

PLAYING THE *Game*

The dealer starts the game. Every player gets two cards, face up.

The dealer gets two cards, but one card is face up and one face down – the “hole” card. Only after all players’ hands are played does the dealer look at the “hole” card and play the dealer’s hand. All cards are dealt from a shoe.

STAND OR HIT

Once you have your two cards in front of you, you can choose to “stand” (draw no more cards), or take a “hit” (draw one or more cards) until you reach 21 or come as close as possible; however, if you go over 21, you “break” and automatically lose. A winning hand pays even money. You may also double-down or split like pairs.

DEALER’S TURN

The dealer now turns over the “hole” card and acts on the hand according to the rules of the game. The dealer must draw to 16 and “stand” when 17 or more is reached. At the end of the game, if your count is the same as the dealer’s, it is a “push” (neither the dealer or you win). If the player count is greater than the dealer’s but does not exceed 21, or the dealer’s count exceeds 21, the player wins.

WHAT IF YOU GET BLACKJACK RIGHT AWAY?

If your first two cards are an Ace and any ten value card, the dealer announces your hand as Blackjack. You will be paid at this time if the dealer does not have an Ace or ten value card as an up card; however, if the dealer’s up card is an Ace or a ten value card, you will not be paid until the dealer’s checks his hole card, if the dealer’s hand is Blackjack, it is a push. A player’s winning Blackjack is paid off at odds of 3 to 2.

