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Blackjack is a very popular and fun casino game where the players play against the dealer. Wagers are placed on player's betting positions on the table. When betting is complete, the dealer gives each player two cards face up. The dealer also receives two cards one face up and the other face down (referred to as hole cards.) The object of the game is to beat the dealer's hand by having the player's cards equal to or add up to as close to 21 as possible without going over (called busting.)

All Tens, Jacks, Queens and Kings are valued at ten. Aces count as either one or eleven. All other cards play at their face value. A Blackjack is made when the player receives an Ace and a Ten, Jack, Queen or King as their first two cards. If a player has a Blackjack and the dealer does not, the player wins one and a half times their bet. If the dealer also has Blackjack, it is a standoff (called a push) and neither the player nor dealer wins. Then the player's bet is returned to them.

If, after the first two cards are dealt and the total of the player's cards is less than 21, the player can ask for as many cards as needed to get to 21 without going over. The player signals they want another card by tapping the table and saying "hit."

Once the player is satisfied with their hand total, the player signals they don't want any more cards by waving their hand over their cards and saying "stand" and waits for the outcome of the dealer's hand.

The dealer must draw cards according to the following rule: A dealer will draw on 16 and stand on 17. This rule means that the dealer will take another card when their hand equals anything less than a hard 17. In the end, if a player's card total is higher than the dealer without going over 21, they win double their wager. If the dealer's hand exceeds 21 and a players hand is lower than 21, the player also wins as the dealer busts.

Basic Strategy

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Your	Your	Dealer's Up Card									
Total	Hand	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
H A R D	17+	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	16	S	S	S	S	S	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н
	15	S	S	S	S	S	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н
	14	S	s	S	S	S	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н
	13	S	S	S	S	S	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н
	12	Н	Н	S	S	S	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н
	11	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	Н
	10	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	Н	Н
	9	Η	D	D	D	D	Н	Н	Н	Н	H
	8-	Н	Н	Н	H	H	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н
	A,8	s	s	s	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
S O F T	A,7	S	D/S	D/S	D/S	D/S	S	S	Н	Н	Н
	A,6	Н	D	D	D	D	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н
	A,5	Н	Н	D	D	D	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н
	A,4	Η	H	D	D	D	Н	Н	Н	Н	H
	A,3-	Η	Н	H	D	D	Н	Н	Н	Н	H
P A I R S	A,A	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	H
	10,10	s	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	9,9	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	S	SP	SP	s	S
	8,8	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	Н	H
	7,7	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	Н	Н	Н	H
	6,6	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	Η	Н	Н	Н	H
	5,5	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	Н	H
	4,4	H	H	H	SP	SP	Η	Н	Н	Н	Η
	3,3	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	Н	Н	Н	Η
	2,2	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	Н	Н	Н	H
H - Hit, S - Stand, SP - Split, D - Double Down D/S - Double if allowed, otherwise Stand											

Blackjack Terms

Doubling Down - If on the first two cards, a player thinks they can win with only one more card, they may place a wager equal to the amount of their original bet beside their bet saying "double." This indicates to the dealer that a player is doubling down and will deal only one more card to complete a player's hand. If a player wins, they will double the amount of their total bet of the double.

Splitting Pairs - When a player is dealt two cards of the same value (two fours, tens, etc.,) they can option to split the two cards and play each hand individually, making two hands. A player must bet the same amount as their original wager on the split hand and say "split." If a player's next card is of equal value to the first pair, a player may split again. The exception to this rule is Aces. Aces receive only one more card after a split and may be split only once. A player may also "double down" on the first two cards of each hand after a player split, except when splitting Aces.

Insurance - If the dealer's "up card" is an Ace, a player may buy insurance, which is a bet of one-half of a player's original wager. Insurance is the same as betting that the dealer has a ten-value card in the dealer's face down card making Blackjack. All winning insurance wagers pay 2 to 1.

Push - A standoff between a player and the dealer. Neither hand wins and the player's wager is returned to them.

Hand Signals - Non-verbal communication between a player and the dealer to indicate "hit" or "stand." Ask a dealer for the proper signals.

Blackjack Side Bets

Available on some gaming tables.

Lucky Lucky

Lucky Lucky is based on the player's first two cards and the dealer's up card. You must place a Blackjack bet in order to play the Lucky Lucky side bet. To play Lucky Lucky, a minimum bet of \$1 (maximum bet \$25) is placed in the designated area on the table. The dealer will deal the cards as normal. A player wins when the following combination of three cards are present. This is an optional bet made by the player and does not affect the regular Blackjack play.

Payouts:

20 or 19 total - 2 to 1 21 total - 3 to 1 Suited 21 - 15 to 1 678 - 30 to 1 777 - 50 to 1 Suited 678 - 100 to 1 Suited 777 - 200 to 1

Triple 7's

Triple 7's is a simple optional side bet (\$1) located above each main betting square. A player wins if the first card is a 7 of the original two cards dealt. The payouts increase if a combination of 7's or more are showing along with the dealer's up card. This is an optional bet made by the player and does not affect the regular Blackjack play.

Payouts:

One 7 (first of original cards is a 7) - \$3 Any 2 7's - \$50 2 Suited 7's - \$100 3 7's - \$500 3 Suited 7's - \$5,000



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