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# Basic Blackjack Tips

An interesting casino game that you can play both online and offline is blackjack but before doing so, I would recommend reading the following tips. Launching straight into it is not a good idea, you will end up losing your money if you do this.

For starters, I would recommend that you try a [free blackjack game](#) before a real game is played. You would not drive a car without taking any lessons, so you should look at online gambling in the same way.

If you play for free you will be able to get the hang of all of the different rules and have a go at blackjack strategy too. If you play a free game it is surprising how much you can learn, and you will end up being much more prepared when it is time to play games for real money.

I would next recommend that you do a search online and get a basic strategy card printed off. Basically these are simple to use cards that for every card combination will tell you what action to take in order to get the best odds for yourself. They're completely free as well so there's no real reason not to.

I would also recommend that at all times you should avoid the insurance bet. You are offered this bet when the dealer shows an Ace, then in order to not lose out if they get blackjack, you can insure yourself against this.

If the dealer does have blackjack, then you will get back your original wager so you don't win or lose. However, the fact is that the dealer has a less than 50% chance of actually getting blackjack when they show an ace, so the insurance bet will get you more losses than wins.

The final thing that you should bear in mind is that when you play for real, you should set yourself a profit goal and a stop loss limit and no matter what you should always stick to them. For gamblers, one of their biggest downfalls is definitely greed, they will often change their mind about how much they want to win and try to win more by chasing losses constantly.

If you reach your profit target, just be happy with it and walk away for the day. If you hit your stop loss, it is also strongly advised that you walk away and accept the fact that with gambling you win some and lose some, don't chase losses all day.

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