

Tips on Playing Black Jack

is more to black jack than getting 21 and not going over. If you see people winning money playing black jack chances are they know when to double down and when not to.

First off what is double down? Double down is when you request 1 card after the first two cards are dealt to you. You can double down for an amount equal to your original bet or for less. You can never double for more than your original bet.

The ideal hand to double down on is when your first two cards dealt to you total 10 or 11 with the dealers up card being a 4, 5, or 6. The reasoning behind this is that the dealer still must take a hit and he has a greater chance of breaking and the odds are in your favor that you will get a face card or a 10. If you do double down and get a low card, for example a 4 don't worry yet because the dealer could break. If you get a face card or a 10 you are almost always a winner and the amount of money you won is double your original bet.

Another good time to double is when you are dealt an ace and any other numbered card while the dealer up card is a 3,4, 5 or 6. Again, this is ideal because the odds are that the dealer will draw and break.

It is never a smart idea to double down if the dealer up card is 10, or a face card. Because the odds are the dealer will end up with 20. If you don't get a 10 for your double down you are a loser and lose twice as much.

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