

# FREE BET BLACKJACK

## Rules of Play

Free Bet Blackjack is a variation of the standard game twenty-one. Free Bet Blackjack offers an optional Pot of Gold wager. To receive cards you must make the standard blackjack wager. To play against the Pot of Gold payable you must also make the Pot of Gold wager. Both the standard and Pot of Gold wagers must be made prior to receiving cards.

Equipment needed: Casinos must use "Free Bet" lammer, which indicate when a player has opted to take a "free double" or a "free split."

Free Bet Blackjack features recommended rules, which are detailed below.

### Recommended Rules

Free Bet Blackjack follows the basic rules of standard blackjack ("21"), with the following features:

- "Free" double-down on first two-card hard total of 9, 10, or 11
- "Free" splits on all pairs except 10 (10-10, J-J, Q-Q or K-K) value cards
- "Free" double-down allowed after split or "free" split (following standard Free Bet BJ rules)
- "Free" re-splits allowed up to four hands (following standard Free Bet BJ rules)
- All normal splits allowed
- Regular doubles allowed on two-card hands
- Dealer pushes on 22
- Dealer hits on soft-17
- Blackjack pays per house rules
- 6 or 8 deck shoe

*\*Rule variations available. See math report for details*

### FREE SPLIT\*

Players may split any pairs except 10 (10-10, J-J, Q-Q or K-K) value cards without making an additional wager. The dealer will place a "Free Bet" lammer to the right (dealer's view) of the player's original bet and deal the game normally. There are three possible outcomes:

1. The player beats the dealer.
  - a. The dealer will pay the player for their original bet and an equivalent amount for the free split. If the player has made a Pot of Gold wager, the lammer would be moved by the dealer to a spot in front of the player's Pot of Gold wager. If the player didn't make the Pot of Gold wager, the dealer would collect the lammer.
2. The player loses to the dealer.
  - a. The dealer will collect the player's original bet. If the player has made a Pot of Gold wager, the lammer would be moved by the dealer to a spot in front of the player's Pot of Gold wager. If the player didn't make the Pot of Gold wager, the dealer would collect the lammer.
3. The player and the dealer tie.
  - a. The dealer will push the player's original bet. If the player has made a Pot of Gold wager, the lammer would be moved by the dealer to a spot in front of the player's Pot of Gold wager. If the player didn't make the Pot of Gold wager, the dealer would collect the lammer.

Free re-splitting up to four hands is allowed.

Each split hand is won or lost on its own merit (Ex., player can lose original bet on first split hand and still win on the second or more free split hands.) If Free Splitting a pair, and the first hand busts, the cards will be tucked under the original wager until the hand is settled or unless the second busts as well.

#### FREE DOUBLE\*

Players may double a two-card hard count of 9, 10 or 11 without making an additional wager. The dealer will place a "Free Bet" lammer to the right (dealer's view) of the player's original bet and deal the game normally. There are three possible outcomes:

1. The player beats the dealer
  - a. The dealer will pay the player for their original bet and an equivalent amount for the free double. If the player has made a Pot of Gold wager, the lammer would be moved by the dealer to a spot in front of the player's Pot of Gold wager. If the player didn't make the Pot of Gold wager, the dealer would collect the lammer.
2. The player loses to the dealer.
  - a. The dealer will collect the player's original bet. If the player has made a Pot of Gold wager, the lammer would be moved by the dealer to a spot in front of the player's Pot of Gold wager. If the player didn't make the Pot of Gold wager, the dealer would collect the lammer.
3. The player and the dealer tie.
  - a. The dealer will push the player's original bet. If the player has made a Pot of Gold wager, the lammer would be moved by the dealer to a spot in front of the player's Pot of Gold wager. If the player didn't make the Pot of Gold wager, the dealer would collect the lammer.

Free doubling after splitting is allowed, provided the player's point total is a two card hard total of 9, 10 or 11.

\*If the player makes a bet for the dealer, the dealer is also eligible for the Free Split and Free Double along with the player. The same game rules apply to the dealers bet.

### POT OF GOLD

The Pot of Gold wager payouts are based on the total number of gold Free Bet lammers the player collects for each individual blackjack hand. See payouts for odds.

Note : All Pot of Gold wagers lose to a dealer blackjack.

### PUSH 22

If the dealer busts with a point total of 22, all player bets still in action are a push.

Note: Player blackjacks are paid before the dealer hits out their hand, so they are not affected by the Push 22 rule.

# POT OF GOLD

Free Bets	POG 04*
7	1,000 to 1
6	299 to 1
5	100 to 1
4	60 to 1
3	30 to 1
2	10 to 1
1	3 to 1

\*Payouts are based on the total number of Free Bet coins collected per blackjack hand