



## FREE BET BLACKJACK

### HOW TO PLAY

Free Bet Blackjack is a variation of the standard game twenty-one. Free Bet Blackjack also features a Push 22 side bet.

Free Bet Blackjack follows the basic rules of standard blackjack ("21"), with the following features:

- "Free" double-down on first two-card hand total of 9, 10, or 11
- "Free" splits on all pairs except 10 (10-10, J-J, Q-Q or K-K) value cards
- "Free" double-down allowed after split or "free" split (following standard Free Bet BJ rules)
- "Free" re-splits allowed up to four hands (following standard Free Bet BJ rules)
- All normal splits allowed
- Regular doubles allowed on two-card hands
- Dealer pushes on 22
- Blackjack pays 3-to-2
- 6 or 8 deck shoe

The object of Blackjack is to attempt to reach a point total of 21 or as close to 21 as possible without going over. Hands that are closer to 21 than the dealer win. Hands that are not, or hands that have a point total exceeding 21, lose. Cards from 2 through 10 have their face values. Jacks, Queens and Kings have a face value of 10. Aces are valued at 1 or 11. A Blackjack is when your first two cards are an Ace and a 10 value card. This pays 3 to 2. After all players have made a bet in the circle in front of them, the dealer deals two cards in sequence to each player and the dealer. The dealer places one card face up and the other card face down. At this time, if you feel the total of your first two cards can beat the dealer, you "stand" - do not draw additional cards. This decision is indicated by a wave of your hand, palm down, over the table. If you feel the dealer has cards that beat your total, you indicate your decision to "hit" - draw additional cards. This is done by scratching your index finger on the table towards yourself. After each additional card, you need to indicate your decision to stand or draw to the dealer. After all the players have completed their hands, the dealer's hole card is exposed. Blackjack tables will either stand on a soft 17 or draw on a soft 17. This decision will be clearly posted at each table. Each layout will designate which style game is being dealt, or feel free to ask your dealer. If the dealer's total is less than yours, or if the dealer exceeds a point count of 21, you win even money! If your point count is equal to the dealer's it is a "push" and you do not win or lose. The dealer "pushes" on all 22 point counts. Besides having the option to stand or draw after the first two cards, you may also double down, split pairs or take insurance.

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## DOUBLE DOWN

You may double down on any 2 cards using your own money, except for a point count of 21. This is done by placing an additional wager (up to the total amount of your initial bet) next to your original bet. You will receive only one additional card when you double down.

## FREE DOUBLE

Players may double a two-card hard count of 9, 10, or 11 without making an additional wager. The dealer will place a free bet lammer to the right (dealer's view) of the player's original bet and deal the game normally.

## SPLITTING PAIRS

If your first two cards are a pair, you may split them into 2 hands by placing an equal amount next to the original bet. If the next card makes a pair, you may split again. You can split up to 3 times for a total of four hands. Split Aces once with only a one card draw. A 10 value card on a split Ace counts as 21, but not Blackjack.

## FREE SPLIT

Free Split - Players may split any pairs except 10 (10-10, J-J, Q-Q or K-K) value cards without making an additional wager. The dealer will place a "Free Bet" lammer to the right (dealer's view) of the player's original bet and deal the game normally. Free re-splitting up to four hands is allowed.

Each split hand is won or lost on its own merit (Ex., player can lose original bet on first split hand and still win on the second or more free split hands.) If Free Splitting a pair, and the first hand busts, the cards will be tucked under the original wager until the hand is settled or unless the second busts as well. Free doubling after splitting is allowed, provided the player's point total is a two card hard total of 9, 10 or 11.

If the player makes a bet for the dealer, the dealer is also eligible for the Free Split along with the player. The same game rules apply to the dealers bet.

## INSURANCE

If the dealer's up card is an Ace you may make an additional wager betting that the dealer has Blackjack. Insurance bets are made by placing up to half your original bet on the insurance line, prior to the dealer checking their hole card.

If the dealer has Blackjack, the bet wins and pays 2 to 1.

## PUSH 22 SIDE BET

If the dealer, at the conclusion of the hand busts to an actual score of exactly 22 all players who have wagered the bet will win. HCT will utilize the pay table below:

Hand	
Dealer Same Suit 22	50 to 1
Dealer Same Color 22	20 to 1
Dealer Other 22	7 to 1
Dealer Bust Not 22	Lose

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