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Basic Strategy Chart

4 to 8 decks · Dealer hits soft 17
Double on any two cards · Double after split allowed
Your hand (left) vs dealer upcard (top)

■ H = Hit ■ S = Stand ■ D = Double, else hit ■ DS = Double, else stand ■ P = Split ■ RH / RS / RP = Surrender, else hit / stand / split

HARD TOTALS	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
5	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
6	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
7	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
8	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
9	H	D	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
10	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	H	H
11	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D [†]
12	H	H	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
13	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
14	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
15	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	RH	RH [†]
16	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	RH	RH	RH
17	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	RS [†]
18+	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

SOFT TOTALS	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
A,2	H	H	H	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,3	H	H	H	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,4	H	H	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,5	H	H	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,6	H	D	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,7	DS [†]	DS	DS	DS	DS	S	S	H	H	H
A,8	S	S	S	S	DS [†]	S	S	S	S	S
A,9	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

PAIRS	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
2,2	P	P	P	P	P	P	H	H	H	H
3,3	P	P	P	P	P	P	H	H	H	H
4,4	H	H	H	P	P	H	H	H	H	H
5,5	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	H	H
6,6	P	P	P	P	P	H	H	H	H	H
7,7	P	P	P	P	P	P	H	H	H	H
8,8	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	RP [†]
9,9	P	P	P	P	P	S	P	P	S	S
10,10	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
A,A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

† If the dealer STANDS on soft 17, play these cells instead: 11 vs A: hit · 15 vs A: hit · 17 vs A: stand · A,7 vs 2: stand · A,8 vs 6: stand · 8,8 vs A: split. No surrender at your table? Play the fallback letter of RH / RS / RP.

RULES QUICK REFERENCE

Goal

Beat the dealer's total without going over 21. You play only against the dealer, never the other players.

Card values

2 to 9 = face value · 10, J, Q, K = 10 · Ace = 1 or 11 (whichever is better).

Blackjack

Ace + ten-value card as your first two cards. Paid 3:2 at a fair table. Avoid tables paying 6:5.

Dealer rules

The dealer has no choices: they draw to 16 and stand on 17 (many casinos: dealer hits soft 17).

Hand signals (face-up game)

Hit: tap the felt behind your cards. Stand: wave a flat hand over them. Never touch the cards.

Insurance

A side bet with a 7.4% house edge in six decks. Skip it, and skip "even money" too.

Rules differ by table, and the right play differs with them. Exact chart for any rules: blackjackinfo.com/blackjack-basic-strategy-engine/

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