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THE GAME

Blackjack Extreme is a playing-card game developed and patented by MADtek Games, LLC. It is a new method of playing Blackjack which converts the role of “dealer” into an active participant in the game. Each player acts in turn as a “player/dealer” (dealer), and plays the hand the other players must beat. The dealer must bank all the wagers made by the players. In return for being exposed to a higher limit of risk, the dealer enjoys the strategic edge of acting last, having the options to surrender, bluff and hit any soft hand. The game is played on a poker table with one or two standard decks of 52 cards.

The unique aspects of BlackJack eXtreme are:

- Each player must place a blind bet within set limits prior to deal
- Cards are dealt to players one up and one down
- Both dealer cards are dealt face down – revealed card is dealer’s choice
- A betting round allows for adjustment before resolving the hands
- Players may surrender or raise their bet with no limit on raised amount
- Player’s down cards are revealed and the hands resolved
- Raised hands may receive more than one card as needed
- No limits on splitting pairs
- Dealer may surrender prior to resolving player hands
- Dealer may hit any soft hand but must stand on hard 17 or higher or may stand on soft 17 or higher if desired.
- Card counting is encouraged.

The net result of these rule changes is a game of strategy, skill and courage. The hands resolve using blackjack card values and win/lose decision rules. New players can easily learn to join the fun, but like poker, the rules encourage strategic and tactical growth to become a master of the game.

Blackjack is the most widely played casino table game in the world, and it appeals to players of both genders. This established player base offers a huge number of potential new converts to the challenge and action of BlackJack eXtreme. BJX can be played on any platform where either poker or blackjack is offered. You can also expect to play this game on-line, on electronic games in casinos, on cruise ships - anywhere games are played and in every language.

BlackJack eXtreme is a perfect tournament game which can be played with any number of players and with any blind bet structure desired. It can be setup as "sit and go" or scheduled tournaments, open "ring" games or on electronic platform terminals aggregating games with players at multiple casinos. It can be played for real money, virtual chips, points or as freeroll games which award prizes to winners for promotional purposes.

It has many of the attributes which make poker an enjoyable game but is easier and more fun to play. And unlike poker, which has a tradition of being the "boys night out" game, blackjack is the table game of choice for many female casino players. Couples love playing this game.

A complete set of rules follows with an illustrated hand.

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BJX is played normally at a poker table with one or two decks of 52 standard playing cards. More decks may be used in a shoe. Each player gets to be the dealer in turn. Player/Dealer stakes bets from all players.

FIRST BETTING ROUND

Each **player** makes a **BLIND BET**, capped at 3 times the minimum. The minimum will go up every 20 minutes.

THE DEAL

The **dealer** gives each **player** one card down and one card up. **Players** may look at their down card at any time. Both **dealer** cards are down. The **dealer** looks at his cards and **URNS ONE UP**.

SECOND BETTING ROUND

Players then adjust their bets:

RAISE – increase bet to at least double but may be more.

“Double UP” hands must get 1 more card but may take more to improve their final hand.

CHECK – Play the Blind Bet only.

FOLD – Surrender the hand and keep ½ the Blind Bet.

DEALER SURRENDER

Dealer may **FOLD** and pay 1/2 Blind Bet to remaining players, or **PLAY**.

THE PLAY

Players turn up hole cards. Dealer pays “Natural Blackjacks” 150% (3:2). If a player has Doubled Up on a Blackjack it is played as an eleven and must get at least one card. Players take cards as needed to improve hand. The Dealer collects all bets from hands that go “bust”.

SPLITTING PAIRS

Any pair may be split. The **player** must match the total bet (BLIND BET and any DOUBLE UP) on the second hand, third hand etc. Blackjacks on split hands pay 1:1.

DEALER HAND IS PLAYED

Dealer reveals his hole card and plays out hand. The **dealer** then may **elect to hit any “soft” hand** but must stand on a “hard 17” or higher. Losing bets are collected, winners paid and ties push.

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**DEALER IS SHORT
STACKED.**

If the **dealer** has sufficient chips to pay any table position (in order) at least the minimum bet, that position is required to play, but can play for any amount. **Players** may require a chip count and elect to not play the hand if the **dealer** could not pay at least the minimum to the **player**. If the dealer cannot cover even one minimum and no players want to play, the deal passes.

Short stack payouts are as follows:

1. All losing bets are collected.
2. Blackjacks paid full value
3. Winners paid minimum **BLIND BET** in clockwise order
4. Winners paid balance of **BLIND BET** in clockwise order
5. Winners are paid full amount of **DOUBLE UP** in clockwise order. On split hands the second, third etc. the entire hand is considered a **DOUBLE UP** and paid on the last round.

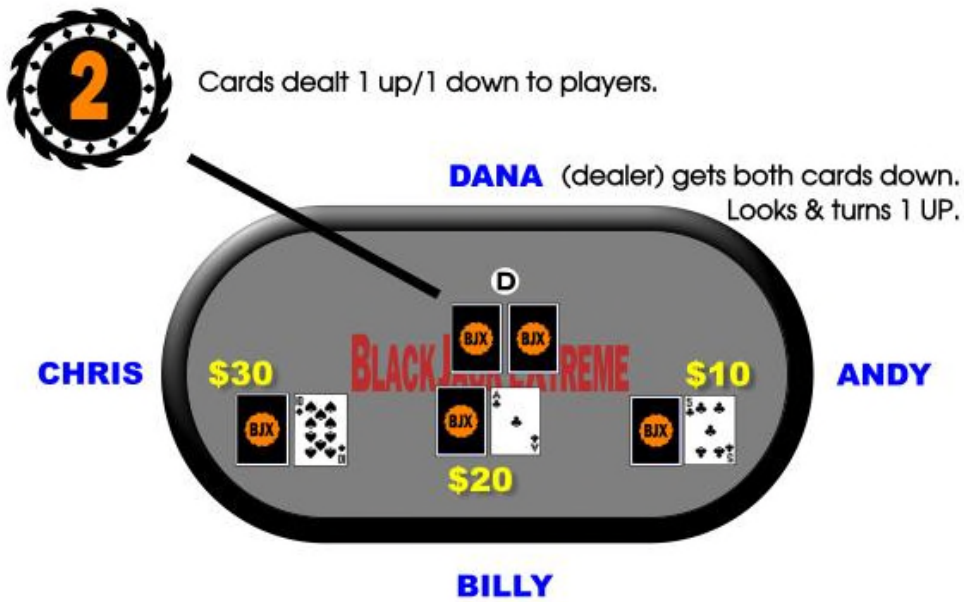
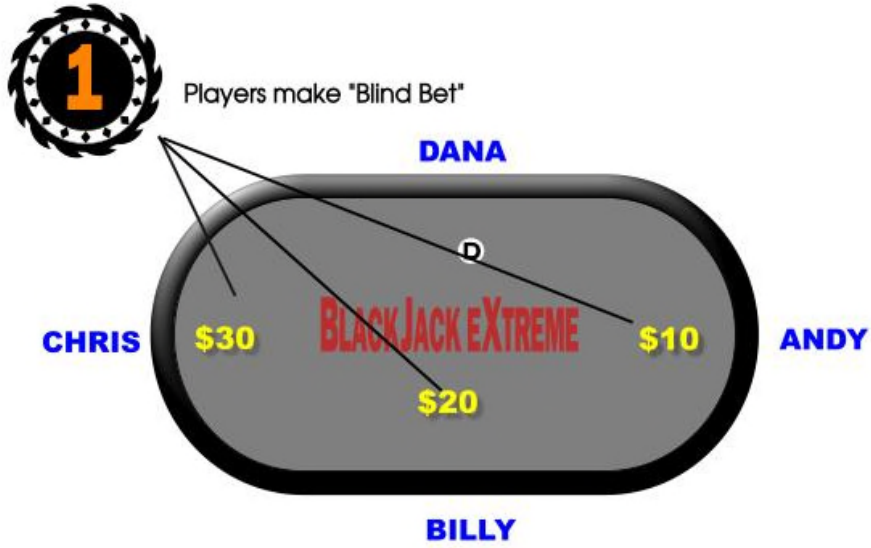
When the **dealer** runs out of chips, unpaid winners will pull back their bets.

TABLE PROCEDURE

A good way to insure all players and the player/dealer remain aware that bets are sufficiently covered is to move a matching number of player/dealer chips to the center of the table when each bet is made. This does not indicate that those chips have been lost, only that they are at risk if the player/dealer elects to play the hand.

If the player/dealer folds, 50% of the blind bets are paid to the remaining players and the rest of the chips are returned to the player/dealer's stack.

Step by Step playing guide for BlackJack eXtreme





Betting Round: Players can FOLD, CHECK or RAISE

CHRIS
Folds and keeps 1/2 the "blind bet"

DANA
\$15

DEALER (D)
\$100 + \$10

BILLY
Checks with the "blind bet" and can "hit", split, or stay

ANDY
Makes a \$100 Raise and must receive at least one more card.



DEALER decides to play or pay 1/2 Blind Bet to remaining players

DANA DANA elects to PLAY.

CHRIS

DANA

DEALER (D)
\$100 + \$10

BILLY

ANDY

Players turn up their down card.



PLAYERS get cards.

\$15 DANA

CHRIS



ANDY
Takes 2
cards.

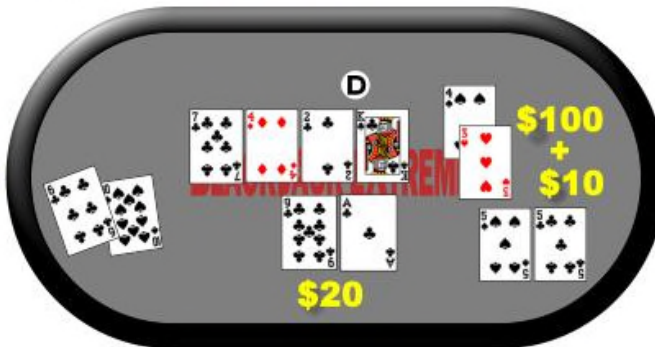
BILLY Stands



DANA reveals hole card,
must hit 12
must hit 16
gets 23 BUST

\$15 DANA

CHRIS



ANDY

BILLY



SUGGESTED BLIND BET LEVELS FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY

PLAYERS BEGIN WITH 2000 CHIPS BLINDS - INCREASE 10 MINUTES

TURBO PLAY

PLAYERS BEGIN WITH 1000 CHIPS – BLINDS INCREASE EVERY 5 MINUTES

Level 1	20	40
Level 2	40	80
Level 3	60	120
Level 4	80	160
Level 5	100	200
Level 6	150	300
Level 7	200	400
Level 8	250	500
Level 9	300	600
Level 10	400	800
Level 11	500	1000
Level 12	1000	2000
Level 13	2500	5000
Level 14	5000	10000

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