

THE BASICS

The goal of blackjack is to create a hand with a higher total than the dealer's, without going over 21. You'll be dealt cards until you choose to stand—to end your turn.

LET'S PLAY

- 1 Place your bet.
- 2 The dealer deals you two cards face up and takes one card, also face up. If your two cards total 21, it's known as blackjack. Wait to see what the dealer gets for his second card to find out if you won or whether it's a push (a tie).
- 3 If you didn't get blackjack, you either hit (take additional cards) or stand (stay with what you've got) to create a hand you think will beat the dealer's. If your cards total more than 21, that's a bust—you lose your wager.
- 4 After all players have played, the dealer deals themselves more cards to get as close to 21 as possible without busting.
- 5 Compare your cards to the dealer's:
 - If the dealer's hand exceeds 21, all players with 21 or less win.
 - If your hand is higher than the dealer's, without exceeding 21, you win.
 - If you have the same total as the dealer, it's a push—even if you got blackjack.
 - A Blackjack will beat 21.

HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS?

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Around 21 things to know about BLACKJACK



Your odds, the rules and more.



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CARD VALUES

Numbered cards are worth their face value.

Kings, Queens and Jacks = 10.

Aces = 1 or 11.

WORDS YOU'LL NEED TO KNOW.



Blackjack

When the first two cards you're dealt total 21.

Hit

To request another card.

Stand

To stick with the cards in your hand and not receive any more.

Bust

When your cards total 22 or more.

Soft hand

A hand with an ace that can be valued at either 11 or one. With a soft hand, it's impossible to bust on your next turn.

Hard hand

A hand with no aces, or a hand in which the ace must have a value of one, otherwise you'd be over 21.

Double down

To double your original bet and commit to standing after taking one more card.

Split

If your first two cards are of equal value, you can split them into two separate hands. You must place an additional bet, equal to your original wager, for your second hand. If you split aces, you get only one more card for each ace.

Surrender

If you don't like your first two cards, you can surrender. The dealer takes half of your original bet and your hand is discarded. You can surrender on any original two-card hand, except when the dealer has blackjack.

Insurance

If the dealer's first card is an ace, you can insure your bet against the dealer getting blackjack. You can wager a sum equal to one-half of your original bet. If the dealer draws blackjack, the insurance bet pays 2 to 1. If the dealer does not get blackjack, you lose your insurance bet.

PAYOUTS

If you get blackjack, you're paid 1.5 to 1 on your bet. If you bet \$10, you're paid \$15. But if the dealer also has blackjack, it's a push. For all pushes, you keep your original bet. No gain, no loss. All other winning hands pay even money. If you bet \$10, you win \$10.

VARIATIONS AND SIDE BETS

Double For Less

The casino may provide an option in the house rules to double down a wager for less than the original bet. Players place a wager equal to the table minimum up to their wager and are committed to stand after taking one more card.

Hole Card Blackjack

Played with the same rules as regular blackjack, except the dealer takes two cards on the initial deal. The dealer's first card is face up and placed on top of the hole card, which is face down.

Lucky Lucky Bonus

An optional wager between \$1 - \$50 (house rules apply) that can be played along with the base game. The first two cards of the players hand will be added to the dealers face up card. Players who receive a total of 19, 20 or 21 when the three cards are totaled will win, all other wagers lose. Depending on how a 21 is made the player may win 3x to 200x their wager.

Lucky Lucky Bonus Pay Table

CARDS	PAYS
7 - 7 - 7 (Same Suit)	200 to 1
6 - 7 - 8 (Same Suit)	100 to 1
7 - 7 - 7 (Any Suit)	50 to 1
6 - 7 - 8 (Any Suit)	30 to 1
Any 21 (Same Suit)	15 to 1
Any 21 (Any Suit)	3 to 1
19 or 20	2 to 1
18 or Less	Loss

Pay table may vary at casino

Note: Only the highest payout paid per player

Lucky Ladies

An optional wager between \$1 - \$25 (house rules apply) that can be played along with the base game. If the first two cards of the players hand total 20 the player will win. All other hands lose. Depending on how the total of 20 is made the player may win 4x to 1000x their wager

Lucky Ladies Bonus Pay Table

WINNING HAND	2 DECKS	4 DECKS	6/8 DECKS
Pair Queen of Hearts (with Dealer Blackjack)	1000 to 1	1000 to 1	1000 to 1
Pair of Queen of Hearts	200 to 1	150 to 1	125 to 1
Matched 20	25 to 1	20 to 1	19 to 1
Suited 20	10 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1
Any 20	4 to 1	4 to 1	4 to 1

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Note: Only the highest payout paid per player