

Blackjack Press is a variation of blackjack. Before any cards are dealt, the player must place two equal blackjack wagers. The two wagers will receive two separate blackjack hands. The player also has the option of making a third wager equal to his first and second blackjack wager. The third wager, called the 'Press' wager, receives no cards.

The dealer deals two cards each to the player's first hand and second hand. The dealer also deals himself two cards, one of which is turned over. After seeing his two hands and the dealer's up card, those players who made the Press wager must add the Press wager to either the first wager or the second wager. However, there is a "color restraint." If the player's four cards are in the same color, then the player automatically loses the Press wager but the first and second wagers will remain in action.

Once the player has decided where the Press wager will be placed, the game plays like regular blackjack. The player can stand, hit, double down or split any pair for his two hands according to the house rules posted.

There will be four different versions of Blackjack Press for the casino operators to choose from.

Version A: The color restraint applies. Blackjacks pay even money. Dealer hits soft 17.

Version B: The color restraint applies. Blackjacks pay even money. Dealer stands on soft 17.

Version C: The color restraint applies. Blackjacks pay even money. Dealer hits soft 17. If both the player and dealer have at least one blackjack each, all three player's wagers push and the color restraint won't apply.

Version D: The color restraint applies. Suited blackjacks pay 3 to 2; other blackjacks pay even money. Dealer hits soft 17.

In addition to the above rules, all versions of Blackjack Press allow double on any first two cards, double after splitting, and splitting pairs 3 times except aces, which can be split only once. Split aces receive 1 card. If the dealer up card is a 10 or Ace, the dealer will check his hole card for a blackjack.