

A close-up photograph of a blackjack game in progress on a green felt table. In the center, a purple rectangular box contains the word "BLACKJACK" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Behind the box, a Jack of Clubs card is prominently displayed, showing its face. To its right, another card is partially visible, showing a red Ace. Below the cards, several red and blue casino chips are stacked. The chips are marked with "\$5" and "HOTEL-CASINO". In the background, the green felt has yellow and white markings, including the number "17" and the text "and on ha". A circular yellow marker on the right side of the table contains the text "FIRST CARDS" and the number "2".

BLACKJACK

Playing against the dealer, the object of the game is to draw cards as close to 21 – without going over.

The game begins with each player making a wager in the area designated on the table. The players and the dealer are all dealt 2 cards. One of the dealer's cards is dealt face up.

Cards are counted at their face value. All face cards count as 10. Aces count as either 1 or 11. After the deal, the players have the option to “stand” (play only the 2 cards they were dealt) or “hit” (take another card). If a player hits, they have the same hit/stand decision until they are satisfied with their total or they “bust” (their total exceeds 21).

Once the players have made their decisions, it's up to the dealer. But the rules dictate his play. The dealer must continue to take hits as long as his cards total 16 or less.

At the end of the hand, if a player's hand is closer to 21 than the dealer's, the player wins. If the dealer busts, all players win (unless they had previously gone over 21).

SPECIAL HANDS & PLAYS

BLACKJACK

A BLACKJACK is a total of 21 on the original 2 cards. BLACKJACK pays one and a half times the bet. A BLACKJACK cannot lose; it will tie (push) if the dealer also has a BLACKJACK.

SPLITTING PAIRS

If a player is dealt a pair, the player has the option of SPLITTING the pair to form two separate hands. Pairs may be split twice to make a total of three hands. The wager on each hand must equal the original wager. Each hand may be hit as many times as desired. When splitting Aces: Each Ace may receive 1 card only.

DOUBLE DOWN

After the first 2 cards are received, an additional wager, known as a DOUBLE DOWN, may be made. The DOUBLE DOWN wager may be an amount up to the amount of the original wager. The hand receives 1 additional card only.

SURRENDER

After the first two cards are dealt to the player and the player's point total is announced, the player may elect to discontinue play on his hand for that round by surrendering one half of his wager.

INSURANCE

When the dealer's up card is an Ace, the player may make an additional wager known as INSURANCE. INSURANCE protects the player's hand against the possibility of the dealer having a BLACKJACK. The player can wager up to 50% of the original wager. If the dealer has BLACKJACK, the INSURANCE bet is paid 2 to 1 and the original bet is lost. Essentially, you break even. If you wager 50% of the original bet.



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