

# S17 BASIC STRATEGY

## BLACKJACK APPRENTICESHIP

Basic Strategy is the first thing you need to know before you can start beating blackjack with card counting. Perfect Basic Strategy is what cuts the casinos' edge to a mere 0.5%, making it possible for you to gain an edge by counting cards.

PAIR SPLITTING										
DEALER UP CARD										
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
A,A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
T,T	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
9,9	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N
8,8	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
7,7	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
6,6	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
5,5	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
4,4	N	N	N	Y/N	Y/N	N	N	N	N	N
3,3	Y/N	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
2,2	Y/N	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N

KEY	Y	Split the Pair
	Y/N	Split if `Double After Split (DAS)` is offered, otherwise do not split
	N	Don't Split the Pair

SOFT TOTALS										
DEALER UP CARD										
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
A,9	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
A,8	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
A,7	S	Ds	Ds	Ds	Ds	S	S	H	H	H
A,6	H	D	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,5	H	H	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,4	H	H	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,3	H	H	H	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,2	H	H	H	D	D	H	H	H	H	H

KEY	H	Hit
	S	Stand
	D	Double if allowed, otherwise hit
	Ds	Double if allowed, otherwise stand

HARD TOTALS										
DEALER UP CARD										
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
17	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
16	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
15	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
14	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
13	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
12	H	H	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
11	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	H
10	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	H	H
9	H	D	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
8	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H

KEY	H	Hit
	S	Stand
	D	Double if allowed, otherwise hit

LATE SURRENDER										
DEALER UP CARD										
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
16								SUR	SUR	SUR
15									SUR	
14										

KEY	SUR	Surrender
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**INSURANCE OR EVEN MONEY: DON'T TAKE**