



About the Game

The classic casino game Blackjack is one of the most popular casino card games in the world. The aim of the game is to get a higher card total than the Dealer without exceeding a total of 21. Crown Sydney may offer variations of Blackjack including traditional Blackjack or Crown Blackjack.



Game Overview

Blackjack is a game of chance whereby if the first two cards dealt are an Ace and a card with the value of ten, then this is a Blackjack hand. The aim of Blackjack is for the Player's hand to beat the Dealer's hand. The game is played with six or eight decks of cards, each deck having 52 cards. Jokers are not included in any deck. Each game has a house edge. This is the overall percentage of money wagered that is expected to be retained by the casino. The lower the house edge, the higher the proportion of money that is returned to the players. Blackjack played at Crown Sydney has a house edge of approximately 0.54% (traditional Blackjack) and 0.76% (Crown Blackjack) based on perfect strategy and excluding side wagers.

Crown Sydney's Rules of the game of Blackjack are approved by the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority. Visit [www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au](http://www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au) or contact VIP Hosts for further information. This Game Guide is only a summary of the game rules.



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### THE VALUE OF THE CARDS IS AS FOLLOWS:

- An Ace has a value of one (1) or eleven (11) (whichever is to the advantage of the hand).
- Picture cards have a value of ten (10).
- Cards 2 to 10 are counted at face value.

## Initial Deal

The game begins with player’s placing their bet(s) in the betting area(s). The Dealer operates from left to right around the table and all cards are dealt face up. The initial deal commences with the first card being dealt to each betting area that has a wager, followed by one card to the Dealer’s hand. The Dealer will then deal a second card to each betting area with a wager.

## Insurance

If the Dealer’s first card is an Ace, players have the option of placing an ‘Insurance Wager.’ An ‘Insurance Wager’ wins if the Dealer’s hand results in a ‘Blackjack’. Insurance pays 2 to 1.

## ‘Blackjack’ in the Initial Deal for the Player

- If the player’s first two cards are an Ace and a 10 value card, the Dealer will announce “Blackjack”.
- If the Dealer’s hand cannot result in ‘Blackjack’, the player(s) with a ‘Blackjack’ hand will be paid out immediately.
- If the Dealer has an Ace or 10 value card, the Dealer will wait for the end of the hand and act accordingly to the rules.

## Subsequent Deal

The Dealer will then commence the subsequent deal by announcing the total(s) of each betting area from left to right allowing the player(s) to act. The player with the wager nearest to the Dealer will be responsible for acting on that betting area. Players will have the following options:

- ‘Hit’, draw another card,
- ‘Double’, increase their wager for one more card,
- ‘Split’, match their wager to create two hands from one, or
- ‘Stand’, elect not to receive any more cards.

## Hit or Stand

- The player can ‘Hit’ provided their hand total is less than 21 or ‘Bust’ if it exceeds 21.

- The player can ‘Stand’ at any time following the initial deal provided they have a total of 12 or greater (either hard or soft) and have not ‘Busted’.

## Doubling

- If the first two cards dealt to a betting area, or the first two cards of a split hand, have a total of 9, 10 or 11, players may double their hand by placing an additional bet up to the same value of the original bet. Known as a ‘Partial’ double, players may place a bet of less value than the original bet. Only one further card will be dealt to the hand.

## Splitting Pairs

- If the first two cards dealt to a betting area are identical in value, players can split their hand into two by placing an additional bet of the same value to the original bet.
- If, after splitting, the second card is identical in value to the first card of a split hand, the player may split again to form a third hand (except when splitting Aces). A player may not split to form more than three hands per betting area.
- If a player splits a pair of Aces, they may only receive one card and, if the next card dealt is a 10–value card, the card total is 21 only, not Blackjack.

## Dealers Hand

In Traditional Blackjack, the Dealer must ‘Hit’ with 16 or less and ‘Stand’ if the Dealer’s hand is 17 or more.

- In Crown Blackjack, the Dealer must ‘Hit’ with 16 or less or if the Dealer’s hand is a Soft Total of 17 and ‘Stand’ if the Dealer’s hand is a Hard Total of 17 or more.
- If the player’s first two cards are an Ace and a Picture Card, the Dealer will announce “Blackjack” and pay out immediately if the Dealers first card is not a 10, Picture Card or an Ace.
- If the Dealer also has a ‘Blackjack’, the hand will be a ‘Stand Off.’ In all other instances where the player’s hand total equals the Dealer’s hand total, this will also be a Stand-off.
- If the player has a ‘Blackjack’ and the Dealer has a hand totalling 21, the player’s ‘Blackjack’ beats the Dealer’s hand.
- If the player’s hand total is higher than the Dealer’s hand total without ‘Busting’, the player’s hand will win.
- If the Dealer busts, all player’s hands remaining on the table will win.
- Other hands will lose.

### PAYOUT ODDS

RESULT	PAY OUT ODDS
Blackjack	3 to 2
Insurance	2 to 1
All other winning wagers	1 to 1

Crown Sydney may offer side bets on the game of Blackjack. Types of side bets include:

- Perfect Pairs
- Any Pairs

Side bets are simply placed in the active areas on the Blackjack table before any cards are dealt. Side wagers can only be placed on a box with at least one box wager.

### PERFECT PAIRS

An optional side bet that the first two cards on any betting position will be a pair, where colour and suit increase the payout. Perfect Pairs are paid at odds of:

OUTCOME	PAYOUT ODDS		
	6 DECKS OPTION A	6 DECKS OPTION B	8 DECKS
Mixed Pair E.g., 8 of Hearts & 8 of Clubs	6 to 1	5 to 1	6 to 1
Coloured Pair E.g., 8 of Hearts & 8 of Diamonds	13 to 1	10 to 1	12 to 1
Perfect Pair E.g., 8 of Diamonds & 8 of Diamonds	25 to 1	30 to 1	25 to 1

### ANY PAIRS

An optional side bet that the first two cards on any betting position will be a pair, regardless of the colour or suit. Any Pairs are paid as follows as stated on the table sign:

OUTCOME	ODDS PAID
Any Pair Eg. 10 of Hearts & 10 of Clubs or King of Spades & King of Diamonds	11 to 1

## Glossary

‘**Blackjack**’ means an Ace and any card having a value of ten (10) dealt as the initial two (2) cards to a player or a Dealer.

‘**Bust/Busting/Busted**’ means the total of a hand exceeding a total of 21.

‘**Hard Total**’ means the total of a hand which contains no Aces, or which contain Aces that are counted as one (1) in value.

‘**Hit**’ means requesting to be dealt another card from the Dealer by tapping the table.

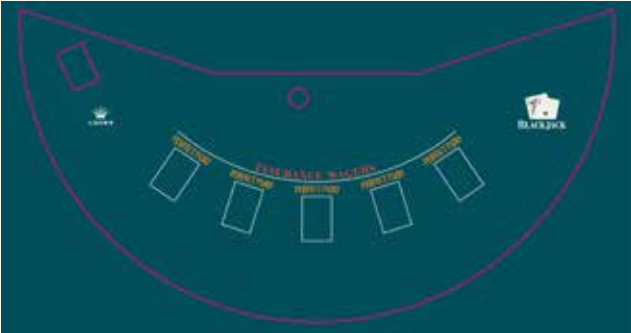
‘**Soft Total**’ means the total of a hand containing an Ace when the Ace is counted as eleven (11) in value.

‘**Stand-off**’ means neither the player’s hand or Dealer’s hand wins or loses.

## Blackjack Table Layout

Any layout variations will be indicated on the Table sign.

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