

GAMING GUIDE

DOUBLE DECK PITCH BLACKJACK

The object is to draw cards that total 21 or come closer to 21 than the dealer. All cards are at face value, except for the king, queen and jack, which count as 10. An ace has a value of 11, unless that gives a player or the dealer a score in excess of 21, in which case it has a value of 1. The dealer starts the game. Each player gets two cards, face down. The dealer gets two cards, with one card face down (hole card). Only after all players' hands are played does the dealer disclose the hole card and play the dealer's hand.

Once you have your two cards in front of you, you can choose to stand (draw no more cards), or take a hit (draw one or more cards) until you reach 21 or come as close as possible. If you go over 21, you break and automatically lose. A winning hand pays even money and winning blackjack pays 3 to 2.

BLACKJACK TERMS

SPLITTING PAIRS

If your first two cards are a pair with the same numerical value, you may split them. You must bet the same amount as your original wager on each hand formed by splitting a pair. Aces may only be split once.

DOUBLING DOWN

After you get your first two cards, or on the first two cards of any split pair, you may make an additional wager up to the original amount except when your first two cards total 21. When doubling down you draw only one additional card.

INSURANCE

If the dealer's face-up card is an ace, and prior to anyone receiving additional cards, you can take insurance. To do this you place a bet no more than $\frac{1}{2}$ your original bet on the insurance line. If the dealer's hole card is a 10, jack, queen or king, you win your insurance bet at odds of 2 to 1. If the dealer's hole card is any other card, you lose your insurance bet.

SURRENDER

After your first two cards are dealt, you may choose to surrender $\frac{1}{2}$ of your original wager and end your participation in the hand.

HANDLING OF CARDS

Players may pick up their first two cards with one hand only.

VALUE OF THE PLAYER'S HAND

The player is responsible for the correct count of his or her hand.

HAND SIGNALS

Players indicates a hit by gently scratching cards close to their bet. Player indicates a stand by tucking cards under their wager.

