



## Dead Man's Hand Blackjack

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### General Rules of Play.

1. Dead Man's hand Blackjack is played on a conventional 21 table with the use of a specially designed layout: One circle for the 21 bet and one smaller separate circle for the \$1.00 Minimum Dead Man's Hand side-bet and a Maximum to be established by the House. The game is played like regular 21 and standard house rules apply.
2. The game can be played with 1, 2, 5, 6, or 8 decks of standard 52-card decks, and five payout options to choose from.
3. If the player is playing more than one 21 hand, the same number of Dead Man's Hand side-bets can be made. However, a player may not bet on another player's side-bets. Players that have made the side bet and do not "CATCH" at least "one" ACE or "one" EIGHT, on there initial first two cards, will lose there side bet.
4. In order to win the players that have made the optional side bet, are betting that one of the first two cards dealt will be one ACE or one EIGHT (only), they will i.e. "WIN" 2 to 1. If the players first two cards are an ACE-EIGHT two card" Soft nineteen" they will i.e. "WIN" 4 to 1. If the player's first two cards are a pair of aces or a pair of eights and the dealer has a Blackjack, they will" WIN" 50 to 1. The players will only get paid for the highest payoff odds.
5. The objective of the game is to "catch" up to "TWO" sets of two-card soft-nineteen's (ace & eight) after splitting their pair of "aces" or pair of "eights." The order in which the soft-nineteen hands are achieved after splitting a pair of aces or a pair of eights does not affect the payout awarded. NO additional side bet is required after splitting. House rules allowing splitting aces 1X are limited to a maximum payout of two sets of two-card soft-nineteen's.
6. The players payout odds will increase with each additional two-card soft nineteen received.

7. Players who make the side wager, and are dealt a pair of aces or a pair of eights may choose not to split their pair and just hit or stand according to their preference. Players who elect to hit or stand on a pair of aces or a pair of eights will be paid Double the payout they get for just one (ACE) or one (EIGHT) on there first two cards, i.e. 3 to 1 or 4 to 1, according to the posted payable. If a player splits a pair of aces or a pair of eights, and does not receive a soft 19 in either, that player will also receive 3 to 1 or 4 to 1, according to the payable.

8. **[Splitting Pairs of Aces] "HOUSE RULES APPLY"**

- A. Normal rules apply when splitting aces, after players are done splitting, they will get paid according to the number of two card soft nineteen they have. Then the hand will continue to the next player.

9. **[Splitting Pairs of Eights]**

- A. Players splitting a pair of eights may upon receiving another eight on the initial hit, may re-split up to three times for a maximum of four hands.
- B. Players may hit each eight until they make a hand or(goes over 21). Once the Player has completed taking hits the dealer will calculate the winning payoff according to the number of two card ace-eight combinations, up to the MAX payout.

**Recommended Dealing Procedures: for (Multiple deck Game)**

**DEALER has an ACE up**

1. The dealer will collect all losing side bets and pay 2 to 1 to all players that just have "ONE" ace or "ONE" eight in there first two cards and pay i.e. 4 to 1 to players that have ACE-EIGHT.
2. The dealer then will ask for "insurance".
3. If the dealer does not have a blackjack, the game resumes as normal.

4. If the dealer does have a blackjack, the dealer will collect all losing BLACKJACK bets and pay the insurance bets at the same time starting from the dealers "right" to "left", the dealer then removes all cards EXCEPT those players that have made the side bet and have a pair of "ACES" or a pair of "EIGHTS" will get paid 50 to 1.

#### **DEALER HAS A VALUE OF TEN UP**

1. the dealer will collect all losing side bets first, and pay 2 to 1 to all players that have "ONE" ace or "ONE" eight and pay 4 to 1 for any ace-eight.

2. Then the dealer will check their hole card for a blackjack.

3. If the dealer does not have a blackjack, the game resumes as normal.

4. If the dealer does have a blackjack, the dealer will collect all the losing blackjack bets. Starting from the dealers "Right" to "Left" and then removes all cards except the dealer's cards and the winning side bet hands.

#### **IRREGULARITIES**

1. Players who split a pair of eights must clearly indicate which hand they want to take the hit on.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Keep the maximum side bet \$25 and under, unless you use a continuous shuffler.

2. Players making a side bet wager may not exceed there blackjack bet.

**Side Bet**

Each player position on the *Dead Man's Hand Blackjack* table has a designated spot that permits each player to stake an optional wager for the Side Bet game. The side bet wagers must be placed before the game begins. Prizes are awarded when any of the initial two cards dealt to the player contain an Ace or an Eight, or a combination of Aces and Eights, in accordance with the posted *Dead Man's Hand Blackjack* pay table, regardless of the outcome of the base game.

The *Dead Man's Hand Blackjack* side bet paytables submitted for mathematical analysis are listed as follows:

Side Bet Winning Outcomes	Prize Amounts				
	Paytable #1	Paytable #2	Paytable #3	Paytable #4	Paytable #5
4 Sets of A-8	---	---	---	500 to 1	500 to 1
3 Sets of A-8	---	---	---	250 to 1	250 to 1
2 Sets of A-8	50 to 1	25 to 1	50 to 1	25 to 1	50 to 1
1 Set of A-8	14 to 1	4 to 1	4 to 1	4 to 1	5 to 1
A-A or 8-8 with no A-8 hands after split	3 to 1	4 to 1	4 to 1	4 to 1	4 to 1
ANY A or 8 (first 2 cards)	3 to 2	2 to 1	2 to 1	2 to 1	2 to 1
Pair of Aces or Pair of Eights AND the Dealer gets Blackjack	50 to 1	50 to 1	50 to 1	50 to 1	50 to 1

--- indicates that the winning outcome is not available in that payable

\*House Rules for Paytables #1, #2, and #3 – Aces can be "Split" once and Eights can be "Split" three times\*

\*House Rules for Paytables #4 and #5 – Aces and Eights can be "Split" three times\*

House Hold Percentage					
Paytables	1 Deck in Play	2 Decks in Play	5 Decks in Play	6 Decks in Play	8 Decks in Play
Paytable #1	8.57%	8.10%	7.81%	7.77%	7.73%
Paytable #2	8.08%	7.71%	7.48%	7.45%	7.42%
Paytable #3	7.96%	7.56%	7.30%	7.27%	7.23%
Paytable #4	9.52%	9.36%	9.25%	9.24%	9.22%
Paytable #5	6.60%	6.17%	5.89%	5.86%	5.82%

Winning Outcome Hit Percentage					
	1 Deck	2 Decks	5 Decks	6 Decks	8 Decks
Total Hit Percentage	28.66%	28.53%	28.45%	28.44%	28.43%

Payout Percentage					
Paytables	1 Deck in Play	2 Decks in Play	5 Decks in Play	6 Decks in Play	8 Decks in Play
Paytable #1	91.43%	91.90%	92.19%	92.23%	92.27%
Paytable #2	91.92%	92.29%	92.52%	92.55%	92.58%
Paytable #3	92.04%	92.44%	92.70%	92.73%	92.77%
Paytable #4	90.48%	90.64%	90.75%	90.76%	90.78%
Paytable #5	93.40%	93.83%	94.11%	94.14%	94.18%

DEALER'S HAND  
BLACKJACK  
The House Always Wins



DEALER MUST HIT SOFT 17  
INSURANCE  
PAYS 2:1

17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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