

Punto Banco

The game is played with six packs of cards and the player can bet on three alternative combinations:

'Punto', 'Banco' or 'Egalité'.

The dealer draws 4 covered cards from the shoe, the first and third for the Punta, the second and fourth for the Banco. The cards have face value, in other words face cards and 10s are worth 0 and the points of the hand are calculated adding the values and subtracting 10 whenever it is reached.

Following the rules, i.e. taking a card if the total is 0,1,2,3,4,5, and sticking with 6 or 7, the croupier then shows the bank's cards, taking further cards with 0,1,2 and sticking with 3,4,5,6 or 7.

Scores of 8 or 9 ("natural"), obtained with the first 2 cards, must be declared by player or banker straight away, denying anyone else the chance to take another card.

When the bank wins, the pay-out is 1-1 (without commission), when the bank wins with six, pay-outs are half (1/2).

Egalité: a situation of parity between Punto and Banco that allows for winnings paid 8:1.