



Blackjack Strategy Chart

Decision reference for hard totals, soft totals, pairs, and dealer upcards.

Hard Totals

Player Total	Dealer 2-6	Dealer 7-9	Dealer 10-A
8 or less	Hit	Hit	Hit
9	Double if allowed; otherwise hit	Hit	Hit
10-11	Double if allowed; otherwise hit	Double selectively; otherwise hit	Hit vs strongest upcards
12	Stand vs 4-6; otherwise hit	Hit	Hit
13-16	Stand	Hit	Hit unless surrender applies
17+	Stand	Stand	Stand

Soft Totals and Pairs

Hand	Study Note	Rule Check
A+2 to A+6	Study double chances; otherwise hit.	Dealer upcard and double rules matter.
A+7	Soft 18 is a decision hand.	Stand, hit, or double depends on context.
A+8 or A+9	Strong made soft totals.	Usually stand in beginner study.
A,A and 8,8	Special split study cases.	Check split limits and split-ace rules.
10,10 and 5,5	Usually not ordinary split candidates.	Study total value before pair instinct.

Use the Chart

- 1 Name the hand type.
- 2 Read the dealer upcard.
- 3 Check rule options.
- 4 Practice the same scan.

Next step

Run one Daily Blackjack Challenge rep and compare the answer against this chart.