

COUNTINGEDGE BLACKJACK BASIC STRATEGY

A rules-specific decision chart - not a betting system and not a guarantee of winning

ASSUMPTIONS: 4-8 decks | dealer stands on soft 17 (S17) | double any first 2 cards | double after split (DAS) | late surrender | dealer peeks | blackjack pays 3:2

HARD TOTALS											SOFT TOTALS											PAIRS												
PLAYER	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A	PLAYER	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A	PLAYER	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A		
5-8	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	A,2-A,3	H	H	H	D/H	D/H	H	H	H	H	H	2,2-3,3	P	P	P	P	P	P	H	H	H	H		
9	H	D/H	D/H	D/H	D/H	H	H	H	H	H	A,4-A,5	H	H	D/H	D/H	D/H	H	H	H	H	H	4,4	H	H	H	P	P	H	H	H	H	H		
10	D/H	D/H	D/H	D/H	D/H	D/H	D/H	D/H	H	H	A,6	H	D/H	D/H	D/H	D/H	H	H	H	H	H	5,5	D/H	D/H	D/H	D/H	D/H	D/H	D/H	D/H	H	H		
11	D/H	D/H	D/H	D/H	D/H	D/H	D/H	D/H	D/H	H	A,7	S	D/S	D/S	D/S	D/S	S	S	H	H	H	6,6	P	P	P	P	P	H	H	H	H	H		
12	H	H	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H	A,8-A,9	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	7,7	P	P	P	P	P	P	H	H	H	H		
13-14	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H												8,8	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
15	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	R/H	H												9,9	P	P	P	P	P	S	P	P	S	S		
16*	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	R/H	R/H	R/H												10,10	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
17+	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S												A,A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		

H	HIT	S	STAND	D/H	DOUBLE; IF NOT ALLOWED, HIT	D/S	DOUBLE; IF NOT ALLOWED, STAND	P	SPLIT	R/H	SURRENDER; IF NOT ALLOWED, HIT
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HOW TO USE: Choose pairs first, then soft totals, then hard totals. Dealer upcard runs left to right from 2 through ace. A soft hand has an ace currently counted as 11.

IMPORTANT: *Hard 16 excludes 8,8 - split 8s. Late surrender applies only when offered and after the dealer checks for blackjack. Never take insurance under these assumptions. If the table is H17, 6:5, no-DAS, no-peek, or uses different double/split rules, use a matching chart.

Strategy basis: Wizard of Odds Basic Strategy Calculator and surrender tables, checked August 2026. Learn the rules and practice free at CountingEdge.com. Gambling is not a way to earn income.