

How To Play Perfect Pairs Blackjack

Perfect Pairs is an exciting new wager on Blackjack

Perfect Pairs wagers can be placed on a Blackjack table that provides a betting area for Perfect Pairs. Preference is given to players who have also placed a Blackjack wager in the same betting area. To make this additional bet, simply place an amount between the minimum and maximum for the Perfect Pairs wagers in the designated area.

This additional wager wins when you receive a pair (two cards identical in type* and value) as your first two cards.

The odds paid for winning wagers are:

- Perfect Pair 30 to 1 (same value and suit)
- Coloured Pair 10 to 1 (same value, same colour, different suit)
- Mixed Pair 5 to 1 (same value, different suit)

* 10, Jack, Queen and King are identical in value but not in type, therefore a Jack and a King, for example would not be considered as a pair

The Odds of Winning

* The house margin for Blackjack is approximately 0.55% when the game is played to optimal strategy.

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Blackjack is the world's most popular Casino card game. There are some similarities with Pontoon with which you may be familiar.

When you place a wager on Blackjack, you are betting you will have a hand higher in value than that of the dealer without being over 21.

After you have received your initial two cards the dealer will give you the option of:

- Standing on the total you have;
- Drawing extra cards;
- Doubling or partially doubling your initial wager when the point total of the first two cards is 9, 10 or 11, however, you may only draw one more card;
- Splitting two cards which are identical in point value. An amount equal to the initial bet must be placed on the other hand, and the dealer shall then complete play on the first hand before continuing to the second hand. Where Aces are split only one card may be drawn to each Ace. Where a card with the point value of 10 is drawn to a split ace, the hand shall only count as 21 (not blackjack);
- When the dealer has an Ace you may be offered insurance. Up to half the amount of your initial bet may be placed on the insurance line. Should the dealer get Blackjack you would lose your initial bet but get paid 2 to 1 on your insurance wager. Should

the dealer fail to get Blackjack your insurance wager shall lose.

After all the players have made their decisions the dealer will complete his or her own hand. The dealer must take a card on 16 or less and must stand on a total of 17 or more. An Ace will always have the value of 11 for the dealer unless it would cause the dealer's hand to exceed a total of 21, in this event the Ace has a value of 1.

A Blackjack is achieved when the first two cards dealt are an Ace and a picture card or an Ace and ten value card. You will be paid at odds of 3 to 2 provided that the dealer does not also draw a Blackjack in which case this is a 'Stand-Off' and you neither win nor lose.

Some important facts to remember about Blackjack are:

- If your total is the same as the dealer it is called a 'Stand Off' and neither the player nor the dealer wins;
- You may place a wager behind a more experienced player if you wish; however, you are bound by the decisions of that player;
- Where the dealer obtains a Blackjack only the original bet wagered shall be taken and not the additional money wagered for a split or a double.