

# THE BASICS

The goal of blackjack is to create a hand with a higher total than the dealer's, without going over 21. You'll be dealt cards until you choose to stand—to end your turn.

## LET'S PLAY

- 1 Place your bet.
- 2 The dealer deals you two cards face up, and takes one card, also face up. If your two cards total 21, it's known as blackjack. Wait to see what the dealer gets for his second card to find out if you won or whether it's a push (a tie).
- 3 If you didn't get blackjack, you either hit (take additional cards) or stand (stay with what you've got) to create a hand you think will beat the dealer's. If your cards total more than 21, that's a bust—you're done.
- 4 After all players have played, the dealer deals themselves more cards to get as close to 21 as possible without busting.
- 5 Compare your cards to the dealer's:
  - If the dealer's hand exceeds 21, all players with 21 or less win.
  - If your hand is higher than the dealer's, without exceeding 21, you win.
  - If you have the same total as the dealer, it's a push—even if you got blackjack.

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# Around 21 things to know about BLACKJACK



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Your odds, the rules, and more.

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## CARD VALUES

**Numbered cards** are worth their face value.

**Kings, Queens and Jacks** = 10.

**Aces** = 1 or 11.

## WORDS YOU'LL NEED TO KNOW.



### Blackjack

When the first two cards you're dealt total 21.

### Hit or Draw

To request another card.

### Stand

To stick with the cards in your hand, and not receive any more.

### Bust or Broke

When your cards total 22 or more.

### Soft hand

A hand with an ace that can be valued at either 11 or one. With a soft hand, it's impossible to bust on your next turn.

### Hard hand

A hand with no aces, or a hand in which the ace must have a value of one, otherwise you'd be over 21.

### Double down

To double your original bet and commit to standing after taking one more card.



### Split

If your first two cards are of equal value, you can split them into two separate hands. You must place an additional bet, equal to your original wager, for your second hand. If you split aces, you get only one more card for each ace.

### Insurance

If the dealer's first card is an ace, you can insure your bet against the dealer getting blackjack. You can wager a sum equal to one-half of your original bet. If the dealer draws blackjack, the insurance bet pays 2 to 1. If the dealer does not get blackjack, you lose your insurance bet.

### Standoff/Push

When the dealer and player's hands are the same value, the bet is neither paid nor taken (tie).

### Bust or broke

Cards add up to 22 or more.

**Three sevens payout** - If you are dealt two sevens on the initial deal and receive a third seven, you will get paid even money right away. The hand is complete and if you beat the dealer, you will get paid even money again.



## Payouts

**All the winning bets** are paid even money except for Blackjack, which pays 3 to 2. When a push occurs, you keep your original bet.

**A Blackjack** (two cards that equal 21) beats all other combinations of cards that equal 21. A two-card 21 on split hands is not a Blackjack.