

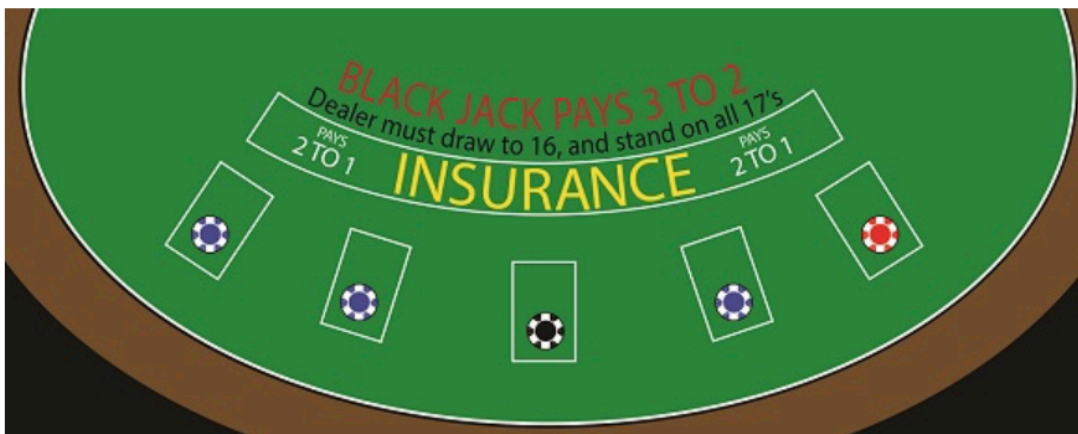
Blackjack

Also known as Twenty-One, Blackjack is the most popular casino banking game in the world, so, of course we have it here at Hollywood Casino St. Louis! The modern-day version of Blackjack came from the 1760s French cards game, Vingt Et Un (meaning "21"), and the name Blackjack actually came from a special payout in Vingt Et Un if the player had a hand of a black Jack and an Ace of Spades!

The object of the game is to beat the dealer by getting a hand as close to 21 as possible without going over!

The Bet

All bets must be placed in their respective squares before the dealer deals.



The Deal

The Dealer deals one face up card to every player in a clockwise rotation, and then deals one face up card to himself. Then, the dealer deals another face up card to every player in the same order, and then deals one face down card to himself.



The Play

Natural or Blackjack

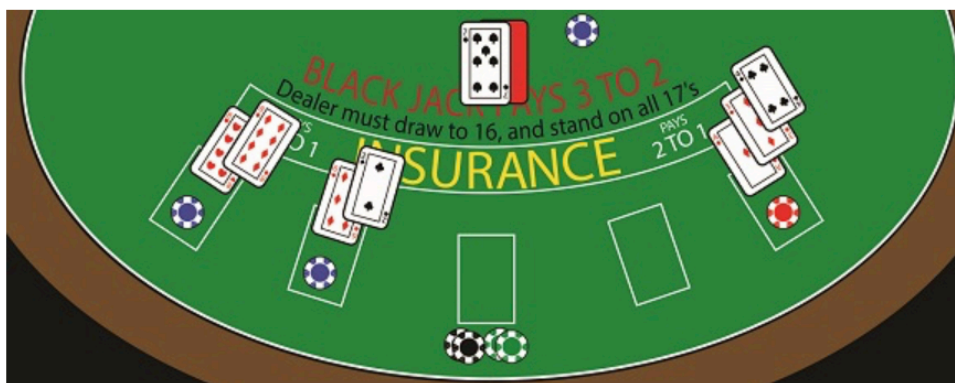
If a player has an ace and a 10, Jack, Queen, or King (see the Middle Player below) and the dealer does not have a Blackjack, the player has a natural of blackjack and gets an automatic payout of 3-to-2. Since the Middle Player below bet a black chip for \$100, he gets a payout of \$150 or one black \$100 chip and two \$25 green chips.



After dealing the Middle Player's payout, the Left Player goes first. Because he has an Ace and a 3, he decides to "hit" to get closer to 21. By receiving a 4, he has a total of 18 and can choose to hit again, but for now he will stay with 18.



Moving in a clockwise direction, the Middle Left Player goes second. He was originally dealt a 5 and a 10 for a total of 15, and he decides to hit to get closer to 21. He gets a 7 card bringing his total to 22, which is over 21 so he loses his bet.



Double Down

The next player is the Middle Right Player because the Middle Player had a natural and is done for this hand. He was dealt a 6 and a 2 for a total of 8. If he feels good about his chances of winning, he has the option to Double Down and double his original bet of \$10 to \$20. Any player has the opportunity to double down at the beginning of his turn. He hits and gets a 9 card for a total of 17. He chooses to stay rather than hit again.



Split Pairs

The last player to play is the Right Player. Because he has a pair of 8s, he has the option to Split and treat the 8s as separate hands with separate bets.



On his first 8 card hand, he hits and gets a 5 card for a total of 13. He chooses to hit again and receives a King Card, bringing his total to 23. Because his total is over 21, he loses his bet on this hand, but he still has the opportunity to win on the other 8 card hand.



On his second 8 card hand, he hits and gets a 2 card for a total of 10. He chooses to hit again and receives a Jack Card, bringing his total to 20. He chooses to stay.



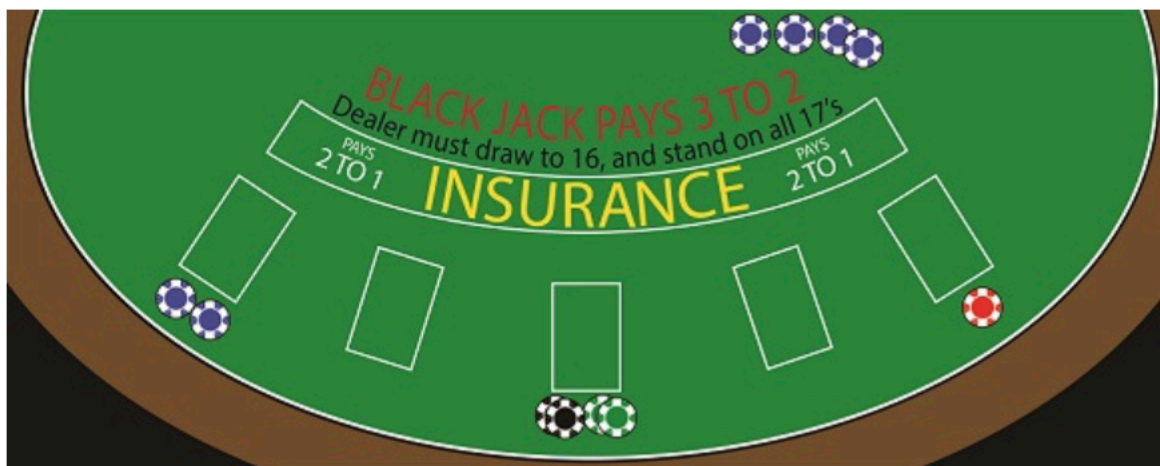
Once all the players have had their turn, the Dealer reveals his second card. Because he has a 7 card and now a 2 card, it brings his total to 9. If the Dealer has a total of 16 or under, he must take another card. If the Dealer has a total of 17 or over, he must stand. Because his total is below 16, he takes another card, which is a 9 card and brings his total to 18.



The Left Player also had a total of 18 and tied with the Dealer. In the case of a tie, the Player keeps his bet and money is neither lost or paid.

The Middle Right Player had a total of 17, which is lower than the Dealer's total of 18, so he loses his bet.

The Right Player had a total of 20, which is higher than the Dealer's total of 18, so he wins his bet.



Blackjack 21 + 3

Blackjack 21 + 3 is a variation of traditional Blackjack game that allows players to place a side bet based on a 3-card hand using the Dealer's one facing up card and the Player's two initial cards to form a 3-card Poker Hand.

The object of the game is to have a winning hand of a Straight, Flush, Straight Flush, or Three-of-a-Kind!

The Bet

Just like in Blackjack, all bets must be placed in their respective squares before the dealer deals.



However, the Player has an option to place an additional side bet in the +3 space. In the image below, all Players chose to place a Blue Poker Chip as a +3 side bet.



The Deal

Just like Blackjack, the Dealer deals one face up card to every player in a clockwise rotation, and then deals one face up card to himself. Then, the dealer deals another face up card to every player in the same order, and then deals one face down card to himself.



The Play

The object of Blackjack 21 + 3 is to get either a Straight, Flush, Straight Flush, or 3-of-a-Kind using the Player's individual face up cards and the Dealer's one face up card. In the image below, the Dealer has an 8 of Diamonds.

The Left Player has a 10 of Hearts and a 9 of Clubs, so when he combines that with the Dealer's 8 of Diamonds he has a Straight and wins the 9-to-1 payout!

The Left Middle Player has a King of Diamonds and a 5 of Diamonds, so when he combines that with the Dealer's 8 of Diamonds he has a Flush and wins the 9-to-1 payout!

The Middle Player has a 6 of Diamonds and 7 of Diamonds, so when he combines that with the Dealer's 8 of Diamonds he has a Straight Flush and wins the 9-to-1 payout!

The Right Middle Player has an 8 of Clubs and 8 of Hearts, so when he combines that with the Dealer's 8 of Diamonds he has a Three-of-a-Kind and wins the 9-to-1 payout!

The Right Player has a Queen of Hearts and a 3 of Clubs, so when he combines that with the Dealer's 8 of Diamonds, he does not have anything and loses the side-bet he placed.



The Dealer pays out all the Blackjack 21 + 3 payouts, and the players then begin a normal game of Blackjack. Click [here](#) to learn how to play Blackjack!



Blackjack Top 3

Blackjack Top 3 is a variation of traditional Blackjack game that allows players to place a side bet based on a 3-card hand using the Dealer's one facing up card and the Player's two initial cards to form a 3-card Poker Hand.

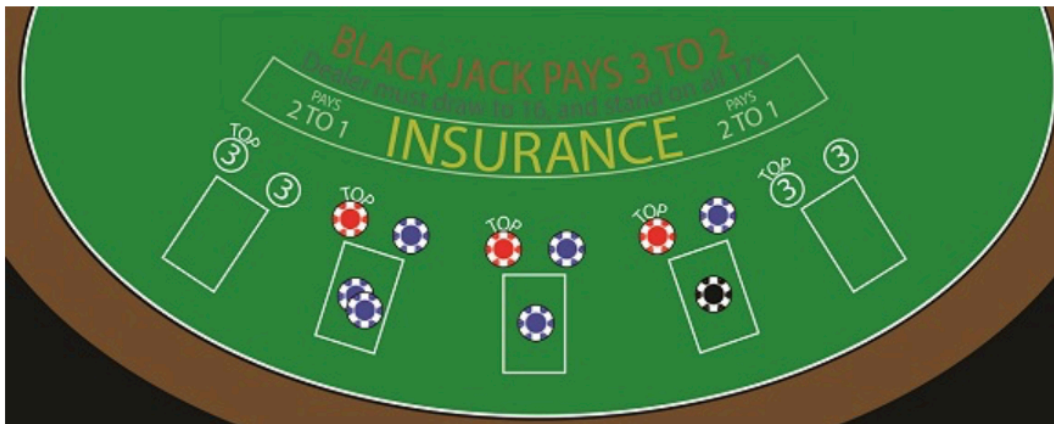
The object of the game is to have a winning hand of a Suited 3-of-a-Kind, Straight Flush, or 3-of-a-Kind!

The Bet

Just like in Blackjack, all bets must be placed in their respective squares before the dealer deals.



However, the Player has an option to place an additional side bet in the +3 space and Top 3 space. (A Player can only place a Top 3 side bet if he also places a +3 side bet) In the image below, all Players chose to place a Blue Poker Chip as a +3 side bet and a Red Poker Chip as a Top 3 side bet.



The Deal

Just like Blackjack, the Dealer deals one face up card to every player in a clockwise rotation, and then deals one face up card to himself. Then, the dealer deals another face up card to every player in the same order, and then deals one face down card to himself.



The Play

The object of Blackjack Top 3 is to get either a Suited 3-of-a-Kind, Straight Flush, or 3-of-a-Kind using the the Player's individual face up cards and the Dealer's one face up card. In the image below, the Dealer has an 8 of Diamonds.

The Left Player has a 8 of Hearts and a 8 of Diamonds, so when he combines that with the Dealer's 8 of Clubs he has a 3-of-a-Kind and wins a 90-to-1 payout!

The Middle Player has two 8 of Clubs, so when he combines that with the Dealer's 8 of Clubs he has a Suited 3-of-a-Kind and wins a 270-to-1 payout!

The Right Player has a 6 of Clubs and a 7 of Clubs, so when he combines that with the Dealer's 8 of Clubs, he has a Straight Flush and wins a 180-to-1 payout!



The Dealer pays out all the Blackjack 21 +3 and Blackjack Top 3 payouts, and the players then begin a normal game of Blackjack. Click [here](#) to learn how to play Blackjack!

