

BASIC STRATEGY

BLACKJACK APPRENTICESHIP

Basic Strategy is the first thing you need to know before you can start beating blackjack with card counting. Perfect Basic Strategy is what cuts the casinos’ edge to a mere 0.5%, making it possible for you to gain an edge by counting cards.

PAIR SPLITTING										
DEALER UPCARD										
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
A,A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
T,T	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
9,9	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N
8,8	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
7,7	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
6,6	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
5,5	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
4,4	N	N	N	Y/N	Y/N	N	N	N	N	N
3,3	Y/N	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
2,2	Y/N	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
KEY	Y	Split the Pair								
	Y/N	Split if `Double After Split (DAS)` is offered, otherwise do not split								
	N	Don't Split the Pair								
SOFT TOTALS										
DEALER UPCARD										
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
A,9	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
A,8	S	S	S	S	Ds	S	S	S	S	S
A,7	Ds	Ds	Ds	Ds	Ds	S	S	H	H	H
A,6	H	D	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,5	H	H	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,4	H	H	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,3	H	H	H	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,2	H	H	H	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
KEY	H	Hit								
	S	Stand								
	D	Double if allowed, otherwise hit								
	Ds	Double if allowed, otherwise stand								
HARD TOTALS										
DEALER UPCARD										
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
17	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
16	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
15	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
14	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
13	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
12	H	H	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
11	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
10	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	H	H
9	H	D	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
8	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
KEY	H	Hit								
	S	Stand								
	D	Double if allowed, otherwise hit								
LATE SURRENDER										
DEALER UPCARD										
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
16								SUR	SUR	SUR
15									SUR	
14										
KEY	SUR	Surrender								
INSURANCE OR EVEN MONEY: DON'T TAKE										