

DOUBLE DOWN MAC'S BLACKJACK STRATEGY



BASED ON BLACKJACK APPRENTICESHIP BASIC STRATEGY (NO SURRENDER)

♠ SPLITTING

- Always split Aces & 8's
- Never split 10's or 5's
- Split 2, 3 & 7 on 2 through 7
- Split **4's** against 5 & 6
- Split **6's** on 2 through 6
- Split **9's** against 2 through 9, except 7



♦ HARD TOTALS & SURRENDER

- Surrender 16 against 9 - Ace
- Surrender 15 against a 10
- Hard 17 and above → **Always** stand
- Hard 13 through 16 → **Stand** against 2-6, hit against 7-ace
- Hard 12 → **Stand** against 4-6, hit against everything else
- Hard 11 → **Always** double down
- Hard 10 → **Double** against 2-9
- Hard 9 → **Double** against 3-6
- Hard 8 and below → **Always** hit

♥ SOFT TOTALS

- Soft 21 and 20 → Always stand
- Soft 19 (Ace, 8) → **Double** against 6 otherwise it stands
- Soft 18 (Ace, 7) → **Double** against 2-6, stands against 7 and 8, hits against 9, 10, Ace. If it can't double against 2-6, it stands
- Soft 17 (Ace, 6) → **Double** against 3-6, otherwise it hits
- Soft 16 and 15 (Ace, 5 and Ace, 4) → **Double** against 4-6, otherwise it hits
- Soft 14 and 13 (Ace, 3 and Ace, 2) → **Double** against 5 and 6, otherwise it hits

♣ KEY REMINDERS



Never take insurance.



Never split 10's.



Always split Aces and 8's.



Doubles are allowed on any first two cards.



Use this chart every hand.



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