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PokerNews Blackjack Guide: How to Play & Strategy Tips to Help You Win at Blackjack

Welcome to your one-stop shop for all things Blackjack! Seasoned player, beginner or someone looking to take your blackjack game to the next level - it's all here in the PokerNews Blackjack Guide.

Read on to find out the basics of learning blackjack, the top blackjack strategies to try out, and where to play real money blackjack online at the best casinos. We'll also tell you where to play blackjack for free.

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What is Blackjack (AKA 21)?

Blackjack is a casino card game, found in most (if not all) bricks & mortar casinos worldwide. It's an extremely popular game, due to its simplicity and the fact that it's easy to pick up and start playing a few hands.

Also known as '21', blackjack belongs to a family of card games that utilize the full 52-card deck. Other familiar titles in this family include Pontoon, and Vingt-et-Un. The game originated in France during the 19th century, as a development of earlier Spanish versions, but the rules of what we know as blackjack today were first used in the UK in the 1800s, and these were then transplanted to the US and refined further.

How to Play Blackjack - Rules of the Blackjack Table

Blackjack is a game played against the dealer, rather than other players, and has the objective to get the total of your cards as close to 21 as possible without exceeding this number.

To start a round, each player makes a bet, and the dealer deals each player two cards face up so they are visible to all players and to the dealer. The dealer also deals themselves two cards but only one is face up. Players then choose an option about what to do next including taking another card, ending their turn without taking a card, or doubling their bet.

Winning or losing is determined by the total of your cards, which cannot exceed 21, so in blackjack it's important to know the value of the cards and to be able to work out what you have in your hand, and what cards you need!

To learn the basics, you can read our How to Play Blackjack guide, which details the rules, how to bet, and the significance of the card values in relation to a hand. It's also a good idea to watch our how to play black