

Free Bet Blackjack

Introduction

The Free Bet BlackJack game except the Roulette is probably, the second-best known of all casino games worldwide. This play-card game has many variations and it is known by many different names: e.g. Pontoons, Twenty-one, or Ponies.

Free Bet BlackJack is played always between a dealer and a group of players. The object of the game is to beat the dealer (not the other players) with a hand of cards that does not go over 21. Free Bet BlackJack can be played with a single deck or multiple decks.

How to Win

The object of the game is to score closer to 21 than the dealer's hand without going over 21. This is very important, as any hands that surpass 21 will automatically be considered "Too many" (BUST).

You "beats" Dealer's hand if he/she:

- Gets 21 points on his/her first two cards (called a **BlackJack**), when the dealer's hand is not a Blackjack.
- Reaches a final score higher than the dealer without exceeding 21.

The **initial point** on a hand is calculated by summing the value of two initial cards.

Game Play:

- In our Casino, the Free Bet Blackjack is played with 8 decks of 52 cards.
- Aces count equals either 1 or 11, the player's choice.
- Face cards count as 10.
- All other cards count as their face value.
- The same points result Push (except Blackjack with initial 2 cards and 21 points)
- Once all bets have been placed, the Dealer deals from a card Shoe one card face up to every player and himself/herself. Then the dealer takes the second card, face up to every player and the second card face down (hole card) to himself/herself.
- Once the initial deal has been completed, the dealer then is moving from box 1 to box 7 clockwise from the dealer. Each player decides whether to take a card from the dealer or not. The decisions players make are highlighted immediately.
- While you are sitting at a particular Free Bet BlackJack table and placing a bet equal to or greater than a minimum required to bet, he/she can see a "*Deal Now*" button in front of him on the progress bar. **You** might wish to click this button so that to finalize the bet he/she have just placed. From this very moment, the player's bet becomes visible to other players around the table. The round begins when all players have clicked on the ***Deal Now*** button, or betting time has expired itself.

Participation Instructions

- Bets are placed, removed, changed only during the betting time. Once the betting time is over the Dealer announces “No more bets” and no bets can be placed since.
- Once the dealer has completed with all the players’ hands as per they instructed and the last box with a placed bet on, they must uncover their face-down card and draw other cards due to the rule: “**Dealer must draw to 16 and stand on all 17's**”. It means that the Dealer has to draw cards if the total less than 17. The Dealer must stay put if the total on their hand is 17 (including “Soft” 17) and higher. Then this will be the total the players have to beat to win the hand.
- Once the Dealer has dealt with their own cards and the game is finished the Dealer then must collect all the cards on the table and open bets for the next game.
- The player’s total win in the last played hand will be displayed in the window “**Last win**”.
- On the next hand, you can “**Rebet**” (place the same bet as in the previous game), “**Double**” (place your next bet doubled respect to the last game bet), or place any other amount by choosing different chips and clicking once or more time on the betting area.
- If you change your mind you can “**Undo**” your last step in placing bets or “**Clear**” your entire bet on the box.

The following are the choices available to the player:

- **Hit:** The player draws another card (and more if he wishes). If this card causes the player's total points to exceed 21 (known as “Too many”) then he loses his stake.
- **Stand:** The player stands pat with his cards. If the player does not choose an option, after the betting time is over then this is considered as he stands.
- **Double:** Doubling is a one-off move that can be statistically favorable, based on your first two cards. It involves doubling your wagering return for being dealt with one single additional card. After doubling, the player must stand and the game either moves to the next player or the dealer take its turn.
- **Free Double:** Free double is offered only if the initial 2 cards have a total of 9,10,11 points (in all other cases a standard duplication is offered).
- **Split:** If the player has a pair or any two 10-point cards, then he may double his bet and separate his cards into two individual hands. The dealer automatically adds the second card. Then, the player may hit, stand, or double normally (the player can also use free double according to the "Free Double" rule). However, when splitting Aces, each Ace gets only one card. If the player gets a Ten and Ace is after splitting, then it counts as 21 points, not a BlackJack!
- **Free Split:** Free Split is provided on all pairs of the initial 2 playing cards, except for 10, J, Q, K playing cards. In the case of a free split, the initial bet remains on the left box of the split hand. On the second box, an amount equal to the initial bet is added by the Dealer.
- If your first two cards are an **Ace** and a **Ten, Jack, Queen, or King**, your hand constitutes a BlackJack and only a BlackJack from the dealer may stop you from winning! You can’t choose another option.

Bet Options and Payouts

❖ **Bet Behind Bet:** *Bet Behind* bet allows players to make a bet on another player's hand win whether they are waiting for a seat or playing at the table. If you place the *Bet Behind* bet in favor of other player's hand and he/she wins this round then you automatically win your *Bet Behind* bet on behalf of yourself. The payouts for *Bet Behind* wagers are the same as for ordinary bets.

You can place the *Bet Behind* bet even if you have no seat at the Free Bet BlackJack table, or do not intend to play your own hand. However, you cannot place a *Bet Behind* bet on your own hand. Place a bet in any activated *Bet Behind* box at another player's hand while betting time is still open.

If you place a *Bet Behind* bet, and the player at that seat quits the game (that is, declined all bets or left the table), your bet is refunded at once.

In spite, you have made *Bet Behind* all the moves on that box are still made by the player that box owner.

However, when you see the dealer's open card is an Ace, you may decide whether to place or not an insurance bet. You can also choose in advance from settings whether to double or not or split your bet when the player you have placed **Bet Behind** on selects to *Double* or *Split* functions. If you activate these features from the settings section beforehand, the *Double* and *Split* will occur automatically during the round (the *Double* function will work if you have enough balance on your account. If you do not have enough balance but you have activated this function, anyway your **Bet Behind** bet will not be doubled: the function will be considered as inactive).

b) Side Bets

In our Free Bet BlackJack, we have created 3 main Side Bets: *Perfect Pair*, *Honey Bonus*, *Lucky 7* and *Lucky Bet*.

To vivify the Free Bet BlackJack game, we have created four *Side Bets* additionally: *Perfect Pair*, *3 Card Bonus*, *4 Card Bonus*, and *21+3*. These bets can be placed only during the betting time and if the main bet was already placed.

The *Perfect Pair*, *Honey side bet*, and *21+3* win are shown as soon as the player accepts the two initial cards.

The *Lucky 7* side bet is calculated based on a result of the game.

- The **Perfect Pair** side bet allows the player to win bonus money if their two first cards make a pair.

A winning *Perfect Pair* hand is not affected by the dealer's hand.

Hand	Combination	Payout
Perfect Pair	an identical pair	25:1
2 cards of different suits	2 cards of different suits	12:1
Mixed Pair	1 red suited card and 1 black suited card	5:1

- **Honey Bonus** is a side-bet, which is based on a 3-card hand using the dealer's one (1) up-card and the player's two (2) initial up cards to form a 3-card poker hand. Also, two player's initial cards can be used to form a *Suited Blackjack* combination. This game sees two of the most popular casino card games merged into one (Blackjack and Poker)! It allows players a chance to win if their first cards plus the dealer's open card comprise any of the following winning combinations (like in poker), each with a different payout (odds):

Hand	Meaning	Payout
Three of a Kind	Three cards of the same rank	20:1
Straight	Three cards in sequence	10:1
Flush	Three cards of the same suit	5:1
Suited BJ	Blackjack of the same suit	3:1

- **Lucky 7** is a side-bet, which is winning if the first player card is a seven, and up from there, depending on how many more sevens the player gets in a row, up to three, and whether they are suited. This side-bet can be placed also within the betting time and in case the player has got 7 sevens, it would be calculated only after the player takes the third card. If the player has two sevens, and the dealer gets a BlackJack, then the player loses a chance to take the third card. A winning *Perfect Pairs* hand is not affected by the dealer's hand.

The pay table below shows the odds for this side bet.

Hand	Payout
Three suited sevens	500:1
Three un-suited evens	100:1

Two suited sevens	50:1
Two unsuited sevens	25:1
One seven	3:1

Lucky Bet

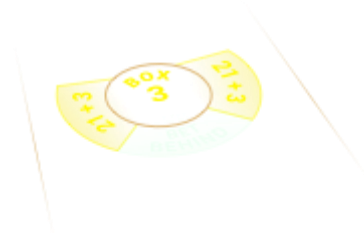
The new extra bet allows the player to win a certain amount of money if

1. The player has 19, 20, or 21 points and the Dealer has Blackjack.
2. The player has 19, or 20 and the Dealer has about 21(not Blackjack). In this case, the payout depends on the number of playing cards with which the dealer's hand has scored 21

Hand	Meaning	Payout
21 Player points	3 playing cards	
21 Player points	4 playing cards	
21 Player points	5 playing cards	
21 Player points	6 playing cards	
21 Player points	7 and more playing cards	

Additionally, we have created Dealer Hand side bets, which are affected by the dealer's hand. Players' win depends on which combination of dealer's cards appears.

21+3 side bet



We offer you a new side bet which calls "21+3". According to this side bet, you can win with an additional bet if your first two initial cards and the dealer's open card form one of these winning combinations (as in "Honey Bonus"). Each of these combinations has a different payout.

1. **Suited Trips**- Ex. The combination of three Queens of Heart
2. **Straight Flush**- is a combination of consecutive playing cards with the same suit. Ex. 10, Jack and Queen of Diamonds
3. **Three of a Kind**-It is considered to be a combination of playing cards with the same value but not the same suit. Ex. A combination of three Kings with different suits
4. **Straight**- It is considered to be a combination of consecutive playing cards with different suits.

Ex 4 of Spades, 5 of Heart, 6 of Clubs

5. **Flush**- non-consecutive playing cards of the same suit. Ex. 2,6, 10 of Clubs

These new side bets are Perfect Pair, 3 Card Bonus, 4 Card Bonus.

- **Perfect Pair** side bet allows the player to win bonus money if the dealer's two first cards make a pair.

A winning Perfect Pair hand is affected by the dealer's hand.

Hand	Meaning	Payout
Perfect Pair	an identical pair	6:1
2 cards of different suits	2 cards of different suits	4:1
Mixed Pair	1 red suited card and 1 black suited card	2:1

- The **3 Card Bonus** is a side-bet, which is based on a 3-card hand using the dealer's any 3 cards. It allows the player to win if the dealer's 3 cards comprise any of the following winning combinations, each with a different payout (odds):

Hand	Combination	Payout
Three of a Kind	Three cards of the same rank	30:1
Straight	Three cards in sequence	8:1
Flush	Three cards of the same suit	2:1

- The **4 Card Bonus** another side-bet, which is based on a 4-card hand using the dealer's any 4 cards. It allows the player to win if the dealer's 4 cards comprise any of the following winning combinations, each with a different payout (odds):

Hand	Combination	Payout
Four of a Kind	Four cards of the same rank	250:1
Straight	Four cards in sequence	70:1
Flush	Four cards of the same suit	60:1
Two Pairs	Two pair of the same card	25:1

Free Bet BlackJack ODDS

A “**BlackJack**” itself is a **combination** of an Ace and a court card or Ace and Ten with the first two cards. A **BlackJack** beats all other card **combinations**.

In the case of **the BlackJack** combination, the winner is paid **3:2**.

In other cases, the player`s **win is paid 1:1**

Push – the player gets his money back.

If **You** have used the "Free Double" or "Free Split" opportunity, then:

- In case of a your victory, the bet will be returned to you and you will be paid by 2:1 payout
- If the player loses, his initial bet is lost
- If the dealer gets 22 points it will be push for all the active players, except when the player has Blackjack.

Auto Stand Setting



Auto Stand is a setting, with the help of which you will have the opportunity to automatically stand when you have 17, 18, 19, or 20. You will be offered to choose the points. That is, if you choose 17, and get 17 or higher, the system will automatically select the Stand option, except for the soft hand and Split version.

“6 CARD CHARLIE” RULE

6-card Charlie is a extra rule, according to which a 6 card hand without busting is a winner. According to the "Six Card Charlie " rule, **You** automatically wins if your "Hand" consists of six playing cards with a total value of 21 or not more than 21 points, even if the dealer has "Blackjack". In the case of a split "hand", each "hand" is calculated separately. In case the dealer gets Blackjack after you insure your hand against the dealer`s blackjack hand, "Six Card Charlie" will not be available, regardless of the player's result.

INSURANCE BET

- **An insurance bet** is a special bet that you can place if the Dealer's first card is an Ace. This must be exactly half of the initial stake on the Player`s box and wins at odds 2 to 1 if the Dealer`s second card counts as Ten.
- An additional betting time (15 sec.) is offered to all players(both for the player who places a bet on the additional markets and for the ones who place the main bet) to buy **Insurance** in case the Dealer has a Blackjack on his hand. On the screen of all the Players, a special box

appears and every player either has to click **YES** if he/she wants to buy insurance for all his/her hands or choose **NO** if he/she does not.

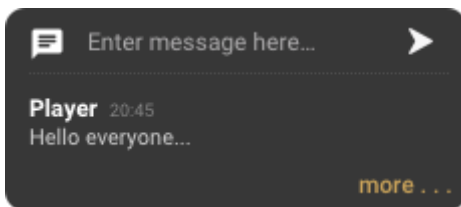
- After the additional betting time is over, the Dealer announces whether it is BlackJack or not. If it is BlackJack, the game is over. Insured hands are granted WIN status. If there is no BlackJack, the game continues normally and the Players lose their Insurance bets but still can win with their cards on the hand.
- The feature only applies to the Players who have placed bets on additional markets. If the function is enabled and the Player who made the main bet decides to insure the hand, then the Player who bets on the additional market "insures" his hand too (if he has enough money at his balance). If the feature is not enabled, the Player who has placed a bet on the additional market is offered a Yes / No option, which allows you to ensure the best with all the other bets.



SCREEN ELEMENTS



The **Live Casino Lobby** button can be selected at any time from any Live Casino game. It allows you to easily change the table or select any other live game. If you choose the table from the list and click on **Play**, that table will be opened and replace your current one.



The **Chat Room window** allows you to chat with the Dealer and other players at the same table.

You must be signed in to be able to use the **Chat Room**. Your nickname will be displayed in yellow.

You can hide other players' chats or the Chat Window completely by selecting the desired feature in the **Settings Window**. It can be found by clicking on the Settings button.

Please respect the **Chat Room rules**. Even one violation may lead to a deactivation of your chat privileges.

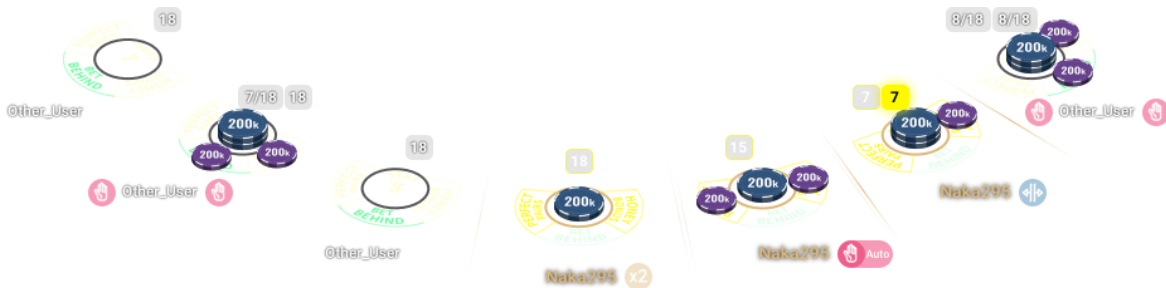
The **Dealer** name shows you the name of the Dealer operating at your table.



To give a tip to the Dealer, please click on the **Tip** icon and the **Send** button.



The **Progress Bar** shows information messages about the game and the status of your bets. After the betting time has finished, you will receive the message **“You bets have been accepted”** above the progress bar indicating if your bets have been accepted or **“Bets have not been accepted by the server”** if they have not.



GAMBEL CONCEPTS

The play card table consists of Seven betting areas (boxes). Each player can play on max 3 boxes (if available).

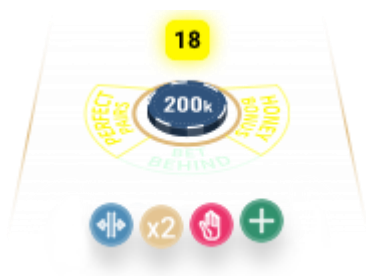
Every box consists of:

- **Bonus bets** can be placed only if the main bet was placed. After the dealer has dealt 2 initial cards to every active player including himself, bonus bets should raise and move to the player`s chip track if winning, otherwise move to the dealer's hand if losing.
- **Main bet betting area** where a player`s stake will appear. If the box is free, the word **“free”** will appear inside the circle with blinking animation.

The selected option must be displayed on the left of the box.

- **Insured** – if you had bought Insurance.
- **Win** – winning hand
- **Lose** – losing hand
- **Push** – same points as dealer
- **Bust** – more than 21
- **Card points.** If the player has got BlackJack there should be written BJ instead of points.

In case of a split, points on every hand should be shown and underneath the box win/lose/bust/push corresponding to every hand.



Possibility to choose the option before time. The option allowing the other players in the games besides the 1st one to choose whether they want to “Hit”, “Stand” or other before their turn allows them to make every hand quicker.



Click “SEAT HERE” above the vacant seat you wish to occupy. When you have taken a seat at the table, your screen name is displayed beneath the seat. When you wish to leave your seat, click the “X” button at your seat. If you are inactive and do not place a bet in two or more consecutive rounds, you will lose your seat.



The **Table Limits** section shows the min and max stake allowed at the table. When clicking on the button, a breakdown of these limits will be shown in the **Table Limits Board** (below).

The **Table Limits Board** contains a detailed explanation of table limits and odds. In case your bet exceeds any of the indicated limits, the window will open automatically and the incorrect bet will be highlighted.

Welcome Player!

Game Round:	446856
Current bets:	9.21 C
Balance:	46.14 C

The User Info window contains the main info about your account. If your nickname and balance are shown, it means that you are logged in and may enjoy the game.

The **Game Round** row shows the number of the current game round. This number must be provided to Customer Support in case of any questions you may have during play.

Current Bets displays your total amount of bets on the table in the current game round.

The last Win shows the amount of your win in the previous game round.

Balance shows your available funds. To participate in the game, your balance must be sufficient to cover your bets. This number increases and decreases depending on the result of your action.



You can enable/disable side bets by clicking the “SIDE BETS” button. When side bets have been enabled, the designated betting spot for the side bets will appear next to the spot for the main bet. After a bet in the main spot is made, the Lucky 7, Perfect Pair and Honey Bonus betting spots will be enabled. Place your side bet(s) in the same way as you placed your main bet.

Dealer hand bonus



You can enable/disable the ‘**Dealer hand**’ side bets by clicking the ‘H+3’, ‘H+4’, or ‘PP’ button.



You can place a bet on the winning combinations of your first two initial cards and the dealer's open card.



Click the **Bet Behind** button to make a bet in favor of other player's hand.



As soon as you receive your first two cards, you can make an initial decision regarding your hand even before the dealer reaches you in turn. The decision options will be displayed at your seat, and only those currently available to you will be enabled. When it is your turn, the dealer will act upon the initial decision you have made. If you have not already decided on your turn, the decision-making window will appear in the center of your screen. The traffic light will inform you of the time remaining for you to make a decision. If you do not make a play decision before time expires, your lack of response will automatically become "Stand" on your current hand.

Betting options are represented as follows:

- HIT: Green button with the "+" sign.
- STAND: red button with "-" sign.
- DOUBLE DOWN: Yellow button with "x2" sign.
- SPLIT: Blue button with the opposing arrows.



The **Cashier** button will open a window from where you can transfer, deposit or withdraw money from your account. Your account history is also available in this section.



If you are not logged into the casino, a **Sign In** button will appear in place of the **Cashier** button. When you click on **Sign in**, a window where you can enter your login information will appear. If you don't have an account in our casino, you may create one by clicking on the **Register** link.



By clicking on the **Rebet** button, you can place the same bet as in the previous round. The button will not be active if no other bets were placed before. After clicking on **Rebet** button, it will change to become a **Double** button.



The **Double** button allows you to double your bet from the previous game. **Rebet/Double** options are available only during the betting time.

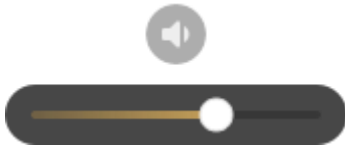


Click on the **Clear** button to clear the table of all bets. This is active only if some bets have been placed on the table and can only be used during the betting time.



"Autostand" setting is created to give you opportunity automatically stand when you have 17, 18, 19, or 20. You can turn the setting on, choose the limit of points after which you will automatically choose the Stand option.

The **Bet History** button launches a window from the website showing all the live games you have played and the results of those games. The most recent round appears at the top of the list.



The **Sound** button turns on/off all sounds and voices in the game. When you change the playing table, this gets unmuted back automatically. When you add a new table for a parallel game in Multi-Game View mode, this new playing table is automatically turned off and staying muted.



The **Info** button opens a pop-up box with game rules and with this Help info.



The **Settings** button launches a menu of user-controlled settings that include:

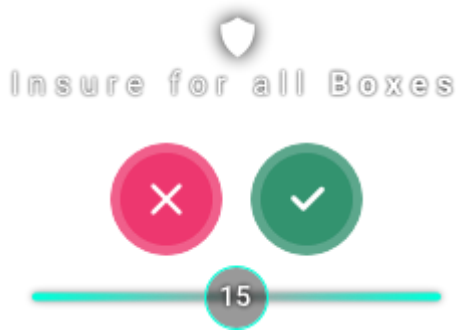
- Video Quality: VIP and High
- Sound Effects
- Background Music
- Chat
- Other Player's Chat
- Pre-recorded Voice



Click the **Full-Screen** button to sweep the game in full-screen mode. To quit the full-screen mode, press the **Full-Screen** button again or press ESC on your keyboard.



Select the chip you wish to bet from the **Chip Tray** and click over the betting area on the table. The selected chip will be raised. You may scroll left/right to choose other available chips. There are 10 different chip values in total. You may play only with chip amounts that fit your current balance. Chips of a higher value will not be available.



You may wish to buy insurance if you click a 'tick out' sign or choose **NO** (a cross sign) if you do not want.



If your hand surpasses 21 this is considered as **“Bust”** (a ‘Burned out’ sign) automatically. **If the dealer gets 22 points, the bet of all active players is returned and the round has a push result.**

If your hand equals to dealer’s hand (an ‘Equal’ sign) your is considered as a push one. In this specific case, the dealer’s hand and player’s hand are equal to 17.

Free Bet BlackJack **TERMS**

Although the Free Bet BlackJack is not a quite complex game to play, there are dozens of different terms that are used in Free Bet BlackJack that you may not be familiar with. These Free Bet BlackJack terms appear again and again in writings about Blackjack, and you’ll also hear many of them when you are at the playcard table.

The following list features some of the most common (and most important) BlackJack terms that you will want to know before playing.

Bet: To place a bet, you must click on the chip value they wish to wager.

Bust: Occurs when the total value of cards for either the Dealer or the Player exceeds 21. If the Player busts the wager is lost. If the Dealer busts the Player automatically wins the wager. If both the Player and the Dealer bust, the Player loses his stake.

Double: When the casino allows you the option to double down, it means you can double the amount of your initial bet in return for receiving one, and only one, draw a card; i.e., when you double down you give up the option of drawing more than one card. Doubling is possible in any case except the one when you are out of balance. Doubling is not suggested when you have hit once thus for the second step you already cannot double. The two variables that determine whether or not you should double down are the total of the cards in your hand and the dealer's up-card. Generally, the hands you are most likely to double are 9 and 10.

Hit: Hitting means to ask for another card (sometimes referred to as "drawing another card").

Insurance: You may be able to use the insurance option, if the Dealer's shown card is an Ace. You pay an amount equal to half of your original bet and if the Dealer's hand is a BlackJack, you win the Insurance bet and do not lose your original wager.

No more bets: Time for bets is over. The Dealer will start to deal cards to every hand with a stake on it.

Push: Occurs when the value of the Dealer's cards (from 17 to 21) and the Player's cards are equal resulting in neither winning. It also results in the return of the Player's wager.

Stand: Standing means you are satisfied with your hand and you do not want any more cards.

Soft hand: If a player holds an Ace valued as 11, the hand is called "**soft**", meaning that the player cannot go bust by taking an additional card.

GENERAL RULES

- All bets at Free Bet BlackJack shall be made by placing gaming chips on the appropriate areas on the Free Bet BlackJack table. Wagers can be made during the betting time until the dealer announces "**No more bets**". Any bets received by our server after this time will be made void (win or lose) and the stake(s) will be returned to the player.
- Each player shall be responsible for the correct positioning of his wager or wagers on the Free Bet BlackJack table.
- **Minimum and maximum** wagers permitted are shown on the screen of the game.

- A bet may be rejected by the system because of not being placed on time or not meeting the minimum or maximum requirements.
- In case some cards during the initial deal were not scanned correctly the Dealer will proceed to rescan all cards. All players` bets will remain in the game until all cards are scanned correctly.
- If the round of the game has to be canceled for some reason, the player`s bet will be returned.
- In case the game was over with a wrong result all players wagers will be refunded for the current hand.
- In case more than 3 cards fell on the floor all cards of the shoe must be replaced.