

Rules of the game

# Blackjack

at Silver Slipper Casino



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Blackjack, also known as twenty-one, is one of the most popular casino card games in the world. Much of blackjack's popularity is due to the mix of chance with elements of skill. Blackjack's precursor was vingt-et-un ("twenty-one"), which originated in French Casinos around 1700, and did not offer the 3:2 bonus for a two-card 21. When blackjack was first introduced in the United States it was not very popular, so gambling houses tried offering various bonus payouts to get the players to the tables. One such bonus was a 10-to-1 payout if the player's hand consisted of the ace of spades and a black Jack (either the Jack of clubs or the Jack of spades). This hand was called a "blackjack" and the name stuck to the game even though the bonus payout was soon abolished. As the game is currently played, a "blackjack" does not necessarily contain a jack at all.

## How to Play

The object of Blackjack or "21" is to beat the total of the Dealer's hand without going over 21. After bets are placed, each Player is dealt two cards by the Dealer. The Dealer also receives two cards with one card exposed to the Players. Players are then given the option of drawing additional cards in order to beat the Dealer's hand. All face cards count as 10. All other cards count as face value, except the Ace, which can count as 1 or 11.

After all Players have completed their hands, the Dealer will then expose the hole card and then stand or draw until a total of 17 or higher is reached. The Dealer must hit on soft 17. When a Player's or Dealer's first two cards are an Ace and any ten-value card, it is called a "Blackjack." A Player's "Blackjack" is paid at odds of 3 to 2 unless the Dealer also has a "Blackjack," in which case a tie or "push" is called and neither wins.

A Player may take insurance if the Dealer's up card is an Ace. You are betting that the Dealer has a "Blackjack." You may wager up to half your original bet. If the Dealer has "Blackjack," you lose the original bet and the insurance bet is paid 2 to 1. If the Dealer does not have "Blackjack," the insurance bet loses.

Except on a blackjack, a Player may double down on any two (2) cards of the original hand and be dealt only one card. Except when splitting Aces, a Player may double down after a split with two (2) cards only. A Guest(s) may split any pair or any two ten-value cards up to 3 times.