

Rules Of BlackJack

A hand of Blackjack works as follows:

- When a new game is started, the dealer deals two cards to the player, and two to him or herself.
- The score of the player's and dealer's hands is worked out. The scoring is as follows:
 - 2 - 9 all have the value indicated on the card.
 - 10, Jack, Queen and King all have a value of ten.
 - An Ace counts as eleven, unless drawing the card would bust the player (over 21), in which case it counts as one.
- If, at this point, the player has a score of 21, then he or she has a Blackjack. A Blackjack will beat anything the dealer has unless the dealer also has a Blackjack – in which case the hand is a tie.
- If the player has a score of less than 21, then there is the option to either hit or stand.
- If the player opts to hit, then another card is dealt and the score total is recalculated.
- If the player opts to stand, then his or her score will stop at the current total.
- Once the player has finished the hand (either by standing, going bust, or getting a Blackjack), it is the dealer's turn to play. The dealer, like the player, can opt to hit or stand. However, the dealer has strict rules which must be followed:
 - If the total is greater than or equal to 17, then the dealer must stand.
 - If the total is below 17, then the dealer must hit.
- Once the dealer has finished the hand (either by standing, going bust, or getting a Blackjack), the dealer's total is compared with the player's total.
 - If the player goes bust, then the player loses, even if the dealer also goes bust.
 - If the player has a score of 21 or less and the dealer goes bust, then the player wins.
 - If both the player and the dealer have scores of 21 or less, then the numerical values are compared. The highest value wins.
 - If both the player and the dealer have the same score, then the hand is a tie.