand.

If the player's hand totals 21 exactly, then the wager wins, regardless of dealer hand, and pays at least 1 to 1. If the 21-valued hand was not doubled, and the hand meets one of the qualifying scenarios in Table 1, then the wager is paid the higher indicated pay, instead of being paid 1 to 1.

Table 1. 21 Bonus Pays Hand

7-card 21, 6-7-8 of Diamonds, or 7-7-7 of Diamonds 3 to 1
6-card 21, 6-7-8 Suited, or 7-7-7 Suited 2 to 1
5-card 21, 6-7-8, or 7-7-7 3 to 2

Bonus not applicable, if:

- The wager was doubled or split

Insurance

The Insurance wager wins if the dealer has Blackjack. The wager pays 5 to 1 if the Blackjack is suited, and pays 2 to 1 for unsuited Blackjacks. If the dealer does not have Blackjack, the wager loses.

Match-Up and Match-Down

The Match-Up wager wins if the dealer's up-card matches rank with at least one of the player's initial two cards. The wager pays according to scenario and according to configured payable, as given in Table 3. Otherwise, the wager loses.

The Match-Down wager wins if the dealer's down-card matches rank with at least one of the player's initial two cards. The wager pays according to scenario and according to configured payable, as given in Table 3. Otherwise, the wager loses.

Match-Up and Match-Down Pays

2 Suited Matches	24 to 1
1 Suited Match and 1 Unsited Match	15 to 1
Suited Match	12 to 1
2 Unsited Matches	6 to 1
1 Unsited Match	3 to 1
Monster Match	

The Monster Match wager uses a daily jackpot meter. Under Table 4 both a primary and a reserve meter are used. The entire contents of the reserve meter are used to reseed the primary meter in the event of a 100% daily jackpot win. In the event of a 100% daily jackpot win, the house reseeds the daily jackpot with a fixed reseed value. For all paytables, a percentage of each wager is allocated to fund the daily jackpot meters. Details of the daily jackpot settings are given in Table 4. Daily jackpot wager must be \$2.

Table 4 Monster Match daily jackpot Settings.

Initial Seed:	\$2,500
Reseed Reserve:	Reserve
Primary Increment	22%
Reseed Increment	1%

The wager is evaluated based off of the four cards formed from the dealer's initial two cards and the player's initial two cards. The wager wins if the cards form a suited pair, a Three of a Kind, or a Four of a Kind. The wager pays according to scenario and according to configured payable, as given in Table 5.

Table 5 Monster Match Pays

Four of a Kind, Same Suit	100% of daily jackpot
Four of a Kind, Same color	10% of daily jackpot
Four of a Kind	\$200
Three of a Kind, Same Color	\$25
Three of a Kind	\$10
Pair, Same Suit	\$2