

Baccarat

Emerald Baccarat is a variation of Punto Banco. It is played with eight decks of cards shuffled by the Dealer and cut by the Player. The Dealer draws the cards from a shoe and deals the appropriate cards to the player (customer) as per the house procedures. There are nine seated betting areas, meaning only a maximum of nine players may bet at one time.

Similar to Blackjack, the object of the game is to hold cards with a total count nearest to 9. Tens and court cards, and any combination of cards with a joint count of ten, count as nothing (zero). An ace is counted as one; all other cards are counted as their face value.

At the start of play, the Player who opens the table or the player who is the "Anchor" cuts the cards. The Dealer draws the cards alternately, placing the cards in the "PLAYER" and "BANK" boxes. The first four initial cards are drawn. Then the Dealer passes the appropriate cards to the customer. Any further cards are drawn strictly in accordance with the drawing rules.

Any Player may bet on either the BANK or on the PLAYER. Bets must be placed before the cards are dealt and must be placed in the numbered box corresponding with the seat number. Players may also wager a bet in the EGALITÉ (TIE), but they must have a bet on either Bank or Player.

A winning bet wagered with the BANK is paid even money, unless the BANK wins with a total of six (6), in which case bets will be paid at 1 to 2 odds (Half the original stake.) A winning bet on PLAYER is paid even money. If both hands have the same total, "Egalité" is declared and neither BANK nor PLAYER win or lose (standoff.) Egalité wagers are paid at odds of 8 to 1.

Drawing Rules

PLAYER having	
0-1-2-3-4-5	DRAWSSPLIT
6-7	STANDSSTREET
8-9	NATURAL (No more cards are required)

BANK having	DRAWS when giving	STANDS when giving
3	1-2-3-4-5-6-7-9-10	8
4	2-3-4-5-6-7	1-8-9-10
5	4-5-6-7	1-2-3-8-9-10
6	6-7	1-2-3-4-5-8-9-10
7	STANDS	STANDS
8-9	NATURAL	NATURAL