Blackjack Cheat Sheet

S17 | 4 or 8 decks | Checked 31 October 2026

Use only with this rule set: standard main game; dealer stands on soft 17; eligible two-card doubles and double after split allowed; dealer checks for blackjack before normal player decisions with an ace or ten-value upcard; no surrender decisions included.

Confirm the posted payout, split limits and split-ace restrictions. Other decks, H17, surrender, dealer procedures or variants need a matching reference. This is a simplified total-based chart.

H hit **S** stand **D/H** double if allowed, otherwise hit **D/S** double if allowed, otherwise stand **SP** split an eligible pair

HARD TOTALS

Hand	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
5-8	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
9	H	D/H	D/H	D/H	D/H	H	H	H	H	H
10	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
12	H	H	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
13	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
14	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
15	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
16	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
17-21	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

SOFT TOTALS

Hand	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
A2 (13)	H	H	H	D/H	D/H	H	H	H	H	H
A3 (14)	H	H	H	D/H	D/H	H	H	H	H	H
A4 (15)	H	H	D/H	D/H	D/H	H	H	H	H	H
A5 (16)	H	H	D/H	D/H	D/H	H	H	H	H	H
A6 (17)	H	D/H	D/H	D/H	D/H	H	H	H	H	H
A7 (18)	S	D/S	D/S	D/S	D/S	S	S	H	H	H
A8-A9	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

PAIRS

Hand	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
2,2	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	H	H	H	H
3,3	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	H	H	H	H
4,4	H	H	H	SP	SP	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
6,6	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	H	H	H	H	H
7,7	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	H	H	H	H
8,8	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP
9,9	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	S	SP	SP	S	S
10,10	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
AA	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP

Reading order: check eligible pairs first, then soft hands, then hard totals. The dealer 10 column includes J, Q and K. Recalculate after each card; a soft hand can become hard. Completed naturals and busts are already resolved.

Restricted actions: D/H and D/S supply different double fallbacks. SP assumes a permitted split; if a hand limit or ace restriction prevents it, use guidance for that exact situation. This sheet does not give surrender, insurance or side-bet decisions.

Remember: a preferred decision can lose. The chart does not predict a card, guarantee profit or override a spending limit. Practise the lookups without wagering.

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