

How to Bet at Blackjack

Card Values

Aces count 1 or 11, picture cards count 10; all other cards count their face value.

First Bet (Ante Bet)

Bets are placed by players in the centre of the square box usually corresponding to their table position.

First Deal

All players get two cards face up and the dealer get one card face up and one face down.

'Blackjack' is a special combination of cards and is ONLY achieved if the first two cards dealt score 21 this being an Ace with any 10 value card.

Additional Cards

Players will be offered in turn to take as many additional cards as they wish until they think they have a score closer to 21 than the dealer will achieve.

The following special options are available to the player ONLY after the first two cards have been dealt:

'Splitting' your hand into two different hands is possible if your first two cards are the same except for pairs of 4, 5, or 10's. To indicate you want to 'split' place your two cards apart on the table and make an additional bet equal to your original one. The dealer will place an additional card on each card creating two hands that you can then play.

You are permitted to split more than once if you wish.

When Aces are split the player may only take one more card and if the score of 21 is achieved this does NOT count as 'Blackjack'.

'Double Down' is allowed if the players first two cards total 9, 10 or 11 the player may double their bet but they will ONLY draw one further card.

'Insurance' can be taken if you have blackjack and the dealers up card shows a ten value or an ace. To do this you must bet half your original bet. If the dealer has Blackjack you will win your insurance bet at the rate 2:1 and you stand off on your Blackjack hand. If the dealer does not have blackjack you lose the insurance bet but get paid 3:2 for Blackjack.

Show Down

After all the players have finished the dealer will reveal his hidden card and MUST draw more cards whilst his score is 16 or under and MUST stop taking cards as soon as it is 17 or over.

Payouts

- Any player card total above 21 loses their bet.
- If the dealer card total is above 21 then all players with 21 or under win and paid even money (players win the same amount as they bet).
- If the player card total is closer to 21 than the dealer then the player wins and paid even money.
- Any 'Blackjack' winning hands are paid 3:2 (player wins the amount bet plus an extra half).
- If the players total is lower than the dealers hand the player loses his bet.
- If the player and dealer tie it is a 'stand off' you neither win nor lose, including Blackjack.

These rules have been set according to the prevailing British gaming rules for Blackjack.

Whilst it is similar to Pontoon or twenty one it is Blackjack so 5 card tricks, burning, three seven's and so on have no significance in Blackjack. However, seeing as ours is a fun environment we can adopt any such conditions if YOU prefer!

Good Luck!