Blackjack basic strategy chart

ONLINE BLACKJACK CANADA | SIX-DECK S17 REFERENCE | REVIEWED OCTOBER 25, 2026

PROFILE: Six decks; dealer stands on soft 17; natural pays 3:2; dealer checks for blackjack under an ace or ten before player actions; double on any first two cards; double after split allowed; eligible original-hand late surrender; split aces receive one card each and cannot be resplit.

H = Hit S = Stand P = Split if permitted D/H = Double, otherwise hit D/S = Double, otherwise stand
R/H = Eligible late surrender, otherwise hit. Check pairs before totals; read all notes below.

Hard totals

Your hand	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
4-8	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	R/H	H
16	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	R/H	R/H	R/H
17-21	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

Soft totals

Your hand	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
A,2 (13)	H	H	H	D/H	D/H	H	H	H	H	H
A,3 (14)	H	H	H	D/H	D/H	H	H	H	H	H
A,4 (15)	H	H	D/H	D/H	D/H	H	H	H	H	H
A,5 (16)	H	H	D/H	D/H	D/H	H	H	H	H	H
A,6 (17)	H	D/H	D/H	D/H	D/H	H	H	H	H	H
A,7 (18)	S	D/S	D/S	D/S	D/S	S	S	H	H	H
A,8 (19)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
A,9 (20)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Soft 21*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

Pairs - check first

Your hand	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
2,2	P	P	P	P	P	P	H	H	H	H
3,3	P	P	P	P	P	P	H	H	H	H
4,4	H	H	H	P	P	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	P	P	P	P	P	H	H	H	H	H
7,7	P	P	P	P	P	P	H	H	H	H
8,8	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
9,9	P	P	P	P	P	S	P	P	S	S
10,10	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
A,A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

READ IN ORDER: Use pairs first, then the appropriate hard or soft total. The 8,8 pair action overrides the generic hard-16 surrender row when splitting is permitted.

R/H applies only to eligible original two-card hands after the dealer check. Doubling requires an eligible two-card hand. Use the shown fallback when unavailable.

If a resplit limit removes a permitted pair action, use the resulting total, without surrender after a split. Split aces are restricted to one card and no resplit in this profile.

*An original two-card natural, a bust or a completed restricted split-ace hand has no further playing decision. 10 includes J, Q and K.

Total-dependent reference without card-count or composition adjustments. Does not cover H17, no-peek games, Spanish 21 or Switch. Decline insurance and even money in this no-count 3:2 baseline. A chart does not guarantee a win.