

Top Tips For Blackjack Gamblers



NEVER PLAY 6/5 BLACKJACK

When the dealer pays only 6/5 on blackjack the house edge increases dramatically & you will lose 2 to 4 times as much money per hour! Never settle for less than 3/2 blackjack!



ALWAYS PLAY BASIC STRATEGY

Playing perfect basic strategy maximizes your long term win & brings you close to break even with the house. If you don't have basic strategy mastered, you can bring the correct basic strategy chart with you to the casino for the blackjack rules you're playing (most casinos will allow you to use a small plastic basic strategy chart at the table).



NEVER TAKE INSURANCE

Insurance has a whopping house edge of 7.4%! Most gamblers take insurance (even money) on their blackjacks because they want a sure payoff. But despite what dealers & other players may tell you, taking insurance on any hand, including blackjack, is a costly decision over the long run.



DON'T WORRY ABOUT OTHER PLAYER'S DECISIONS

One of the biggest myths in blackjack is that other players can "screw up" the table by playing badly or changing the number of hands they play. Over the long run, the impact of other's players' decisions on your net win, evens out. The only thing that matters is how well you play. So stop worrying about other players & focus on how well you play!



STICK TO YOUR GAMBLING BUDGET

Unless you're a highly skilled professional card counter, you should view blackjack strictly as entertainment. Sure, you could get lucky & win, but we all know the house will beat you over the long run. Always set a gambling budget that you can afford to lose & don't go over it!



ALWAYS BET THE SAME AMOUNT

The downfall of countless gamblers has been falling into the trap of betting based on win/loss streaks - betting progressions, pressing your wagers, chasing your losses. Always bet the same amount on every hand, win or lose. Professional card counters are the only players who should vary their bets .



PLAY AT MORE CROWDED TABLES

Playing perfect basic strategy is powerful but the house will still have a slight advantage over you. To maximize your comps & your hours of gambling entertainment, play at more crowded tables. This will result in you playing fewer hands per hour which means losing less money per hour.



KNOW YOUR LIMITS

If you're tired, inebriated or just plain frustrated, STOP playing! Gambling when you're past your physical, mental or emotional limits has doomed many a blackjack gambler. If you're not enjoying the game and having fun, then take a break or call it a night.