

# Blackjack



The object of the game is to be dealt cards totaling as close to 21 without going over at the same time beating the total of the Dealer's cards. The Dealer must *hit* on 16 and under and *stay* on 17 and over.

The following are the basic Blackjack rules:

1. **BLACKJACK** – Blackjack is a 2 card 21, and the payoff is 2 to 1 on your original bet.
2. **TIES** – All ties between a Player and the Dealer PUSH (no one wins, no one loses).
3. **DEALER BLACKJACK vs. PLAYER BLACKJACK** – is considered a PUSH. The Player does not win or lose his bet.
4. **DOUBLE DOWN** – a Player may Double Down on his hand. When Doubling Down the Player must match his original bet, and is then dealt only *one* additional card. The optimum hands for Doubling Down are 9, 10 or 11.
5. **SPLITTING** – a Player may Split his hand if his two cards are of the same numerical value (i.e. two 7s, two Queens, two 10s, etc.). The Player then matches his original bet and plays his cards as two hands. A Player may Split his hand more than once if he is once again dealt a card of the same numerical value.
6. **SPLITTING ACES** – Aces are considered extremely valuable cards and may be Split only once. Because they are so valuable, Players are dealt only *one* additional card per Ace. When Aces are Split and a Player is dealt a face card or a ten, the hand is considered 21 – *not* Blackjack – and the payoff is 1 to 1.
7. **DOUBLE DOWN AFTER SPLIT** – a Player may Double Down after Splitting his cards.
8. **FIVE CARD CHARLIE** – when the fifth card dealt to a Player brings the total of his cards to 21 or less, the Player automatically wins the hand (no matter what the Dealer's hand totals). The payoff for a Five Card Charlie is 2 to 1.