



RULES FOR BLACKJACK

DEFINITIONS

In these rules –

- **“Bet”** means a wager that is made during the course of play which contains no real or legal monetary value whatsoever.
- **"Blackjack"** means an ace and any card having a value of 10 dealt as the initial two cards to a player or a Dealer
- **“Chips”** means the tokens that are used to place bets on the table. Chips have an arbitrary value and cannot be converted to real legal tender.
- **“Dealer”** means the person responsible for the operation of the game.
- **"Dealing Shoe"** means a device from which cards are dealt.
- **“Funny Money”** means the props that are produced custom to the event to mimic real currency. Funny money has no monetary value to it whatsoever.
- **"Hard Total"** means the total of a hand which contains no aces or which contains aces that are each counted as 1 in value.
- **“Round”** means a period of play that usually consists of 7 hands or 7 betting opportunities.
- **"Soft Total"** means the total of a hand containing an ace when the ace is counted as 11 in value.

EQUIPMENT

- **“Layout”** The table layout will be marked in a manner similar to that shown in Diagram A.
- **“Dealing Shoe”** A dealing shoe will be used from which all cards will be dealt.
- **“Cards”** Blackjack will be played with four to eight standard decks, each deck having 52 cards without jokers.

BEGINNING A NEW ROUND

1. At the beginning of a new round of play, up to 8 players exchange 1 single funny money note for \$2000 worth of play chips.
2. Each of the players are given chips of different colours representing different denominations.
3. Generally as many players are novices, the dealer will briefly go through the rules of blackjack, focussing mainly of the permissible bets and the structure of the game..
4. Once all explanations have been made and questions answered, the dealer proceeds to announce that the players may place their bets.

DEALING THE GAME

1. At the completion of all payouts from the previous hand or before the first hand is dealt at the start of the round, the Dealer will announce that players may place their bets.
2. The players will place a bet inside the betting area designated by the Crown circles shown in Diagram A.
3. The dealer will then deal cards from the dealer shoe face-upwards commencing from the left and continuing clockwise around the table deal one card in sequence to each betting area where a wager has been placed, then deal one card to the dealer's position and in a like manner then deal a second card to each of the betting areas where a wager has been placed.
4. On the completion of the initial deal where a player has been dealt a blackjack, the dealer will take the wager and clear the hand of that player.
5. Commencing from the left, the Dealer will announce the total of the player's hand. The player will indicate his/her decision to Hit, Stand, Split or Double on their hand.
6. As each player indicates his/her decision(s), the Dealer will deal face-up the additional cards required by the player and will announce the total of the player's hand after each additional card is dealt.
7. The Dealer will draw additional cards to his/her hand until a hard or soft total of 17, 18, 19, 20 or 21 is reached at which point no additional cards will be drawn.

CARD VALUES

- An ace has the value of 11 except when that would give a player or the Dealer a score of more than 21, in which case it will have a value of 1.
- Cards from 2 to 10 inclusive have the value that appears on the face of the card.
- Jacks, queens and kings will have a value of 10.

SETTLEMENT

1. A Blackjack wager placed by a player will:
 - Win if the player's hand has achieved Blackjack
 - Win if the player's hand is equal to 21
 - Win if the player draws 5 cards with a total of less than 21
 - Win if the player's hand total is higher than that of the dealer's hand.
 - Win if the Dealer's hand exceeds a total of 21
 - Lose if the total of the player's hand is in excess of 21
 - Lose if the total of the Dealer's hand exceeds that of the player's hand without exceeding 21.
2. All winning bets are paid even money with the exception of Blackjack which will be paid at 2 to 1.
3. For the purpose of entertainment, the dealer may at their own discretion award bonus payments to keep the guests entertained and the tournament leader board competitive.

DIAGRAM A

