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Blackjack is achieved when two cards total 21 (an "Ace" and any other "10 value" card) and is the highest possible hand. If the dealer also has "Blackjack" it is regarded as a tie or "push" and no one wins or loses.

Blackjack is a 2 card 21, and the payoff is 2 to 1 on your original bet.





TIES

- All ties between a Player and the Dealer PUSH (no one wins, no one loses). You do not win or lose.
- A third card is not drawn. You may leave your bet for the next hand, increase it, or remove it.

DEALER BLACKJACK vs. PLAYER BLACKJACK

- This is considered a PUSH.
- The Player does not win or lose his bet.

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.

SPLITTING

- A Player may Split his hand if his two cards are of the same numerical value. 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.

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.

DOUBLE DOWN AFTER SPLIT

- A Player may Double Down after Splitting his cards.

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.

