

# 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 UP CARD											
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A	
A,A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
T,T	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
9,9	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N
8,8	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
7,7	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
6,6	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
5,5	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
4,4	N	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	N
2,2	Y/N	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	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 UP CARD											
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A	
A,9	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
A,8	S	S	S	S	S	Ds	S	S	S	S	S
A,7	Ds	Ds	Ds	Ds	Ds	Ds	S	S	H	H	H
A,6	H	D	D	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,5	H	H	D	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,4	H	H	D	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,3	H	H	H	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,2	H	H	H	D	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 UP CARD											
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A	
17	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
16	S	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
15	S	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
14	S	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
13	S	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
12	H	H	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
11	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
10	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	H	H
9	H	D	D	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
8	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
KEY	H	Hit									
	S	Stand									
	D	Double if allowed, otherwise hit									
LATE SURRENDER											
DEALER UP CARD											
	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											