

Blackjack Side Bets

Depending on the game, blackjack can offer a variety of side bet options. These often require a relatively low minimum bet, which makes them appealing to a lot of players. Before you make a side bet, it's worth considering that the payout rates are lower than regular bets. Here are some of the optional bets you're likely to find in blackjack games, some of which are more common than others. If you would like to see all of these bets in action, check out 6 in 1 Blackjack.

21 + 3

21+3 is one of the most common side bets you're likely to come across. In this side bet, the player's hand and the dealer's up-card are played like a hand of Three Card Poker. The player wins in the event of a flush, straight, straight flush or three of a kind. The RTP based on six decks sits at 96.77% and payouts can range from 5:1 on a flush to 100:1 on suited trips.



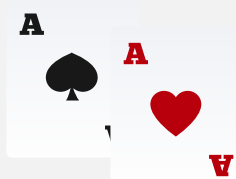
Suit'em Up

In Suit'em Up the player's first two cards win if they're the same suit. Payouts will differ depending on the cards themselves. For instance, suited aces can yield 60:1, suited blackjack will pay 10:1, a suited pair will get you 5:1, suited 11 pays 3:1, and any other suited pair will pay 2:1. The typical return to player in this side bet is about 96.59% on six decks.



Perfect Pairs

Perfect Pairs is another common and popular side bet, thanks in large part to its simplicity. In order to win, players simply have to be dealt a pair. Payout rates differ depending on the nature of the pair. Mixed colour and suits will yield a 5:1 payout, same colour and mixed suits will yield 10:1, and the eponymous perfect pair with the same colour and suit will yield 30:1. Just be aware that the RTP on this bet is 94.21%.



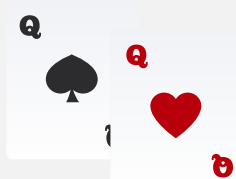
Buster Blackjack

Buster Blackjack differs from all other side bets in that the player wins when the dealer busts, even if the player themselves has already busted. The more cards taken by the dealer in order to bust, the higher the payout. If the player gets blackjack, this dramatically raises the payout. For instance, if the dealer busts with 8+ cards and the player has blackjack, you're looking at a 2,000:1 payout. Typical RTP for this side bet is 93.79% over six decks.



Lucky Ladies

Lucky Ladies has a much lower RTP at just 86.66% but is favoured by many players due to its high payout opportunities. The goal is to have your first two cards total 20, with the best hand being two queens. Having two queen of hearts yields a payout of 200:1, but two queens in addition to the dealer having blackjack boosts the payout to 1,000:1. A matched 20, meaning two cards of the same rank and suit, pays 25:1, whereas a suited 20 pays 10:1. Any unsuited pair totalling 20 yields a payout of 4:1.



Lucky Lucky

Lucky Lucky is a side bet that combines the player's first two cards with the dealer's up-card. In this side bet the winning hands total 19, 20, or 21, with bonuses awarded for hands of 6-7-8 and 7-7-7, both suited and unsuited. Due to this, payouts vary a great deal. A suited hand of 7-7-7 will yield a payout of 200:1, suited 6-7-8 will pay 100:1, and their unsuited counterparts will pay 50:1 and 30:1 respectively. A suited total of 21 pays 15:1, unsuited pays 3:1. Totals of 20 and 19 both pay 2:1. Players can expect a rate of return of 97.34% across six decks.

