

## **BLACK JACK**

Black Jack is played with six decks of 52 cards each. The cards have the following value:

- Ace: Worth 1 or 11 points depending on the player's choice.
- Figures (Kings, Queens and Jacks) are worth 10.
- Cards 2 to 10: carry their face value.

### **Purpose**

Make 21 or get as close as possible to that score without exceeding it. Those who go over 21 are said in the jargon to be "bust", thus losing immediately. A combination consisting of any 10 or figure and an ace is called Black Jack.

### **The course of the game**

The game is played against the bank, represented by the dealer.

After shuffling the cards and having the six decks cut by a player, the dealer deals the first hand of two cards to each player who has bet and then deals one card to the bank. During their turn, the player may, at their discretion, ask for one or more cards in an attempt to improve their score, or they may choose to 'stick'.

While each player can determine their own game, the dealer must follow the rule that they must roll with a score below 17 and stick with 17 or more. Once the dealer draws a Black Jack, they win, unless the players draw a Black Jack of their own. If no one makes Black Jack, whoever has the highest score between the bank and the players wins. Winning bets are paid at par except for Black Jack which is paid 3 to 2.