

21st
CENTURY

BACCARAT
ROYALE

9.0 Version

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SUMMARY OF GAME

The object of the game is to assemble two hands of two (2) or three (3) cards with a point value as close to nine (9) as possible.

DETAILS

Standards of Play

The game features a rotating player/dealer position that collects from all losers and pays all winners to the extent that their wager covers the action. The rotation of the player/dealer position is the same of industry standard games and complies with 330.11 of the California Penal Code. The object of the game is to form a hand that equals nine (9) or as close to it as possible. The player's hand is compared with the player/dealer's hand. The hand closest to "9" wins.

Type of Gaming Table Used

The game shall be played on a standard blackjack or batwing table having eight places on one side for the players and the player/dealer, and a place for the Casino dealer on the opposite side.

The game may also be played on a "batwing" or "figure-eight" table that can accommodate up to 14 players.

Number of Players in the Game

A minimum of two (2) and a maximum of fourteen (14) players can participate in the game, depending on the type of table utilized.

Type of Card Deck

A standard 52 deck of cards is utilized in a multiple deck shoe. A minimum of three (3) decks and a maximum of eight (8) decks can be used during the play of the game. There are no Jokers.

All cards 2 through 9 hold their face value. 10, J, Q & K have a value of zero (0). The Ace has a value of one (1). A hand with cards whose sum is in double figures is ranked with the tens (10s) digit ignored. For example, a hand totaling eighteen (18) would count as eight (8).

Betting Scheme

1. All wagers in 21st Century Baccarat shall be made by placing gaming chips on the appropriate betting areas of the table layout keeping in mind the table minimum and maximum wagering limits.
2. Backline betting is allowed.
3. All wagers shall be placed prior to any cards being dealt. No bets shall be made, increased, or withdrawn after the dealer has begun dealing.

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4. At the beginning of each round of play, players have the following options when placing their wager(s):
 - a. Player line which pays 1 to 1
 - b. Dealer line which pays 19 to 20 or 9 ½ to 10
 - c. Tie bet which pays 8 to 1
5. Each player at a 21st Century Baccarat 9.0 table, who has placed a base game wager as required above, shall also have the option to make an additional "bonus wager" that awards a bonus payout to the player(s) who receives a hand that meets the requirements as described below in the Royale Bonus *Bet*.
6. All bets for the base game and tie bet must be between the minimum and maximum table limits.

Dealing Procedures

At the start of a game a player is offered the player/dealer position. Once accomplished, the casino dealer shall wait for each player to make their wager (within posted table limits) on the base game as well as any bonus bets. Once all wagers are placed, the house dealer deals two hands of two cards each, two cards to the right and two cards to the left one by one in rotation. The hand to the left of the house dealer is a community hand that belongs to those that placed a bet on the dealer line. The hand to the right of the house dealer is a community hand that belongs to those that placed a bet on the player line. All cards are dealt face down. The dealer opens the player hand first and then the dealer's first card. The decision, if any, is made by the player(s) betting on the Player hand and then the Dealer's hand is resolved. The position that is closest to 9 wins.

A Natural 8 or 9 is accomplished when the first two cards of the player or dealer's hand has a value of eight (8) or nine (9). When this occurs, the other hand will not be allowed to draw an additional card.

How Winners are Determined and Paid

After the cards are dealt, the closest to 9 will be declared the winner and all winners will be paid and all losers will have their wagers awarded to the player/dealer. All ties between the player line and the dealer line on zero through nine (0-9) are considered a "push," and the original wagers are called off.

Player Hand:

- The player hand must stand when the cards dealt are valued between 6 and 9.
- The player hand must hit when the cards dealt are valued between 0 and 4.
- The player hand must hit when the cards dealt are valued at 5 except when the dealer hand is valued at 5 or 6, and then they will have the following options:
 - Stand and keep their wager on the stand line;
 - Hit and take a community card by moving wager to hit line or place a hit button on their cards.
- The house dealer will deliver additional hit card to player's hand. If all player bets choose to stand on an option hand, the dealer will still deliver the additional hit card to the player's hand, in order to make a complete hand, for comparison purposes to the dealer's second card.

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- The casino dealer will then expose the dealer's hand.

Dealer Hand:

- If the player stands, then the dealer hand hits on a total of 5 or less.
- If the player does hit for a complete hand then the dealer hand hits using the following rules:
 - If the dealer's hand total is 3, then the dealer hand is dealt a third card unless the player's third card was an 8.
 - If the dealer's hand total is 4, then the dealer hand is dealt a third card unless the player's third card was a 0, 1, 8, or 9.
 - If the dealer's hand total is 5, then the dealer hand is dealt a third card if the player's third card was 4, 5, 6, or 7.
 - If the dealer's hand total is 6, then the dealer hand is dealt a third card if the player's third card was a 6 or 7.

House Way

Player hand hits on five (5) or below and stands on six (6) or more. The casino dealer must use the house way when a player requests the casino dealer to play an additional wager.

Tie Bet

A player has the option of making a tie bet when they have also made a base game bet. The tie occurs when the player's hand and the dealer's hand equal the same number. This wager wins or loses independent of the base game bet. The tie bet may be less than, equal to, or greater than the base game wager as long as it is within table limits. There is no collection fee taken for placing a tie bet wager. Winning tie bets pay 8 to 1.

Round of Play

- The player/dealer makes their wager.
- All players place their wagers on the player or dealer line.
- The dealer takes all casino collections and drops them in the affixed drop box.
- The dealer deals the cards and then determines the winner (Player or Dealer) or whether the hand is a tie.
- The dealer places the action button. The action button determines which player receives first action on their wager. The player/dealer's hole card determines the position of the action button. The player/dealer's position is always zero. Other seats, in clockwise rotation, respectively represent other numbers.
- All wagers are settled to the extent the player/dealer's wager covers the action.
- The dealer (if applicable) records whether the preceding hand was won by the player, dealer or was a Tie on the affixed electronic reader board.

Other Equipment Used

A Shuffle Master shuffler will be affixed at or near the table and utilized. In the event that the shuffle machine does not work, the dealer will shuffle the cards.

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A card shoe will be used to deal the cards.

An electronic reader board will be used. This is an electronic display that allows the players to see the history of past hands dealt and whether the outcome was a win for the Player, Dealer or a Tie.

Royale Bonus Bet

The optional bonus bet is called the “Royale Bonus” (RB). Each player wagering in the base game has the option of placing a wager within table limits on the designated RB spot located next to each player’s position on the gaming felt layout.

Rules are as follows:

1. All hands except a pair can be made using a combination of the first four cards (two from the player and two from the dealer).
2. The pair can only be made utilizing two cards from the player hand or two cards from the dealer hand. They may not be combined.
3. Only the highest hand will be paid out.
4. The ace can be used to complete a low or a high straight.
5. The base game wagers will be settled first, then the bonus bets, and tie bets will be settled last.
6. There is no collection for the RB bet.
7. The player/dealer will pay all Royale Bonus Bet wagers and will collect all losing Royale Bonus Bet wagers. Wagers are collected or paid, to the extent that the player/dealer’s wager covers. Once the player/dealer’s wager has been exhausted, the wagers not covered by the player/dealer will be returned to the players.

Royale Bonus Paytable

Hand	Pays
Royal Flush	250 to 1
Straight Flush	100 to 1
Four of a Kind	50 to 1
Two Pair	8 to 1
One Pair Suited	12 to 1
One Pair Same Color	6 to 1
One Pair	3 to 1

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Glossary of Terms

Bonus Bet	Optional wager the player can make when making a base game bet
Dealer Button	A white plastic disc with the word “dealer” affixed on it
Royale Bonus	Optional wager the player can make when making a base game bet
Natural 8:	When the first two cards of the player or dealer’s hand has a value of eight (8)
Natural 9:	When the first two cards of the player or dealer’s hand has a value of nine (9)