Blackjack Rules

The basics

1. Card Values

- Ace: Can be counted as 1 or 11, depending on which is more advantageous to you.
- 2-10: Counted as their face value.
- 11: Counted as 11, unless doing so would cause a bust.

2. Chip Value

- Black: Chips can be placed on the blackjack table, which vary in value based on the policies set by the casino.
- Red: Chips are only in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 25, 50, or 100, according to the table's rules.

3. Number of Decks

- Most blackjack games are played with 6 decks, but some casinos may use more or fewer decks.
- The number of decks can affect the probabilities of different cards appearing.

4. Hand Types: Soft/Hard

- Hard: All cards are counted as their face value.
- Soft: Aces are counted as 11, unless doing so would cause a bust.

5. Splitting

- Hard totals of 12 to 16 can be split into two hands.
- Soft totals of 12 to 16 cannot be split.

6. Resplitting

- Some casinos allow resplitting on certain hands, like doubling down on a split.

7. Dealer’s Hand

- The dealer will stand on 17 or higher, and hit on 16 or less.
- In some casinos, the dealer will stand on a soft 17.

8. Double Down

- Double down allows you to double your bet and receive only one additional card.
- You can double down on any two-card hand, or specific hands depending on the rules.

9. Insurance

- Insurance pays 2 to 1 if the dealer has a blackjack.
- The dealer must accept all insurance bets made by players.

Blackjack Betting Rules

1. Hit

- Hit as many cards as you think you need to get 17 or higher, without going over.
- Split your cards if you have two of the same value.

2. Stand

- Stand when you think you have a good hand and want to keep your money in the game.
- You cannot hit or re-split on a stand.

3. Split

- Split cards with the same face value, like Aces.
- You can only split once on some hands.

4. Surrender

- Surrender allows you to give up your hand for half of your bet if you think the dealer has a better hand.

5. Double-Down

- Double down allows you to double your bet and receive only one additional card.
- You must decide to double down before the dealer's hand is revealed.

6. Blackjacks

- Blackjacks pay 3 to 2 if the dealer has a blackjack.
- You cannot split or re-split on a blackjack.

Blackjack Table Rules

1. Min/Max Bet

- The minimum and maximum bets for blackjack are determined by the casino.
- Some casinos may have different minimum and maximum bets for different table limits.

2. Hand Limit

- Most blackjack tables allow up to 7 players.
- Some casinos allow up to 10 players.

3. Encoding cards

- Cards are encoded with numbers and symbols to make it easier for players to remember them.
- Some casinos use special encoding systems to make it harder for players to count cards.

4. Splitting

- You can only split once per hand.
- You cannot split cards with different values.

5. Dealer’s Hand

- The dealer's hand is revealed after all players have completed their actions.
- The dealer must draw on 16 or less and stand on 17 or more.

6. Insurance

- Insurance is offered on some tables, but it is usually not recommended.
- Insurance pays 2 to 1 if the dealer has a blackjack.

Blackjack Dealer Rules

1. Double Down

- Double down is allowed after the dealer has revealed their first card.
- Some casinos may allow double down on specific hands.

2. Resplitting

- Resplitting is allowed on some tables, but not on all.
- Some casinos may allow resplitting on soft 17s.

3. Insurance

- Insurance is available on some tables, but it is usually not recommended.
- Insurance pays 2 to 1 if the dealer has a blackjack.

4. Soft 17

- Some casinos allow the dealer to stand on soft 17s.
- Others may require the dealer to hit on soft 17s.

5. Re-splitting

- Re-splitting is allowed on some tables, but not on all.
- Some casinos may allow re-splitting on soft 17s.

6. Insurance

- Insurance is available on some tables, but it is usually not recommended.
- Insurance pays 2 to 1 if the dealer has a blackjack.