Blackjack

Card Game

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**INTRODUCTION**

Blackjack is a game played with a regular deck of playing cards, excluding jokers. Blackjack, also commonly referred to as Twenty-One, is fast paced and easy to play, offering the player quick result with little effort. Players can also leave and join with relative ease and little notice adding to the overall accessibility. This accessibility has also assisted in making the game one of the most common of its type in casinos everywhere. If you’re new to gambling, or card games in general, this game is a good place to start and has the highest chances for victory of the players.

**THE BASICS**

**Game Objectives**

To obtain a sum of 21 with the cards in your hand or have the highest value of cards of any player at the end of the round. This is also why Blackjack is commonly referred to as Twenty-One.

**Common Terminology**

* **Break** – Exceeding the hand total of 21. (same as Bust)
* **Bust** – Exceeding the hand total of 21. (same as Break)
* **Deal** – To give out the cards during a hand.
* **Draw** – Adding a new card to your current hand. (same as Hit)
* **Push** – Both player and dealer have the same hand total, player keeps bet. (same as Tie or Stand-off)
* **Stand** – Not requiring any more cards, to refrain from taking another card. (same as Stay)
* **Stay** – Not requiring any more cards, to refrain from taking another card. (same as Stand)

**Rules**

1. The house deals one card face down to everyone in a clockwise fashion. The dealer should be the last person dealt.
2. The house then deals one card facing up in the same manner as detailed in step 1.
3. Players now evaluate their hands and determine if they would like to be dealt an additional card to bring the sum of their cards closer to 21. *(In casinos, or at various illegal locations that I do not approve of, this is where the players would also place their bets.)*
4. The card values are as follows:
   1. Ace: Is worth either 1 point or 11 points as dictated by the owner of the card, but must remain the value originally declared.
   2. 2-10: Respective value as seen on card.
   3. Face Cards: Worth 10 points.
5. The player than asks the dealer to hit them if they want an additional card otherwise they declare to *stay.* A player can continue to ask for cards until they exceed 21; this is known as *busting*. Once a player declares they would like to *stay* their turn is concluded for the entirety of that round. (THE PERSON DEALT FIRST GOES FIRST)
6. Once all players have gone through step 5 in clockwise fashion the remaining players’ hands are compared against each other.
7. Dealer draw their cards as needed.
8. Dealer compares their hand with the highest hand of the players.
9. The person of the highest value between the dealer and the sole remaining player wins.