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Reasons To Play Blackjack

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Blackjack is by far the most popular table game at online casinos. The reason for this is that if

blackjack is played to a correct strategy, the house edge is less than one percent. This is the lowest house edge of any table game. However, most casinos plan based on a house edge of around two per cent. This is simply because they know that most people will not play a correct strategy. Many players give the house a massive advantage by playing erratically ("I know the blackjack has to come right now!"). So, betting decisions made by the player actually affect the advantage that the house holds. In games like roulette, the house edge is 5.26%. Each spin is a completely independent event. The house edge therefore does not change, and cannot be influenced by the player.

In blackjack, events are dependent. This is because as each card is drawn, the possible outcomes of future draws change, as the deck has changes. The more big cards remain in the deck, the more the player is favored. Advantage constantly shifts back and forth between the player and the dealer. Herein lies the basis of card counting. Successful card counters know when the odds favor them, but card counting is a subject all on its own. The issue is that you do not need to be a card counter to bring the house edge down to near one percent.

A mathematically strategy is possible because the dealer and the player are constrained to a set of rules. Basic blackjack strategy has been known for years and many simulations have been run by experts to devise a strategy. With a basic strategy, the player will decide the action to take based on the exposed cards. This will involve hitting or standing on that basis.

In blackjack you want to beat the dealer and get as close as possible to 21. As the player always acts first, you want to sometimes stand on a lower hand in the hope that the dealer will draw a card that will result in a bust. Even if the dealers bust, players who have already bust always lose. Therefore, players have to learn how to play a hand correctly to insure the best outcome based on the mathematically correct strategy. Blackjack is fun and allows for a correct mathematical strategy, and it is not hard to learn. The great thing about online blackjack is that you can play with the strategy chart right next to you, and make correct decisions on that basis.

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How To Play Blackjack

By Adel Awwad

Whether you call it Pontoon, 21, or an investment. Blackjack is easy to learn and even easier to play. The aim of Blackjack is to accumulate a winning hand of 21, or as close to 21, without going over (bust.) That's all there is to it. No flushes, straights or trying to outsmart the other players, who, like you, are all just trying to beat the Blackjack dealer.

Despite its simplicity (Blackjack is truly accessible to all); some players inevitably try to complicate Blackjack. For all the talk of systems and odds, all you need to know is how to win and how to avoid losing! Here's how it works: Two cards are dealt to every player and play moves from the dealers left - each participant elects whether to hit (take another card,) stand (play with the cards they were dealt,) or surrender, in which case they fold at the cost of half their original bet. Once all the participants have finished hitting, the dealer plays his hand and pays out to players who beat his score.

The good news is: Blackjack dealers are bound by the house rules; you're not. For example, dealers stand on all 17's. In other words, he'll keep hitting until he reaches or exceeds 17. If he draws a king and a six, he's bound by convention to play on, while you've got the get-out clause of an early surrender.

The better news is: you can 'Double Down' and double your winnings! Double your bet on a potentially winning deal, provided you can hit once and stand. You can even 'Split Your Pairs' and double your chances! If you're dealt two cards of identical value, split them and play two hands for the price of one!

The best news is: in Blackjack, you can win big and win quickly. Blackjack is the name and the aim of the game. A Blackjack is a total of 21 in your initial deal; a picture card / ace combination. A blackjack can only be beaten by a dealer's blackjack. Any other score of 21 just won't cut it.

Blackjack is a truly elegant game: uncomplicated enough to engage players, but sufficiently captivating to keep them coming back – once you start playing Blackjack, you might just find you can't stop. Blackjack is enjoyable, exhilarating, and instantly compelling. No wonder it's played and enjoyed the whole world over.

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