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Download Article Master the gameplay techniques and strategies of this popular casino game Download Article Blackjack, known by some as “21,” is a beloved card game where players aim to beat the dealer with a hand that most closely totals 21 points. While it’s mainly a game of luck and chance, Blackjack has its fair share of strategies that can help you get the most out of your bets and payouts. We’ll teach you everything you need to know, including how to set up your game, how to play, and how to maximize your chances of success in a round. In Blackjack, every player is betting against the dealer. The individual non-dealer players aren’t playing against one another. The goal of the game is to get a higher hand than the dealer without going over 21. Going over 21 is called busting. If a player has a better hand than the dealer without busting, they win their bet. If they have a worse hand, the dealer takes their bet. The goal of Blackjack is to beat the dealer’s hand without going over 21. In Blackjack, every player is competing against the dealer—not each other. In a given round, the player’s ultimate goal is to get a hand that’s higher than the dealer’s (without being higher than 21, or "busting"). Only by beating the dealer can a player win their bet. Players determine the value of their hand by tallying up the point values of their cards:[1] 2 through 10: The number listed on the card (e.g., 2 is worth 2 points) Jack, Queen, King: 10 points Ace: 1 or 11 points (the player gets to choose) An Ace and a 10, Jack, Queen, or King equals 21 points and is known as a Blackjack. Advertisement 1 All the players make a bet with their chips. Using whatever betting materials they have on hand, each player wagers a certain amount of currency (before they even get their cards). All players must submit their bets before the round officially starts.[2] This is also known as a "buy-in" or minimum bet. If you have poker chips on hand, divide them among the players so everyone can make their bets. If you aren’t playing for cash, feel free to use anything you have a lot of lying around your home (like matches).[3] 2 The dealer gives a card to each player as well as themselves. The dealer hands a card face-up to each player and then places a card face-down in front of themselves. It’s okay if the players can see each others’ hands—all that matters is that they can’t see the dealer’s first card.[4] A 52-card card deck is used to play Blackjack. The dealer needs to remove the Jokers and shuffle the cards before distributing them. 3 The dealer hands out a second card to every player. As they did before, the dealer passes another face-up card to each player. This time, though, the dealer places their second card face-up in their hand (leaving the first card face-down still).[5] 4 The player to the left of the dealer starts gameplay. To keep things organized, have the player left of the dealer go first each round; from there, gameplay continues in a clockwise direction.[6] 5 Decide if you want to stay or hit. Take a look at your 2 cards and add the numerical total together—how close is it to 21, and how does it compare to the dealer’s hand? If the total is pretty high (like 17 or 18, which is very close to 21), “staying” (leaving your hand as-is) is probably your best option; if your total is on the low end (like in the single digits), “hitting,” or getting another card added to your hand, could be beneficial.[7] Staying simply means that you don’t want the dealer to give you another card that’ll get added to your total. This is signified by holding your hand flat and waving it.[8] Hitting means that you’d like the dealer to add another card to your hand, and is signified by tapping the game table with your pointer and middle finger. You can hit as many times as you’d like until you reach or go over 21.[9] 6 Cycle through each player until they’ve each finished their turn. Give each player time to look over their cards and let the dealer know if they’d like to hit or stay. Players who hit too often may end up busting, or getting a card total that’s over 21. They automatically lose the round as well as their initial bet.[10] 7 The dealer reveals their second card and winners are determined. At this point, the dealer flips over their original card to reveal their hand total. If the total is 16 or lower, they’re required to hit and take another card. If the card is 17 or higher, the dealer is required to stay.[11] Keep in mind that the dealer has to play by different rules than the rest of the players. If the dealer gets a Blackjack, all the players automatically lose the round, unless they have a Blackjack themselves. In this case, they push—in other words, the player who got Blackjack simply gets their original bet back. A push also occurs anytime the player’s hand matches the dealer’s. 8 Bets are paid out and a new round begins. Any player with a hand that’s higher than the dealer’s (but not higher than 21) wins the round (unless they busted).[12] All winning hand gets paid in a 1 to 1 ratio; if you bet 1 chip, you win 1. If you have a 21-point (Blackjack) hand, you typically get paid out at a 3 to 2 ratio—so, if you bet 2 chips for the round, you’d get rewarded with 3 (leaving you with 5 total chips)[13] After the round ends, the dealer collects the cards, shuffles them, and starts a new round. Advertisement 1 SplittingIf your second card is identical to your first (e.g., two 8 cards), you have the option to “split” your hand into 2 separate ones. Place the same number of chips down for your split bet, and then ask for the dealer to “hit” each of your hands. Think of splitting as just giving yourself an extra turn for the round—each hand is separate from the other. Even if one hand busts, you still continue playing with your other hand.[14] If you split 2 Aces, the player can only hit each hand one time. If you end up getting a point total of 21 on one of your hands, this isn’t considered a Blackjack (in terms of payout), but it still pushes if the dealer gets a Blackjack. Any 2 cards with the same point value can split, like a Queen and a Jack (which are both worth 10 points).[15] This rule varies by casino, though, so double-check with your dealer before you try this maneuver. Separate your pointer and middle finger into a “V” shape and place them on the table to let the dealer know that you’re splitting. 2 Doubling downYou have the option to “double down,” or double your initial bet before the dealer gives you another card—this gives you the chance to earn significantly more money in a single go. Doubling down only lets you hit once, but it can be a lucrative way to have a successful round if you feel that luck is on your side.[16] It’s best to double down when you have a lower hand, like an Ace/11, since getting a 10-value card would jump you up to a Blackjack. Signal to the dealer that you want to double down by touching an extended pointer finger to the game table. If you don’t feel like doubling your bet, feel free to bet a lower amount instead.[17] You can double down on any hand that’s lower than 21, including split hands. The main thing to remember is that you can’t hit after you’ve doubled-down. 3 Surrendering If you have an especially bad hand, “surrender” to the dealer instead of hitting or staying. Surrendering deducts 50% off your original bet, but it can save you from a total loss.[18] To signal a surrender to the dealer, slide your pointer finger in a horizontal line on the game table. Not all casinos may let you surrender.[19] 4 Side-betting (insurance) All players have the opportunity to place a side bet (better known as “insurance”) whenever the dealer’s first card appears as an Ace—by placing a bet, you believe that the dealer has a 10-point value card face-down in their hand (thus giving them a Blackjack). This “insurance” bet can be equal to or less than your original bet.[20] If the dealer has a Blackjack: Your first bet loses (unless your hand is a Blackjack as well), but your side bet gets a 2 to 1 payout. For example, if you bet 1 chip on the side bet, you’d get 2 back (giving you 3 total). If the dealer doesn’t have a Blackjack: You lose all the chips you put down for the insurance bet. 5 Basic strategy While there’s a lot of chance involved with Blackjack, you can optimize your chances of a successful round by factoring in the totals of your cards. Some people have even made a spreadsheet-like chart that helps you quickly analyze the best move to make based on your current hand.[21] Check out wikiHow’s Blackjack cheat sheet here. Advertisement 1 Stay if your hand is 17 or higher. While there’s always the chance that you could receive an Ace, 2, 3, or 4 if you ask the dealer to hit, the odds aren’t in your favor. It’s always safer to stay and hope that your hand won’t be lower than the dealer’s—the chances of busting and knocking yourself out at this point are much higher! 2 Assume that the dealer's face-down card is a 10. In a given deck of cards, 16 of the 52 cards have a value of 10 points (the 10s, Jacks, Queens, and Kings). While it's definitely not a guarantee that the dealer's hidden card is a 10, the odds for 10 specifically are better than any other individual card value—so, it's a pretty reasonable strategy to take as a beginner. More advanced players don't use this strategy and instead opt for more sophisticated methods, but it's a good strategy for beginners.[22] 3 Assume that the dealer will bust if their face-up card is 6 or lower. In Blackjack, the dealer is required to hit if their hand is less than 16.[23] Let’s say the dealer’s first card is a 6, and then their next card is a King (valued 10), giving them a total of 16. The rules would require the dealer to hit again, since their hand is lower than 17, but the chances of them getting an Ace, 2, 3, or 4 are low compared to the other cards. Because of this, it’s safer to assume that a low first card means that the dealer will bust. 4 Never bet on insurance. While insurance can be a lucrative way to make some money (especially if your original bet fails), it’s nearly impossible to predict if the dealer will have a 10 face-down when they first reveal an Ace in their hand. Instead, play it safe and decline when the dealer offers insurance bets.[24] Advertisement 1 Place your money on the table instead of handing it to the dealer. For security purposes, most casinos require all money to be laid out on the table, so it’s clear how much the player is betting. The dealer will then count the money, accept the funds, and distribute the proper amount of chips based on how much you paid.[25] 2 Leave your cards on the table and don’t touch them. In Blackjack, you aren’t supposed to pick up your hand—after all, you don’t have any reason to hide it from the dealer or your fellow players. Instead, leave your cards untouched on the table after the dealer puts them down.[26] Some casinos may allow you to handle the cards, but only you to do so with one hand.[27] 3 Use hand signals to call your plays. For security purposes, casinos require players to physically demonstrate their gameplay decisions so there’s no confusion or debate later on.[28] To review, the hand signals are as follows: Hit: Tap the table with your pointer and middle finger Stay: Wave a flat hand above the table Surrender: Draw a horizontal line with 1 finger Split: Spread your pointer and middle finger in a “V” shape and touch the table with them Double down: Touch the game table with an extended pointer finger 4 Confirm with the dealer if you can reference a chart on your phone. Blackjack strategy charts can be a helpful resource when you’re in the heat of the game, but the dealer might not be keen on you checking your phone during the round. Instead, confirm with the dealer and see if it’s okay first.[29] 5 Give the dealer a tip once you’re done playing. Depending on how much you’re walking away with, give the dealer a small bonus as a thanks for running the game. Many players opt to give the dealer somewhere between $5 and $10, but you’re welcome to give more if you’ve really won big.[30] Advertisement Add New Question Question When do you place the bet? Place your bet before the cards are dealt. Split, double down, and insurance bets take place after the cards have been dealt. Question If my hand is lower than the other players' hands but beats the dealer, do I win? Yes. Each of the players is playing the dealer only, not the other players. Question Does the house almost always deal a 10? Not always, but the chances are a lot higher, seeing as every deck, has a 4/13 (16/52) chance of getting a 10. See more answers Ask a Question Advertisement Thanks Advertisement This article was reviewed by Ashton Wu and by wikiHow staff writer, Janice Tieperman. Ashton Wu is a Board Game expert at Shelfside. 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Otherwise, the dealer asks whether you want another card from the top of the deck. If you do, say “hit” or motion toward yourself with your hand. There’s no limit to how many cards you can ask for, but once your hand totals higher than 21, you bust and the dealer gets your bet. If you don’t want any more cards, say “stay” or wave your hand over the table. Once the dealer has gone around the table, they flip up their face-down card. If it’s 16 or under, they have to take another card. If it’s 17 or higher, they have to stay with their hand. If the dealer busts, every player that’s still in that round wins twice their bet. However, if the dealer doesn’t bust, only the players whose hands are higher than the dealer’s win twice their bet. Everyone else loses their initial bet. Once the round is over, all of the players place a new bet, and another round begins. If you want to learn strategies to win blackjack or proper casino etiquette while playing, keep reading! Print Send fan mail to authors Thanks to all authors for creating a page that has been read 1,225,120 times. "I started learning because my parents are pro gamblers and I finally learned!" Share your story 21 goes by many names like Pontoon and even Black Jack in the United States. These games are very similar, but there are some important differences. However, many people do use the names interchangeably. Let’s take a more in-depth look at the 21 card game rules, so you can see exactly how to play. Let’s talk about the card game itself before we begin our look at the 21 card game rules. 21 is a great 2 player card game, and because of its fast nature, it would make a great card game for the pub. The aim of 21 is to get a hand that is 21 in value. Or at the very least, as close to 21 as you can get without going over. The game is believed to have been derived from Spain. A Spanish dictionary from 1611 mentions a game called Ventiuno. Which literally translates to 21. Many of the classic 21 card game rules are still the same. Although over time, there have been many variations and new versions as well. In this guide, we’ll focus on traditional 21, which is best suited for casual play. Under the traditional 21 card game rules, all you need to play is a regular deck of playing cards. Like many card games, you don’t use the Joker cards either. It’s just your standard 52 deck of playing cards. You can find playing cards almost anywhere, so finding a deck shouldn’t be overly difficult. The cards below are just one example of what you could buy. Now let’s talk a little more about how the cards work in 21. In the 21 card game, most cards have their face value. A 10 is worth 10 points, and a 2 is worth 2 points, and so on. The king, queen, and jack are worth 10 points each. However, the ace is generally considered the most valuable card. The ace is worth either 11 points or 1 point. It’s up to the player how they use this card, making it one of the most valuable cards in the game. That’s all you need to know about how the cards work. Let’s now take a more in-depth look at the rules and gameplay. One of the main reasons 21 is so popular is that the game’s aim is quite simple. All you need to do is score as close to 21 as possible. It seems easy enough, right? But there is a lot of strategies involved. If you have a hand of 18, do you risk taking another card or not? Let’s take a look at how you set up and play 21. There are a few different ways to play 21. Some involve having one player be the dealer, while others don’t use a dealer at all. While 21 is generally played with 2 people, it can be played with a group as well. For group games, one player will be the dealer. And each player will be trying to beat the dealer. The dealer will alternate each turn. The general gameplay and rules stay the same though. We’ll be looking at the traditional 21 card game rules for more casual play. So, to get started, take a deck of cards and remove the jokers. Shuffle the deck then each player should draw 2 cards. Each player should keep their cards hidden; once players have been drawn their cards, they can opt to take another. This is known as a hit; if you want to use the traditional lingo, you simply say hit to take another card. Under traditional 21 card game rules, there are no limits to how many cards you can take. Although the more you take, the higher the odds are of you going over 21. If you go over 21, you have busted and must declare this to the other players. If you don’t want to take any more cards, you say stick. Once every player is happy with their cards, they will show their hands. The player with 21 or the closest to it wins. While it’s rare, multiple players could have the same score, so it could end in a draw. That is basically how you play the 21 card game; it’s fast, simple, and a lot of fun. If you want to add a twist to your game, you could try adding a few of the advanced rules below. Because of its age, there have been plenty of new or advanced rules you can add to your 21 card games. These rules can make the game more challenging and strategic. Let’s take a quick look at some of the rules you can use. Number Limits: With this rule, a player must have above 16 (or a set minimum number of your choosing); if they don’t, then they must ask for a hit and take another card. This rule helps increase the risk of going bust. Card Limits: This rule says you can only take up to 5 cards. While it’s unlikely you could still net a very low score even with this amount of cards. But it does add an extra layer of strategy to the game. If you like the 31 card game, this rule could be a fun addition as it adds a similar gameplay element. First Card Draw: With this rule, the first card drawn to each player (including the dealer) will be drawn face up. This makes the game much more strategic because every player will have some idea of their opponent’s hand. The 21 card game is simple, fast, and fun! The game can be learned and played in just a few minutes, and all you need is a deck of cards. Whether it’s at home or down at the pub, 21 is sure to be a fun card game you can enjoy anywhere. Are you ready to dive into one of the most exciting card games out there? The 21 card game, also known as Blackjack, has captivated players in casinos and homes alike for decades! Did you know that over 90% of players prefer it for its perfect blend of strategy and chance? Whether you’re playing at a casino or with friends, mastering the rules and strategies can give you an edge. In this guide, we’ll break down everything you need to know about playing 21 card game, from basic rules to advanced strategies! The main objective of the 21 card game is to achieve a hand value of 21 or as close to it as possible without exceeding it. If your hand exceeds 21, it’s called a “bust,” and you automatically lose the round. The goal is not only to beat your own hand but also to beat the dealer’s hand. Understanding card values is crucial in 21: Number Cards (2-10): Worth their face value. Face Cards (King, Queen, Jack): Each worth 10 points. Aces: Can be worth either 1 or 11 points, depending on which value benefits your hand more. For example, if you have an Ace and a 9, you can count it as either 10 or 20. If you draw another card, and it’s a 3, your total could be either 13 or 23. Before you start, ensure you have: A standard 52-card deck (some games may use multiple decks). A table with enough space for players. Chips for betting, if playing for stakes. The game is played between one or more players and a dealer. The dealer is usually a representative of the casino or the designated player in a home game. Initial Deal: Each player is dealt two cards, typically face up. The dealer also receives two cards, one face up (the “upcard”) and one face down (the “hole card”). Identifying Blackjack: If a player is dealt an Ace and a 10-point card (10, Jack, Queen, or King), they have a “Blackjack,” which usually beats any other hand unless the dealer also has a Blackjack. Once the cards are dealt, players take turns deciding their actions. Here are the main options: Hit: Request another card from the dealer. Players can continue to hit as many times as they like until they either stand or bust. Stand: Keep your current hand and end your turn. Double Down: Double your original bet and receive only one additional card. This option is often allowed after the initial deal. Split: If you have two cards of the same value, you can split them into two separate hands, placing an additional bet equal to your original wager for the second hand. A player wins by: Having a higher hand value than the dealer without busting. The dealer busting (going over 21). Hitting a Blackjack (unless the dealer also has one). Understanding and implementing strategies can significantly improve your chances of winning at 21. A basic strategy chart helps players determine the best action based on their hand and the dealer’s upcard. Here are a few key points: If your hand totals 8 or less, always hit. With a total of 10 or 11, consider doubling down, especially against a dealer’s lower upcard (2-9). If you have a soft total (a hand with an Ace counted as 11), you can afford to be more aggressive. Card counting is a strategy used primarily in casinos to gain an advantage. It involves keeping track of the high and low cards dealt to predict the likelihood of certain cards being dealt next. While it requires practice, here’s a simplified overview: Assign Values: Low cards (2-6) count as +1, 10s and face cards as -1, and 7s, 8s, and 9s as 0. Keep a Running Count: As cards are dealt, maintain a running count. True Count: Divide your running count by the number of decks remaining to get the true count. Adjust Bets: Increase your bets when the count is high (more high cards left in the deck). Knowing when to take risks is a critical part of strategy in 21. Here are some guidelines: If your hand is strong (17 or higher), consider standing. If the dealer shows a weak upcard (2-6), you might want to stand or even double down if you have a strong hand. If you’re at a lower total (12-16) against a dealer’s strong upcard (7-Ace), be cautious, as hitting may lead to busting. Even seasoned players can make mistakes. Here are common pitfalls to watch out for: A key part of strategy in 21 is paying attention to the dealer’s upcard. If the dealer has a strong card (7-Ace), be more cautious about your own hand’s strength. While Aces are powerful, counting them as 11 can lead to busting if you draw high cards. Assess your hand carefully and adjust the value of the Ace based on the cards you already have. Proper bankroll management is essential. Set limits for yourself before you start playing. Never bet more than you can afford to lose. A good rule of thumb is to only wager 1-2% of your total bankroll on any single hand. There are key differences between these two popular versions of the game: Dealer’s Hole Card: In European Blackjack, the dealer does not check for Blackjack until all players have completed their hands, while in American Blackjack, the dealer checks immediately. Doubling Down: Some versions have restrictions on doubling down, which can impact your strategy. When playing with friends, you might want to introduce fun house rules. Common variations include: Allowing players to re-split Aces. Setting specific limits on doubling down after splitting. Allowing “surrender,” where players can forfeit their hand for half their bet. With the rise of online gaming, you can now play 21 in various formats: Live Dealer Games: Engage with real dealers via streaming technology. Mobile Apps: Many apps offer a chance to practice your skills against AI or other players. Free Play Options: Try free versions to get comfortable with the game before betting real money. Playing the 21 card game is a thrilling experience filled with strategy and excitement. By mastering the rules, applying effective strategies, and avoiding common mistakes, you’ll be well on your way to becoming a skilled player! So gather your friends, shuffle the deck, and let the games begin! Don’t forget to share your experiences and strategies in the comments below. 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Other casino bonuses can include things like entry to tournaments, free spins, casino credits, extra loyalty points, cash rewards and even real world prizes. Casino wagering requirements Bonuses offered through online and mobile casinos come with certain wagering requirements, which change from site to site and will differ depending on the type of bonus. Requirements are enforced to determine what a player can and can’t do with the bonus money and at what point the bonus money can be exchanged for a real cash withdrawal. These rules exist to protect the online casino’s house edge while still giving the player something for free. Examples of wagering requirements at online casinos include bonuses that can only be used towards playing certain games, or matched deposit bonuses that can only be withdrawn after the equivalent bonus amount has been wagered through 30 times (or more, in some cases). To keep track of whether a casino bonus is suited to your wagering limits, make sure to carefully read the terms and conditions attached to the bonus you are applying for. Some bonuses can also be void entirely if applied to the wrong game or in the wrong way, so always read the fine print. Bonuses are a fantastic way to boost your bankroll, but ensure you are completely familiar with the terms and conditions to avoid any disappointment or misunderstandings. Player safety at online casinos As with any website that requires use of your personal or financial details, it always pays to be cautious, although concern for your security is the last thing you’ll need to worry about when making real money wagers at any of our recommended online casinos. Every single recommended venue you’ll find on our website is fully licensed and follows strict guidelines within the online gambling industry. 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Games: Offering hundreds of casino games all powered by Microgaming including pokies, progressives, table games, keno, scratch cards, and a live casino. Players can access these titles via their browser or by downloading the casino client. 32Red offers a very small welcome bonus in comparison to other online casinos, but the $10 free cash makes up for this. The drawback here is the $100 limit on withdrawing your cash winnings. Additionally, the welcome bonus has recently changed from $32 for every $20 to $32 for every $10, but the promotion doesn’t clarify clearly how much you can claim – the tricky wording makes it hard to understand how much you can actually have matched. While it is known welcome bonuses are generally best for pokies players, since they can clear the wagering requirements the fastest, unfortunately at 32Red the temporary promotions seem to be more geared to these players too, leaving out a huge gap of other casino players. There’s other sites, including poker, bingo, and sports betting, under the 32Red Casino brand, featuring their own promotions but for the purpose of the review we’re sticking to the casino site. 32Red.com – AUD Welcome Package New players can follow our links to open an account with 32Red casino, a premier Microgaming online casino. You can do this either via your browser – Safari, Chrome, Firefox, Explorer – or you can install the online casino to your PC and register here. Once you’ve logged in you can claim the $10 in AUD, no deposit required. A message will appear in the lobby offering the bonus which you will need to click on to claim it. It is important to note, there’s a $100 limit on withdrawing the winnings from this bonus, which is somewhat of a let down – but it is higher than G’Day casino’s limit on the free spins winnings. Once you’ve claimed your bonus you can then opt in for the new player deposit bonus, which works as follows: For every $10 deposited, you will receive $32 The bonus is offered over just one deposit and is available for up to $160 free. Therefore, you can have up to $50 matched but it needs to be in the one deposit. This amount isn’t specified in the terms and conditions, rather we had to work it out ourselves. Deposit more than this and you will still receive $160 free. There’s also wagering requirements of 30x – this is a bit better than the standard 35x and since there’s just one deposit bonus to wager you may find you clear it quicker. You need to do this before withdrawing cash or the bonus is void. Additionally, you need to provide proof of identity before you are eligible to make any withdrawals. 32Red Casino latest promotions 32Red do offer loyal players rewards, with their loyalty programs. We’re a fan of player recognition in the form of loyalty programs as it shows the casino isn’t just interested in getting players to their site, but keeping them too. There’s other ongoing promotions too, though they may only appeal to you if you’re a pokies player. Red Ruby Rewards Loyalty Scheme This is the main loyalty program which every player, not just high rollers, can take advantage of. There’s five tiers – Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Club Rouge (VIP only) – but the benefits don’t start occurring until you are on Gold status. This status requires 5000 Red Rubies to get there and 2500 more to stay. Red Rubies are the loyalty points, with pokies earning them quicker than any other casino game – which can be quite annoying if you are a table game player. Every 1000 Red Rubies can be exchanged for 10 casino chips however, which is quite a good return in comparison to Guts casino which doesn’t offer a loyalty program. Club Rouge If you are a high roller, expect to be treated like one at 32Red as the site offers a special program where invitations only get you in. This means you may have to earn a huge amount of Red Rubies to be considered, or just a little more than the Platinum requirement – it is hard to tell unfortunately. You will receive birthday bonuses, special gifts, deposit bonuses, exclusive promotions and support once you are a member however. Ruby Tuesday Every Tuesday, players will score double the loyalty points – while 32Red does say unlimited amounts it is limited to how much you can wager to earn the points. Additionally, they’re only available on selected pokies so other casino category players miss out on accruing the points unless they opt for these pokies. Red Letter Day We have to say we do like this promotion – every day a depositing player can win from $10 to $250. But there are strings attached unfortunately – the bonus is subjected to 30x wagering requirements. Players don’t need to do anything to opt in, but if you don’t wish to participate you will need to email support via the Help Centre. $250 Daily Freerolls 32Red offers daily free pokies tournaments including the $250 Avalon Slots Tournament. There’s a $75 first place prize on offer for this tournament, but only players who have the casino installed to their PC can access this. Best 32Red.com bonuses recorded There’s quite Luxurious vacation to Dubai In 2015 32Red offered a huge prize draw for one lucky player – a week stay in the Atlantis Hotel in Dubai with a vacation for two. Players had to wager $25 on selected pokies to earn tickets. The more tickets, the better the chances of being drawn and winning the huge prizes. Bridesmaids promotion When the Microgaming pokie, Bridesmaids, was released in 2015, 32Red casino offered a huge prize draw offering cash prizes, the latest gadgets, jewellery, and more. Three draws were held, while $40 wagers on the title scored players a raffle ticket – the more tickets earned the better chances players had of being drawn. As you can see the promotions are very pokies specific, so if you are a fan of this casino category then 32Red Casino may be right for you – otherwise our other recommended sites may be better suited, specifically if you are a table games player after casino bonuses. Best games at 32Red online casino for bonuses A good thing about being a VIP Club Rouge member is all games contribute 100% to the wagering requirements. For everyone else the games and their contribution to wagering requirements are as follows; Pokies (except those listed below), keno, and scratch cards: 100% Poker (except those listed below), Wheel of Riches, Sic Bo, Hot Ink: 50% Roulette (except those listed below): 20% French Roulette, video poker (except All Aces), blackjack (except those listed below), Pontoon, baccarat, Caribbean Draw Poker, Vegas 3 Card Rummy Gold, Casino War, Multi-Hand Hold’em High Gold, Poker Ride, and Red Dog: 10% Atlantic City Blackjack, Vegas Downtown Blackjack, Vegas Strip Blackjack, Vegas Single Deck Blackjack, Hi Lo 13 European Blackjack Gold, Classic Blackjack, All Aces Video Poker, and Texas Hold’em Bonus Poker Gold: 2% Craps, MegaSpin pokies, Max Damage Alien Attack, live dealer games, Castle Builder, Forsaken Kingdom, Dragons Myth and River of Riches: 0% Overall reputation of 32Red Casino 32Red has had a few poor reviews, including games can crash during payouts, but support is readily available to resolve issues – which nine times out of 10 they do. This should be taken in account with their stellar reviews from real players too – the $10 free cash is very welcomed. Microgaming is a premier provider and if you enjoy their pokies, you will enjoy the promotions on offer as they’re the best to clear wagering requirements, earn loyalty points, and are generally the games to play to win raffle tickets for temporary prize draws. Page 3 Share — copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format for any purpose, even commercially. Adapt — remix, transform, and build upon the material for any purpose, even commercially. The licensor cannot revoke these freedoms as long as you follow the license terms. Attribution — You must give appropriate credit , provide a link to the license, and indicate if changes were made . You may do so in any reasonable manner, but not in any way that suggests the licensor endorses you or your use. ShareAlike — If you remix, transform, or build upon the material, you must distribute your contributions under the same license as the original. No additional restrictions — You may not apply legal terms or technological measures that legally restrict others from doing anything the license permits. You do not have to comply with the license for elements of the material in the public domain or where your use is permitted by an applicable exception or limitation . No warranties are given. The license may not give you all of the permissions necessary for your intended use. For example, other rights such as publicity, privacy, or moral rights may limit how you use the material. 21 Cards Rummy Rules - How to Play 21 Cards Rummy Online21 card Rummy played in the Points Rummy format is an intricate and elaborate variant of the game. In this game, players play the game for points that have a rupee or point value decided upon in advance. The online version of 21 cards rummy is simpler to understand and play as compared to the offline version.Complete Rules That You Will Need to Know to Play 21 Card RummyA Valid Winning Hand or Winning Declaration Can Consist of the Following Combinations:Melding of three pure sequences along with the remaining cards melded into valid sequences and/or setsMelding a minimum of three Tunnelas. In this case, players do not need to arrange the remaining cardsMelding a minimum of eight Dublees. In this case, players do not need to arrange the remaining cardsMelding eight jokers in a single group. In this case, players do not need to arrange the remaining cardsHow to Calculate Value Card Score and Calculation of Maximum Loss in Points?Apart from the points that are won or lost in a 21 card points rummy game, each player who has not dropped from the game also gets positive points for having value cards and negative points for value cards that are held by other players who have not dropped from the game.In this game, the value cards are the Joker card (that is picked at the start of the game), the upper joker, and the lower joker.The table below will tell you the points calculated for each player for the value cards held:Type of cardSingle CardTwo CardsThree Cards Same suit joker 10 30 50 Up joker 10 30 50 Down joker 10 30 50When you get one joker (of same suit) along with an upper joker and a lower joker, together, then this is called a Jackpot or Marriage. The player who has a Marriage in hand will get 100 points from each of the players (who have not dropped) in the game. In case a player has two or three Marriages, then he or she gets 300 and 500 points respectively from each player who has not dropped from the game.The maximum points a player can lose is 120. This means that no matter what cards the player holds, the points are limited to 120.What Are the Maximum Points Losses That a Player Can Incur in A Game?Any points below 120 will considered as points lost.The total loss that a player can get including points lost and value cards score is capped at 200 points.Please Note:A player having a Marriage can use these cards as joker to complete sequences or sets. He or she need not have these three cards in sequence to be eligible to get the points for them.Cards that are part of a Marriage will not get points individually for the player.In case a player makes a declaration that is not valid, the player will exchange points with other players for the value cards that he or she holds.Some Instances of Calculations for Value Cards:The Formula for Total Score That a Player Gets Is as Follows:Total score = Points won (Positive for winning player and negative for non-winning players) + Points received for value cards (from players except the dropped ones) – Points given for value cards (to players except the dropped ones)Some Terms Used in The GameTo begin with the rudiments of the game, it is crucial that you comprehend the essential lingo used in the game:Tunnela or London: A Tunnela (or London) is composed of three matching cards. For example, 5♥ 5 ♥ 5 ♥ is a Tunnela. A joker beside two identical cards, such as 6 ♦ 6 ♦ Q ♦ (Where Q ♦ is a joker) cannot be regarded as a valid combination. Three printed jokers put collectively to form a Tunnela is considered to be valid. A Tunnela is a pure sequence in 21 card rummy.Dublee: A Dublee is when two similar cards are set together - for example 7 ♥ 7 ♥. Any card along with a joker, such as 8 ♦ K ♦ (Where K ♦ is a joker) does not make an acceptable Dublee. Two printed jokers can be clustered together to form a valid Dublee. A player having eight Dublees in hand in 21 card rummy is qualified to declare. A player having six Dublees in hand in 21 card rummy, when another player declares, will lose only 2 points.Toss: To decide which player will make the first move, Toss is used. Each player is given a card at random and the player with the maximum face value card is chosen as the winner of the toss.Seat Shuffling: The seats of the players are rearranged depending on the Toss. The player with the maximum face value card makes the first move and the one with the lowest is the last one to play. The seats are also set with this in mind. If a player leaves/joins a table, a toss card is given out to each player in the next game and the seating order is rearranged depending on the toss.Dealer: Based on the Toss, the person getting the lowest value card becomes the dealer.Joker: A Joker is utilized instead of other cards to meld sequences and sets. It is chosen at random at the beginning of the game.E.g.: 6 ♥ 5 ♠ 8 ♥ is a sequence where 5 ♠ is the joker and is used in place of 7 ♥.Upper Joker and Lower Joker: The cards, which are one rank over and under the cut joker of the same suit, are recognized as the upper and lower joker in that order. These jokers can be made use of, to fill in for any other card.For E.g.: If 4 ♠ is the cut joker then 3 ♠ is the lower joker and 5 ♠ is the upper joker.Note: The combination of upper joker, lower joker and the cut joker cannot make a valid sequence, in any case.Printed Joker: When the printed joker is chosen as the joker for the game, then the players are permitted to employ the aces from any suit as jokers in their sequences.Sequence: A sequence consists of 3 or more running cards of the same suit. E.g.: 5♥ 6 ♥ 7♥.Pure Sequence: A pure sequence is a sequence without a Joker. Exception - 8♥ 9♥10 ♥ is a pure sequence even if 8 is the joker.Set: 3 or more cards of the same face value make up a set. E.g.: 8 ♥ 8 ♠ 8 ♣ or 6 ♥ 6 ♠ 6 ♣ 6 ♦.Note: It is vital to be clear that a set c