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BlackJack

Blackjack is the most popular of all casino games, and it's the #1 favorite of all the Monte Carlo Parties. From the fundraising standpoint, it's one of the most profitable, providing of course, that you're on the right side of the table.

The Object of the Game

The object of the game, as a player, is to get a higher point count than the dealer, but not to exceed 21. It is immediately a loss or "Bust" and the player loses.

Aces... "Naturals"... Count

-Aces count as 1 or 11, as the option of the holder. Face cards all have a count of 10, and all other cards count at face value. A "Natural" is a Blackjack or a two card count of 21. If a player has a blackjack, he turns it face up immediately. He is paid 3 to 2 odds on his wager. He is not paid, however, until all other bets are settled.

-If the dealer has a natural, he turns both cards up, and collects all bets. If his card is an Ace, he must allow all players the opportunity to take insurance. (Explained Later)

-If any of the other players in that round have a two-card 21, it is a tie, or "Stand-Off," and no decision or payments are made.

-After a Stand-Off, Natural or other tie count, the player has the option of increasing, decreasing, or withdrawing his original bet.

Betting & Playing Procedures

-All players must place their betting chips in the player's box on the lay down in front of them. Chips outside the box are not in play. The dealer then deals from his left to his right. Each player gets two down cards, and the dealer's hand is the first card down, and second card up.

-If the dealer's up card is an ACE, all players consider Insurance. Players then draw cards to improve their total point count.

-The first player to the dealer's left either *STANDS* or tells (or *Motions*) the dealer to *HIT ME* with an additional card, which is dealt up. More cards can be called for until the player is satisfied with his count, at which point he *STAYS*. He either tells the dealer or motions *NO MORE CARDS*

-If the player's hand exceeds 21, his hand is "busted" and he must turn all cards face up. The dealer then collects the bet. The face hand remains where it is, until the round is completed. The dealer then clears the table, and puts all played cards in a discard rack.

-After completing action on first player's hand, the second player's hand is considered, and so on around the table, until all hands have been completed. The dealer then turns his down card up, and he hits or stands, according to the rules, which are printed on the lay down, DEALER MUST HIT ON 16, AND MUST STAND ON 17. If the dealer hand "bust" (over 21), he pays EVEN MONEY to all hands remaining active on the board

Dealing from a Card Shoe

Casino Blackjack tables use a 6-Deck dealing shoe. Six decks of 52 are shuffled thoroughly, and placed in a shoe, which dispenses one card at a time, face down. Casino dealing shoes are used to add some complications to the efforts of "card counters" and certain other systems, some of which have had a fair degree of success. For Monte Carlo events, dealing from a six-deck shoe is normal. The decks are shuffled thoroughly. The dealer presents the cut card to one of the players, who slides it into the six-deck pack. The dealer resets the pack, and then places the cut card around 40-50 cards from the back. The cut card signals the last round from the shoe, and the dealer then re-shuffles.

Accidents

If any player's card flips over and becomes accidentally exposed, it still belongs to the player (Some casinos deal all cards face up). For any other accidents you should remember the standard casino policy... "It is better to lose a hand at a table, than to lose a customer"

The Soft 17

Any 10-count card and a 7 adds to a count of 17. An Ace and a 6 can be totaled either as "7" or as "17". The first example is a "Hard 17" and the second is considered a "Soft 17". Rules vary from casino to casino, some requiring the dealer to hit a "Soft 17" and other requiring dealer must stand on all 17's. In the Bunny Board Blackjack, the rule is STAND ON ALL 17'S.

The Insurance Bet

If the dealer's up card is an Ace, any player can "take insurance" against the possibility of a Blackjack in the dealer's hand. This is done by placing a second stack of chips, up to half the player's original wager, on the insurance area, directly in front of the player's betting box. If the dealer does have Blackjack, the insurance bet is paid 2 to 1, and the original bet is lost.

Going Down for Double

If a player has a total of 9, 10, or 11 his first two cards, he has then has this option. He doubles his original bet, and turns both cards face up. The dealer gives him ONE card, face down. The player is NOT permitted to look at his down card, and the status of the double down hand remains unknown to all players, until all hands, including the dealer's are completed.

Splitting Pairs

If the player has a pair on his first two cards, he has this option. Both cards are turned face up, and he receives two down cards, one on each of the split cards. The player equals his original bet, on what now has become two separate hands. The hand to the player's right is completed, and the second hand is considered. Two card naturals on split pairs count as 21, and not paid any premium. If the player receives an identical card to his pair, he can split into a third hand. He faces the card, equals original bet, and receives an additional down card. This hand is not acted upon, until first two are completed.

Splitting Aces

As with splitting pairs, player has this option. There are some important differences however. He turns both aces up, and equals his bet for the second hand. Each hand then receives ONE CARD, FACE DOWN. Each hand stands complete, and NO ADDITIONAL CARDS CAN BE OBTAINED. A Blackjack on split aces is considered a TWO-CARD 21, It DOES NOT pay 3 to 2. The two Card 21 wins, unless the hand is pushed with the dealer's 21 count, and is paid EVENT MONEY. Aces cannot be re-split. Both hands must stand with the two down cards, as complete.

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