

# Blackjack Basic Strategy — Dealer Stands on Soft 17 (S17)

4–8 decks · dealer stands on soft 17 · double any two cards · double after split · no surrender

**H** Hit   **S** Stand   **D** Double, else hit   **Ds** Double, else stand   **P** Split

Dealer's up-card across the top · your hand down the side

## HARD TOTALS

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
8	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
9	H	D	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
10	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	H	H
11	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	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	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

Hard 7 or less: always hit. Hard 18+: always stand.

## SOFT HANDS (ACE = 11)

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
A,2	H	H	H	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,3	H	H	H	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,4	H	H	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,5	H	H	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,6	H	D	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
A,7	S	Ds	Ds	Ds	Ds	S	S	H	H	H
A,8	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
A,9	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

Soft 21 (A,10) is blackjack — stand, obviously.

## PAIRS

	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	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	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

With no double-after-split: hit 2,2 & 3,3 vs 2–3, hit 4,4 vs 5–6, hit 6,6 vs 2.

## THE FIVE RULES PEOPLE FORGET

1. Always split aces and eights — never split tens or fives.
2. Double 11 vs everything except an ace, 10 vs 2–9, 9 vs 3–6.
3. Dealer 4, 5, 6 → stand on 12+ and let them bust.
4. Dealer 7+ → keep hitting until hard 17.
5. Never take insurance or "even money."

## WHY TRUST THIS CARD

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