

## PlaySmart – ‘Get Your Game On’ – Blackjack

### Text on screen:

PlaySmart  
‘Get Your Game On’ - BLACKJACK

### Voiceover:

*Today we’re going to learn how to play Blackjack.  
Everyone’s goal at the Blackjack table is to beat the dealer’s hand - by getting as close to ‘21’ as possible.  
Everyone who does, wins!*

### Text on screen:

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### Voiceover:

*If you go over, or “bust” - you lose the hand. Highest winning hand possible is ‘Blackjack, which is a ten value card and an ace as the first two cards you’re dealt.*

*After bets are placed, the dealer will deal each player two cards – one face down, then one face up.  
Cards two through ten are taken at face value.*

*Face cards - Jacks, Queens and Kings - are each worth 10. And aces are worth one OR eleven, depending on how you want to use them.*

### Text on screen:

PlaySmart Tip: In Blackjack, tens and face cards are worth 10. Aces are worth 1 or 11.

**Voiceover:**

*Now to playing Blackjack...Blackjack is a game of strategy, and by applying it you can improve your odds of winning.*

*It can help you with decisions on whether to hit, stay, split or double down – I'll explain these actions in a moment.*

*Remember, you can always ask your dealer as you play or go to [playsmart.ca](http://playsmart.ca) to learn more Blackjack strategy.*

**Text on screen:**

Basic strategy can help inform your decisions in Blackjack. Ask your dealer to learn more.

**Voiceover:**

*If you have an 8 and a king. That's eighteen. Pretty close to 21. The odds suggest that you 'stay'. Let's get back to aces and explain how they work...let's say you have 16 in your hand and, using basic strategy, you decide to hit to get another card, and you get an ace.*

*Knowing that the ace has two values, counting it as 11 would put you over 21, or "bust" your hand, which means you lose the round. Instead, by assigning a value of 1, you'll have 17 and still have a pretty good chance of winning!*

**Text on screen:**

PlaySmart Tip: You can assign a value of 1 OR 11 to an Ace - an advantage if you have one.

**Voiceover:**

*Now if the dealer gets "Blackjack" right off the bat then everybody automatically loses, unless of course, the other players have "Blackjack". If this happens, they keep their bets. Actually, any time a player ties the dealer, they get to keep their bets.*

**Text on screen:**

PlaySmart Tip: If a dealer has Blackjack all players lose, unless there is a tie.

**Voiceover:**

*Now let's talk about 'hitting'. After the initial deal, players can ask for an extra card, say, if they have ten or less. To 'hit' you would do this.*

**Text on screen:**

PlaySmart Tip: 'Hit' means draw another card

**Voiceover:**

*Let's say you have 17 or over and you are satisfied with your total, you would want to 'stay'. To 'stay' you would go like 'this'.*

**Text on screen:**

PlaySmart Tip: 'Stay' means you're done taking cards on that hand.

**Voiceover:**

*This means no more cards.  
If you have a pair, like 8s, you may want to 'split' them. You indicate you want to split by doing this.*

**Text on screen:**

PlaySmart Tip: A pair can be split into two hands, which requires another bet.

**Voiceover:**

*'Splitting' your hand gives you a better chance to win as you are now playing two hands, but keep in mind, it forces you to double your bet.*



*Finally, there's another play called 'doubling down'. After you've been dealt your first two cards, you have an option of doubling your initial bet — but you get only one additional card. The best time to double down is when the dealer is showing a 'bust card', typically a 5 or a 6. This is because there's a pretty good chance the dealer's other card is a 10 or face card, increasing the odds that the dealer will bust on their next draw.*

**Text on screen:**

PlaySmart Tip: Dealers must hit for another card if their hand is below 17.

**Voiceover:**

*Blackjack is super fun and, unlike a lot of other games, it requires decision making that can impact the outcome. But at the end of the day, it's all up to the cards. Now that you're up to speed on the basics, it's time to have fun and play smart!*

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Knowledge you can bet on.

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