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# BLACK- JACK

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# Welcome!

Blackjack – the fair and exciting casino version of the popular card game Twenty One/Pontoon. In this flyer, you can find out how you can win and have fun at the same time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Good luck!

Your blackjack team

## Things you should know

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### ◆ ◆ ◆ What is used in the game? ◆ ◆ ◆

The game uses six decks of 52 cards, giving a total of 312 cards. The individual cards are assigned the following values:  
Ace, depending on the player's decision: 1 or 11  
Jack, queen, king: 10  
Cards 2–10: Face value

### ◆ ◆ ◆ Who plays against whom? ◆ ◆ ◆

Up to seven active players per table play against the bank. In addition, someone else may "play behind" at each box. The difference is that the controlling player decides how many cards to take and the person playing behind bets on whether the controlling player will beat the bank.

### ◆ ◆ ◆ How much is bet? ◆ ◆ ◆

There are minimum and maximum bets established by limits. These limits are displayed at the table (min./max.). Each player must bet at least the minimum amount, and the bets per box must not exceed the maximum.

### ◆ ◆ ◆ Who wins? ◆ ◆ ◆

The aim of the game is to come closer to 21 points than the bank without exceeding 21 points. The payout rate is 94.3% on average depending on the version played.

### ◆ ◆ ◆ What is a blackjack? ◆ ◆ ◆

A blackjack is a card value of 21 points with the first two cards (in other words, an ace and a picture card or an ace and a 10). A blackjack is special and earns a higher payout. Traditionally, the winner shows their appreciation for the good cards with a tip (tronc).

### ◆ ◆ ◆ What are side bets? ◆ ◆ ◆

In addition to the regular version of blackjack, you also have the exclusive option here of placing additional thrilling side bets.



## Special game situations

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**As the controlling player, you can always split** if your first two cards share the same value (e.g., two sixes or two picture cards). You then play with a “split hand”, in other words, two separate bets. An additional bet in the same amount as the initial bet is paid for each split hand. You can then take as many additional cards as you wish.

Exception: In the case of two split aces, you may only take one additional card each.

Furthermore, it is no longer possible to achieve a blackjack with a split ace – “merely” a card value of 21 points.

Once the controlling player has decided to split their hand, the person playing behind may also choose to place an additional bet or remain with their bet just on the “first hand”. It is possible to split a hand multiple times.

**As the controlling player, you can double** your bet after receiving the first two cards if you have a card value of 9, 10 or 11. If you double, you may only take one more card.

In the same way, doubling is only possible after splitting if you have a card value of 9, 10 or 11.

The person playing behind a box may only double if the controlling player also doubles their bet.

**Insurance** can be taken out against the bank having a blackjack. If the bank’s first card is an ace, you can place half of your bet on the insurance bar. If the bank gets a blackjack, the insurance is paid out in a 2:1 ratio, otherwise it goes to the bank.



## The players

- ♦ The controlling player decides how many cards to take. Their bet is placed in the top box.
- ♦ Other people playing behind can join in by betting that the controlling player will beat the bank.

## The game itself

Once you have placed your bets in the betting box on the table, the dealer deals the cards face up in a clockwise direction, starting with one card for each active box and then the bank. The boxes then each receive a second card: if the controlling player does not have a blackjack, they decide how to proceed. The “Hit” option allows them to request another card, whilst “Stand” means they do not want another card. If the controlling player exceeds a card value of 21, they are said to have gone “bust”. In this case, the bets in this box go to the bank.

Once all boxes have been played, the dealer deals a second card for the bank. At card values up to and including 16, another card must be taken; as of 17, it is not possible to take another card.

## End of the game

You have:	The bank has:	What happens:
A blackjack	Anything but a blackjack	<b>Payout 1.5: 1</b>
	A blackjack	You receive your bet back
Up to 21 points (but no blackjack)	Fewer points	<b>Payout 1: 1</b>
	The same points	You receive your bet back
	More points (but not more than 21) or a blackjack	Your bet goes to the bank
	More than 21 points (bust)	<b>Payout 1: 1</b>
More than 21 points (bust)	Irrelevant	Your bet goes to the bank





## Super Pairs – side bet on own cards

As the controlling player, you also have the option of a Super Pairs side bet – you wager an extra bet on your first two cards. If you are dealt a pair, your win is paid out directly and then the regular game continues.

### Super Pairs

Pair of seven of hearts



**Payout**  
77: 1

### Identical Pairs

You are dealt a pair of the same suit, e.g.,



**Payout**  
25: 1

### Coloured Pairs

You are dealt a pair from different either red or black suits, e.g.,



**Payout**  
15: 1

### Mixed Pairs

You are dealt a pair from differently coloured suits, e.g.,



**Payout**  
5: 1

## Super Jack – side bet on bank's cards

When you play the regular game, you have the option of placing a side bet on the **bank's cards** via these Super Jack boxes.

### Super Jack

The bank is dealt a blackjack in hearts, e.g.:



**Payout**  
300: 1

### Gold Jack

The bank is dealt a blackjack in any suit, e.g.:



**Payout**  
77: 1

### Silver Jack

The bank is dealt a blackjack, e.g.:



**Payout**  
19: 1

### Bust

The bank goes bust, e.g.:



**Payout**  
2.5: 1

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