



❧ HOW TO PLAY BLACKJACK ❧

Blackjack is a popular game played in nearly every casino. The rules are simple; Get closer to 21 than the dealer without going over, and you win.

Every game of Blackjack starts by placing a bet in front of you. After you place your bet, the dealer deals you two cards and also deals themselves two cards. One of the dealer's cards is face up, and the other is placed face down.

If you understand basic strategy, the information you gain from the two cards in your hand and the dealer's upcard can help you make intelligent decisions about how to play your hand.

In blackjack, all numbered cards have a value equal to the number. Jacks, Queens, and Kings (also called face cards) have a value equal to 10. Aces have a value of either 1 or 11 depending on what works better for your hand.

When you play a blackjack hand, you have the following choices:

Stand - When you stand that means you don't take any more cards.

Hit - Hitting a hand means taking another card from the dealer.

Split – You can split if you've been dealt two cards of the same value. When you split a hand, you start two new hands, with the starting card being one of the two cards that was initially in your hand. The second card of each of the split hands is a newly dealt card from the dealer. To split a hand in blackjack, you push a bet forward equal to your original bet. You also separate the cards away from each other. The dealer then deals you a second card for each of the two new hands.

Double Down - Doubling down allows you to double your original bet, but there's a catch. After you double your bet, you're required to take one more card and then stand.

Blackjack Dealer Rules

A blackjack dealer follows a simple set of rules on the play of their hand. The dealer must hit until they either have 17 or higher or they bust. The dealer hits on soft 17's (Ace + 6).

Winning The Game

You can beat the dealer in one of three ways:

1. You can get closer to a total of 21 (without going over) than the dealer does.
2. You can win if you're still in the hand and the dealer busts.
3. You can win instantly if you are dealt a "Blackjack" (Ace + 10).

If you win the game, you will be paid an amount equal to your bet. If you are dealt a "Blackjack", you will be paid 1.5x your bet.