

GUIDE TO

DOUBLE DECK BLACKJACK

Double Deck Blackjack is played with 2 decks of cards. The object of Blackjack is to attempt to reach a point total of 21 or as close to 21 as possible without going over. Hands that are closer to 21 than the Dealer win. Hands that are not, or hands that have a point total exceeding 21, lose. Cards from 2 through 10 have their face values. Jacks, Queens and Kings have a face value of 10. Aces are valued at 1 or 11.

A Blackjack is when your first two cards are an Ace and a 10-value card. This pays 3 to 2. After all players have made a bet in the circle in front of them, the Dealer deals two cards in sequence to each player and the Dealer. The Dealer will turn their first card face up, and their second card face down.

At this time, if you feel the total of your first two cards can beat the Dealer, you "stand" - do not draw additional cards. This decision is indicated by a wave of your hand, palm down, over the table, if you feel the Dealer has cards that beat your total, you indicate your decision to "hit" - draw additional cards. This is done by scratching your index finger on the table towards yourself. After each additional card, you need to indicate your decision to stand or draw to the Dealer.

After all the players have completed their hands, the Dealer's hole card is exposed. The Dealer will either stand on a soft 17, or draw on a soft 17.

Each layout will designate which style game is being dealt, or feel free to ask your Dealer. If the Dealer's total is less than yours, or if the Dealer exceeds a point count of 21, you win even money! If your point count is equal to the Dealer's it is a "push" and you do not win or lose.

Besides having the option to stand or draw after the first two cards, you may also double down, split pairs or take Insurance.

DOUBLE DOWN

You may double down on any 2 cards except for a point count of 21. This is done by placing an additional wager (up to the total amount of your initial bet) next to your original bet. You will receive only one additional card when you double down.

SPLITTING PAIRS

If your first two cards are a pair, you may split them into 2 hands by placing an equal amount next to the original bet. If the next card makes a pair, you may split again. You can split up to 3 times for a total of 4 hands. Split Aces once with only a one card draw. A 10-value card on a split Ace counts as 21, but not Blackjack. Aces can only be split once in Double Deck Blackjack.

INSURANCE

If the Dealer's up card is an Ace you may make an additional wager betting that the Dealer has Blackjack.

Insurance bets are made by placing up to half your original bet on the insurance line, prior to the Dealer checking their hole card. If the Dealer has Blackjack, the bet wins and pays 2 to 1.

See Table Games for Official Rules.