**Cards and Equipment**

* Fast Blackjack may be dealt from a shoe consisting of 4, 6, or 8 standard decks of 52 cards.
  + Cards from 2 to 10 are taken at face value.
  + Aces take a value of 11 except when that would result in a hand total exceeding 21 in which case it will have value 1.
  + Jacks, Queens, and Kings take a value of 10.
* Fast Blackjack may be dealt from a manual shoe or Continuous Shuffle Machine. When dealt from a manual shoe, a hand will not be commenced if the shoe contains less than 52 cards.
* All cards are dealt face up.

**Definitions**

* The “player’s hand” or “player’s hand total” is the sum of the values of the cards dealt to the player’s box.
* The “dealer’s hand” or “dealer’s hand total” is the sum of the values of the cards dealt to the dealer’s position.
* A “soft hand” is any player’s hand or dealer’s hand where an ace is being taken as having a value of 11. All other hands may be referred to as “hard hands”.
* A player or dealer is said to have “Blackjack” if the first two cards to the box or position are a 10 value card and an ace in any order.

**Dealing Procedure**

* In the initial deal, the player will receive two cards to the box and the dealer will receive one card.
* The player’s hand will then be played in accordance with the following rules:
  + If the player has Blackjack then no further cards will be drawn to the player’s hand.
  + If the player has a soft hand totalling less than 17 (not inclusive) or a hard hand totalling less than 12 (not inclusive) then the dealer will draw cards to the hand until the player has a soft hand totalling 17 or more or a hard hand totalling 12 or more.
  + The player will then have the choice of the following actions.
    - Stand and draw no further cards to their hand.
    - Hit and draw further cards to their hand. This step may be repeated until the player has a total of 21 or more or the player elects to stand.
    - Note that Doubling and splitting are explicitly disallowed in Fast Blackjack.
* After the player’s hand has been determined, the dealer will draw cards to their hand until they achieve a soft hand totalling 18 or more or a hard hand totalling 17 or more.
* The wager is then settled in accordance with the rules below.

**Settlement of Wagers**

A Fast Blackjack wager will:

* Win if the player’s hand has achieved Blackjack and the dealer’s hand has not achieved Blackjack. Such hands will be paid at odds of 3:2.
* Win if the player’s hand exceeds the total of the dealer’s hand without either exceeding 21.
* Win if the player’s hand does not exceed 21 and the dealer’s hand does exceed 21.
* Be void if the total of the player’s hand is the same as the dealer’s hand and does not exceed 21 (including where both player and dealer have Blackjack).
* Lose if the total of the player’s hand exceeds 21.
* Lose if the dealer’s hand exceeds the total of the player’s hand without either exceeding 21