

# Black Jack

Here's a card game where the object is for you to draw cards that total 21 or come closer to 21 than the dealer.

All cards count as face value, except for the King, Queen, and Jack, which count as 10 and the Ace, which counts as either 1 or 11, as you decide.

The dealer starts the game. Every player gets two cards face up. The Dealer gets two cards, but one card is face up and one is face down - the "hole" card. All cards are dealt from a Shoe.

Once you have your two cards in front of you, you can choose to "stand" (draw no more cards), or take a "hit" (draw one or more cards) until you reach 21, you "break" and you automatically lose. A winning hand pays even money.

Now the Dealer turns over the "hole" card and acts on the hand according to the rules of the game. The Dealer must draw to "Soft 17" (cards totaling 6 & A) and "stand" on "Hard 17" or more. At the end of the game if your count is the same as the Dealer's, it is a "push" (nobody wins).

## **WHAT IF YOU GET BLACKJACK RIGHT AWAY?**

In the event your first two cards are an Ace and any 10 value card, the Dealer announces your hand as Blackjack. You will be paid at this time if the Dealer does not have an Ace or 10 value card as a face up card. However, if the Dealer's face up card is an Ace or a 10 value card, you will not be paid until the Dealer's "hole" card is known. If the Dealer's hand is Blackjack, it is a "push." A player's winning Blackjack is paid off at the odds of 3 to 2.

In the event the player has Blackjack (2 card 21) and the Dealer draws to 21, the Blackjack is the winning hand and will be paid at the odds of 3 to 2.

In the event the player draws to 21 with more than 2 cards, the Dealer's Blackjack is the winning hand.



# BLACKJACK TERMS

## SPLITTING PAIRS

If your first two cards are a pair with the same numerical value, you may split them into two hands. You must bet the same amount as your original wager on each hand formed by splitting a pair. However, you may double down on each hand. If the split pair are Aces, you will receive only one card each. No more than (4) hands may develop from the original hand. There will be no doubling down on split Aces.

## DOUBLING DOWN

After you get your first two cards, you may make an additional wager up to the original amount, except when your first two cards total 21. When doubling down, you draw only one additional card. If the Dealer gets Blackjack after you've doubled down, only the original amount of the wager is collected.

## INSURANCE

If the Dealer's face up card is an Ace, you may take insurance. To do this you place a bet - no more than one half of your original bet - on the Insurance line. If the Dealer's "hole" card is anything but a 10 value card, you lose your insurance bet. The Dealer collects all losing Insurance wagers before continuing the hand.

## HANDLING THE CARDS

Players are not allowed to touch the cards.

## VALUE OF PLAYER'S HAND

Player is responsible for the correct count of his or her hand.

## HAND SIGNALS

Player is responsible for the proper use of hand signals to indicate hit or stand. Other decisions are made verbally.

## BLACKJACK PAYS 3 TO 2

Dealer must draw to "soft" 17 and stand on hard 17's