



## GAMING GUIDE

Some players call the game “**Blackjack**”, and some call it “**21**”. The object of the game is to have your cards totalling 21 or as close to 21 as possible without going over. Everyone plays against the dealer (the house) who begins the game by dealing each player two cards and one card to the house. This game is played with six decks.

### HERE'S HOW TO PLAY

Picture cards are counted as 10; ‘Ace’ is counted as either 1 or 11. Rest of the cards are counted at face value. If your initial two cards are an Ace with any 10 or picture card, you have Blackjack and may not draw additional cards. Blackjack pays 3 to 2 (1½ times your bet). You cannot lose but you could tie if the dealer also has a Blackjack.

### OPTIONS

Blackjack players have all the options, the house has none.

**PAIR BETS:** An optional ‘pairs’ bet may be placed before receiving any cards and will win if both your initial two cards are of the same rank. The payout signage is posted on each table.

**SPLIT:** If you are dealt two cards with equal value, you have the option of “splitting” them into two separate hands. You must match your original bet if you split. You may split a pair up to 3 times (making 4 separate hands).

You can take as many 'hits' as you like on each hand except when you split aces. Aces can be split only once and will receive only one card on each of the hands. No more cards can be drawn and cannot split again even if you receive another ace. If you receive a picture card, it will be '21', not a Blackjack. Remember: Each hand must be completed before any cards may be dealt to the other split hand(s).

**DOUBLING OR DOUBLE DOWN:** A player may choose to double any two cards (except Blackjack and 21) only prior to receiving a 3<sup>rd</sup> card to his/her hand. An additional bet, exactly equal to the original bet must be placed and only one additional card shall be dealt. You may also 'double down' after 'splitting' a pair.

**INSURANCE:** When the dealer's first card is an ace, the player may make an additional wager (any amount up to half your original wager) to protect his/her initial bet against the Dealer's possible Blackjack. If the dealer makes Blackjack, the player's bet will lose and the insurance bet will be paid 2 to 1. If the dealer does not make Blackjack, the insurance bet loses and the game proceeds. When the dealer's first card is an ace and the player has Blackjack, the player may choose to take even money.

**SURRENDER:** The player has the option to 'Surrender' after the first 2 cards are dealt. If they choose to Surrender, then half of the bet will be forfeited and cards will be removed. Surrender is not allowed when the dealer is showing an ace as first card.

**DEALER HAND:** Dealer hand stands on 17 points and draw on 16 points exception of dealer card shown soft 17 such as hand containing an Ace and one or more cards totalling 6 (Ace +6, Ace +5 etc) should draw until we achieve 17 as above.

## IMPORTANT RULES IN BLACKJACK

- Players are responsible for the decision to draw additional cards to their own hands.
- The dealer shall only act on hand signals.
- In order to prevent any misunderstanding or errors, it is required that ALL players indicate their decisions by means of hand signals.
- Surrender is indicated by moving the index finger from side to side, behind the cards with palm down and verbal confirming.
- HIT / Draw card is indicated by tapping on the table behind the hand where additional card(s) is to be drawn.
- STAND is indicated by a slight horizontal motion with the open hand, palm down.

