

# "WHEN YOU'RE HOT, YOU'RE HOT"

## A Guide to Winning Play at the Game of Blackjack.

### INTRODUCTION

First, I would like to thank you very much for buying this book, so I will, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Since you were kind enough to buy this book I feel I should give you the benefit of my experience: "Please don't take yourself too seriously when you go out to play Blackjack." Have a good time and win a little money. Don't play with more than you can afford to lose.

There is a standing joke about people who write Blackjack books that they write the book because they can't win at Blackjack. Well I can write this book and still win at blackjack, it's a hobby of mine.

The reason you paid good money for this book is to learn a simple system for winning money at blackjack. The fact is, this is a simple system. It is easier to use and easier to win with this system than any other system I have tried, and I have tried many of them.

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There are a few things you should know about the game of Blackjack and about this system.

Whenever you play Blackjack in a Casino THE ODDS ARE IN FAVOR OF THE HOUSE. In fact if you were to play regularly and bet the same amount every time the house would beat you more times than you would beat them over your life time. The odds are that when you finish

playing for a weekend you will have lost more hands than you will have won, even if you make all the right plays and do all the smart things.

If you know the house is going to beat you more than you beat them, how can you possibly win? Obviously you must bet more money, when you are winning, and less when you are losing. The only way you are going to leave town with some of their money is to bet more when you're winning and less when you're losing. Bet more when you're "Hot", and we're going to show you how to

**BET MORE WITH HOUSE MONEY.**

With this system you will only bet 1 Unit from your own money, when you increase your bet you will be doing it with house money. You have got to increase your bets when winning to be able to get ahead of the house and stay ahead.

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This system will tell you when the odds are favorable to take a hit or stand. It will help you make a decision about when to Double Down or make a Split.

There is the all important section on how to manage your money so that you limit your losses and take advantage of your winning streaks and that's really how you can win big money.

If you are what I consider to be a poor or even average player and stand on all breaking hands, no matter what the dealer has "UP" you will still win a share of one thousand (1,000) hands, and the Money Management System will still work for you but to really win you need to PLAY SMART and MANAGE YOUR MONEY.

If you have played Blackjack for any period of years then you will know that there are times when you seem to win almost every hand and there are times when you cannot make a hand. When you learn to manage your money properly then you will welcome these swings, and that's what this system is all about.

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# "WHEN YOU'RE HOT, YOU'RE HOT"

## Chapter 1

### I HAVE LEARNED FROM EXPERIENCE

In 1980 a friend and business associate of mine asked me to come to Las Vegas as a thank you for some things I had done for him in business. I didn't know it then but that trip would start me on my lifetime hobby, my short time vacation from business.

I'm sure there are many people like me who need a short time away doing something that will take your mind off work for a weekend. A weekend PLAYING BLACKJACK in Nevada, AND WINNING, can be a lot of fun.

I work six days a week at the office and rarely stop thinking about work at home. Even when I take time off the business is still there in my head. But when I go to Nevada and sit down at a Blackjack table all that business tension is gone almost immediately. I can't play Blackjack for money and think about business at the same time.

When I first started playing Blackjack I was no expert so I bought all the books, studied different systems and listened to other people's advice about how to win. Most of those other Blackjack systems require a lot of mental work, they require that you count all the cards that are played so you know what your position is against the house, so you can base your betting and your play on that position.

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Well I've tried those methods. They were a lot of work and it wasn't much fun. I came to the conclusion that there had to be a way to play Blackjack, have a good time, minimize my losses when the cards are against me and maximize my winnings when I hit a good streak. It is with these ideas in mind that I have developed this "When You're Hot, You're Hot" Blackjack system.

After years of playing I finally got it through my thick head that it didn't really matter very much what the count of the deck was, if I was hot I would get the last 5 in the deck when I held 16. When I was in a winning streak I was practically unbeatable and when I was cold I couldn't win a thing, and of course, there are a lot of times in the middle when it just went back & forth.

This system utilizes the odds of hitting a certain card & the odds of beating a certain dealer's hand & combines playing the odds with a money management system to help you minimize your losses & take advantage of winning streaks so you just might pay for your trip and take some of their money home with you instead of leaving yours there.

Normally I make about 4 or 5 weekend trips to Nevada each year. I play Blackjack & enjoy all the activities & entertainments each gambling city has to offer. I ski the resorts in Lake Tahoe, eat at the finest restaurants, stay in the best hotels, see the finest shows, & travel first class all the way.

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By using this blackjack system my total annual cost for all these weekends is between - \$1,500 & +\$8,000. This is the amount of money I take home after expenses which are about \$1,500 per weekend. So for 5 trips each year at \$1,500 that's about \$7,500 annual cost for my weekend vacations.

My worst year I won only about \$6,000.00 and my best year I won over \$15,000.00. Even in my worst year my total out of pocket expenses were only -\$1,500.00 for 5 first class weekend vacations of fun and entertainment. In my best year I made about +\$8,000.00 in profit while having a great time.

I don't believe you can gamble hoping to win money to take home and pay bills. I couldn't do that and win, I'm certain it wouldn't be any fun. Besides, I'm not looking for another job, I have a good job, I just want a short vacation from it once in a while.

I don't think you could play Blackjack for a living, I'll tell you why; If your living expenses are \$4,000.00 or \$5,000.00 per month you would have to win \$1,000 to \$2,000 every week & you would have to live there or else pay additional travel expenses.

If you did win that amount week after week it wouldn't take long before all the casinos would know you and they wouldn't play with you. The casinos are in business to make money and they won't let you play if they know you are playing a system or if you are counting cards, or if they see you winning big all the time.

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I have been banned from playing Blackjack at Ceasar's in Lake Tahoe. I have read most of the goop Blackjack books and they tell you that if the casino doesn't think they can beat you they won't play with you. When I first read that I didn't believe it.

I was at Ceasar's playing head on with the dealer & steadily winning. I was playing two hands and paying close attention to the play but I was not counting cards. The casino had

changed dealers on me, I didn't pay much attention to that but I did notice that in addition to the regular pit boss there was another person in the pit & I hadn't realized that they were both watching my play very closely.

I kept on winning and suddenly felt the presence of something big behind me, the way you might feel you were standing in middle of the Los Angeles Rams Defensive Line. Two men standing very close behind me were about that size. Then, my attention was drawn to the pit boss, he had stretched his arm across the Blackjack table, to stop the play, and he said; "THIS TABLE IS CLOSED.

" I was surprised, I'm sure you could have driven a pickup truck right into my mouth it must have been hanging that far open. The man was very polite as he continued; "I want you to know, you are welcome to come in this casino any time you want to, and you are welcome to play any other game we offer here, but you are never to play Blackjack in this casino again, do you understand me?"

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I said; "Your kidding?", he said; "You know I'm not kidding!", he was right, I knew he wasn't kidding! As I spoke to him the presence of the two skyscrapers behind me became even more obvious, as they leaned a little closer. The heat from their bodies would have kept me warm in the Yukon.

The pit boss said; "Do you see that cashier over there?" pointing to a woman standing behind a closed sign at the cashier's cage. He said: "She will cash in your chips for you!"

I am married to a very beautiful brunette, I taught her how to play Blackjack using my system and now she plays with me. A lot of the time she talks to the dealers and pit bosses and screams with delight when I win a two or three hundred dollar bet or a double down. They are so happy when I quit a winner because they see so many people sit right down there and give it back.

We even have our favorite dealers we play with once per year in each place we go. One dealer at the High Sierra in Lake Tahoe we have even invited to our home, we like her so much. She has never beaten me out of my original Stake and I have played at her table at least eight times. One time I won \$1,200.00 at her table and the least I walked away from her table with was \$100.00. I've always started at her table with a \$50.00 Stake. Page # 44

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If you go to Nevada 4 to 6 times a year to play blackjack then you should go to different places. You will have a change of scenery, different things to do and you will reduce the chances that they will notice that you usually win.

After being banned from play once I can usually see it coming. I guarantee you I could have been banned from most casino play if I was just trying to prove a point, but what then? I wouldn't be able to have this same fun.

I'm not taking advantage of anyone, most of the time I don't keep a count, I'm not breaking any laws, I'm not cheating, & I don't feel like I'm doing anything wrong, but when I see that I'm being watched and that second Pit Boss shows up I slow down on my bets and cash in.

One day at Harvey's in Lake Tahoe it was my wife who was winning. She had only won \$800 & suddenly we both knew we had just about had it. She said: "That's all, I'm going to bed, cash me in." We got up and the pit boss physically kicked his desk and slammed his fist into it as we walked away, just in time. There have been a lot of other occasions also.

If you follow these instructions you will probably be banned from playing someplace too, then you'll be a believer, both in the system and the need to be discrete when you play it.

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You can easily see when you play Blackjack often enough to win sufficient money to pay your monthly bills it wouldn't be too long before the casinos would know you and they wouldn't let you play anymore.

This Blackjack system will let you play, win, & look casual about it so that you won't appear to be concentrating too heavily on all the cards that have been played like you must do if you are counting cards. The casino employees are trained to look for people who appear to be counting, & for people who are using an obvious system. When you win a big hand it's OK to show your enthusiasm, if you don't they will think winning big hands is old hat for you. It's much better for them to think it's unusual.

I could tell you about many interesting experiences but you bought this book to learn how to win money at blackjack, not to read my autobiography.

If you play heads up with the dealer it is a good idea to leave when the dealer changes or if you see the pit personnel change or if the pit boss starts paying too much attention to your play.

It's also good to look for some camouflage, anything that will keep the pit bosses attention off of you and on something else: My camouflage is my wife, she is gorgeous and screams when she wins \$50. The pit boss becomes involved in watching her and by the time he

notices me we're ready to leave. She is truly sincere with her joy when she wins. It would take the best actress in hollywood to duplicate her show because it's real.

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The pit bosses know most count systems and it only takes them a few hands to know when you are playing one of them, most of the time because you are varying the amount of your bet according to the card count. When they know the deck is negative and I'm still betting handsomely, or when the deck is positive and I have withdrawn my bet they count me as an amateur and quit watching me.

You will see, later on in this book, my bets vary when I'm winning and not according to the count. Paying attention to the count should tell you when to hit and stand, not how much to bet.

If you're not betting large amounts of money or winning a lot of hands in a row, don't worry too much about being noticed by casino personnel. They love losers but when you lose you won't get much attention unless you lose a lot of money. This system only lets you lose a maximum of 10 betting units at any given table. Believe me your losses will never draw much attention at that rate.

Since I have read many other blackjack books, if you asked me: "Will your percentage of win increase if you read "Beat the Dealer" by Thorpe? The answer is "YES", and even more if you read "Blackjack as a Business" by Lawrence Revere.

They both utilize the mathematical skills and computer expertise of Julian Braun to determine which cards to hit and stand on, depending on where you are in the deck. The truth is the more you study a subject the more expert you will become.

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These other systems ask you to count cards using a plus or minus system to establish your position against the deck. They have figured out, by means of the computer, when the deck is in your favor, & when it is not. By betting more, or less, depending on the odds, you can win more often but you will probably still lose more hands out of 1000 than you will win.

A counting method is certainly a good tool, if you want to spend the time to learn one you can certainly use it along with this system, there is no conflict until the other system tells you how many units to bet. I have never been able to make a counting method work for me on any regular basis. In fact it is such a drain on my mental energy to count cards I am soon exhausted. I can't tell you how much money I've lost betting heavily on a positive deck when I had been losing almost every hand anyway.

Counting systems will tell you to increase your bet when the odds are in your favor based on the count of the deck, regardless of whether you are winning or losing. This is one area in which this system is different, my advice is; "Never increase your bet when you're losing." The "When You're Hot, You're Hot" Money Management method only lets you increase your bet when you are winning and provides for you to DO IT WITH HOUSE MONEY.

The "WHEN YOU'RE HOT, YOU'RE HOT", Blackjack System forces you to bet heavier when you're winning and less when you're losing, no matter what the odds are.

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Having 10 to 12 wins in a row is not magic, it will happen to you regularly. It would be a shame to be in the middle of a winning streak with a Plus or Minus deck situation not letting you take advantage of it.

I am not advocating that you use any particular Hit/Stand method. You can use the one I have provided in this book and it will work fine for you or you can use any of the others.

I believe the Hit and Stand recommendations in the other systems I have read are more complicated than the ones in this book. If you devote enough time to learn one it could actually be a little better for you but It isn't really necessary unless your going to keep a count.

The Hit Stand method we have given you in this book is a simple one, I win just fine with it and so can you. No matter whose Hit Stand method you use, be consistent with it but only use the Money Management System that you will find in this book.

With the "WHEN YOU'RE HOT, YOU'RE HOT" Blackjack system I usually win about 4 out of 5 weekends that I go. The most important thing is I have a lot of fun, I see great entertainment, eat great food, and I forget about all my other problems. This makes great weekend vacation, most of the time it's free, and YOU CAN FREQUENTLY MAKE A PROFIT.

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I am writing this book for people who need to take a short break from everyday business. I have found it's nearly impossible to play Blackjack and think about work at the same time, that's my vacation. My wife, on the other hand, wants to be entertained. She likes to go out to eat and go to the shows.

With this Blackjack System you can play anytime. There are times that you will be playing that you are winning and do not want to take a break. There are times you will be playing and the house will be winning, this is a good time to take a break.

You may not want to play when the casinos are full of people, normally between the hours of 7:00 P.M. and 1:00 A.M. This is when everyone else wants to play Blackjack. Let them, you can take your spouse to one of the gala shows or out to dinner at one of the great restaurants that you will find in any gambling city.

You can afford to go out, you're winning! You can just pay cash from your winnings, don't put it on a credit card and let your get away weekend be a negative event when you get the bill.

If you don't know any great restaurants you might want to try Gigi's at Bally's MGM in Reno, or the Summit, Harrah's Lake Tahoe, or the Sultans Table at the Dunes in Las Vegas. I think you will be pleased with these recommendations and more importantly your spouse will have a good time and you will look like the hero that you are.

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When you go back to work next week you will be well rested from business thoughts & be ready to work. I am always refreshed and anticipating my first day back.

This BLACKJACK system is designed to help you MAXIMIZE YOUR WINNINGS when YOU'RE HOT and to LIMIT YOUR LOSSES when YOU'RE NOT. I have very good success with it as have many of my friends who have tried it.

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## Chapter 2

### "SOME THINGS I HAVE LEARNED"

#### WHAT IT TAKES TO BEGIN

You should have one hundred (100) times your original bet to play comfortably for the weekend. If you are going to play \$5 bets you should take \$500, if you play \$2 bets then you only need to take \$200 to play with.

When you realize you are winning regularly and you have built up your bank you should increase the size of your bet. If you have been playing \$5 then increase to \$10. When this happens you are HOT and you want to take advantage of it. This is a very important part of your game and it doesn't take any experience. When you can't seem to make a hand and you have lost two stakes in a row you should lower your betting increments if you are going to continue to play, it's a must.

If you have lost two stakes in a row it would be a good time to take a break but if you decide to keep on playing you give yourself some time to overcome the losing streak by lowering your betting units. If you are playing for \$5 then you should play at a \$2 table, this would enable you to reduce the size of your wager if you are losing regularly or to increase your bet to \$10 if you are winning regularly.

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## BE COMFORTABLE

It's important for you to be comfortable when you play. You should feel good if you plan to win consistently. You must play at a table where you are comfortable and sit in a seat that you like. I like to play at 3rd base on the end of the table just before the dealer plays. I also like to play head on with a dealer anytime I get the chance. You can play a lot more hands in a shorter period of time & I win faster that way.

Another popular position is 1st base, it allows you to play before anyone else does. The choice is up to you, play where you feel most comfortable or try out different table positions.

## WARMING UP FOR THE WEEKEND

When you begin playing for the weekend, start out at a small table playing \$2.00 or \$3.00 until you get mentally in tune with the game again. I can't tell you why but I normally start out cold and I don't get warmed up, and usually don't win very much, until I've played 50 or 60 hands. I begin playing with small money so I don't get psychologically upset if I don't start winning right away.

## PLAYING A BAD HAND

I win using this Blackjack system. I believe it is the only effective way to bet at a blackjack table, but no Blackjack system can make a bad hand into a good hand.

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Remember, when you have been dealt a bad hand, you have a bad hand. The way you play can only increase your percentage of chances to win on the bad hand but you will still lose more bad hands than you will win, no blackjack system can change that.

THINK LIKE A "WINNER"

You've heard of the power of positive thinking, and I believe in it. If you WANT TO WIN you must THINK LIKE A WINNER. I know you want to BE A WINNER, that's why you bought this book. There are enough losers out there already, you don't want to be one, so don't.

Too often people go out to gamble knowing they're going to lose. If this is how you begin, you will definitely lose, save your money and go to Hawaii instead. One very negative comment I hear is "I only brought \$400 to lose!"

To THINK LIKE A WINNER you must PICTURE IN YOUR MIND that YOU ARE GOING TO WIN. Every time a play action is about to take place that affects whether you win or not YOU SHOULD PICTURE THE WINNING CARD IN YOUR MIND just before the action.

When you take a hit card YOU WILL PICTURE in your mind THE CARD THAT WILL MAKE YOU "20". When the dealer is about to take a hit you picture in your mind the dealers bust card.

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This is wonderful fun and you will be surprised how accurate you will be more times than you would believe in your wildest dreams. Logic will tell you this little trick is not going to change a deck that has already been shuffled but after you do it for a while you won't be too sure anymore.

People can believe what they will about the power of thought but I can tell you from personal experience that when you have a positive mind set and when you are convinced you will win, and you're playing smart, most of the time you'll win.

One night at a casino in Carson City I was tired and ready to go to bed. I asked the dealer to change my \$5 chips to \$25 chips. She asked the Pit Boss for the OK. I only had \$100 in \$5 chips, he said; "No, the \$25 chips are for people who play with them."

Instead of getting mad I got even. About 30 minutes later he had to ask security to bring more \$25 chips. I had all the \$25 chips that were in the tray and I wouldn't change them. I walked to the cashier to cash them in, what a feeling.

FEEL LIKE A "WINNER"

I think it's really important to pamper yourself when you go to Nevada to gamble. Dress nicely and stay in a good quality hotel. You can't go to a crummy room and feel like a winner.

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When you arrive take a limousine from the airport. If you drive your own car, drive right up in front & let the valet park your car in the valet parking area. When you arrive at your hotel don't carry your bags into the hotel, let the valet do it. If you're still a bit tense from work, or the trip rest a while before you go to the tables, take a swim or go for a massage, get relaxed so you can feel like a winner.

When you get to town pick out the shows you would like to see and make some reservations. Many times even if a show is booked up you can tip the Matre'd at show time to get in.

If you are able to make reservations for the show you want to see don't wait in the line, go up the VIP. Line and give the Matre'd a tip & you will get right in. Usually a \$20 tip will do the job but if the performer is really popular and the show is a sellout it may take a \$50 to get in and get a good seat.

When you go to bed call Room Service and order a nice breakfast, tell them what time you want it and then call the desk and order a wake up call. In the mornings when you rise you will have your breakfast there waiting for you, no crowds, no waiting in lines to eat.

#### TIPPING THE DEALER

To tip the dealer you can place a bet for them. Sometimes it's a good idea to place a bet for the dealer if they are friendly and you're doing well, or when my bet starts to grow larger.

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I never place a bet for the dealer when I'm losing. My system for betting for the dealer is simple. After I've won 5 times in a row I bet 1/2 my original bet for the dealer and I continue to do that each hand thereafter until I lose. This usually gets the dealer to want you to win. Any time you can get the dealer to want you to win you are better off.

To do this you just place the dealer's bet at the top of the circle in front of you at the table. If your hand wins then the dealers bet also wins. If your hand loses the dealer loses. When you do this you are actually betting that amount in addition to your other bet. If you double down you should also double the dealer's bet, if you split a pair you must add another bet of the same amount to the dealer's. A bet for the dealer is treated just like it is part of your bet until the play is over.

## BE CONSISTENT

Whenever you play Blackjack, regardless of the system you use, you should always remember to play consistently, doing the same things in the same way under the same circumstances, all the time. If you do not play consistently you will never be able to ride a winning streak to best advantage and you will lose too much money when the cards are going against you.

There are two main sub-systems to the "WHEN YOU'RE HOT, YOU'RE HOT", Blackjack System" the Play Action System and the Money Management System.

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## "WHEN YOU'RE HOT, YOU'RE HOT"

### Chapter 3

"THE PLAY ACTION SYSTEM" The Play Action Guidelines will help you to know what to do that relate to the cards you hold and the cards the dealer holds.

The Play Action System gives you guidelines about when to Hit, when to stand, when to split a pair, & when to double down.

There are also a few examples when it could be to your advantage to increase or to decrease your wager based on the cards that exist between you and the dealer.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE DECK The deck consists of 52 cards.

There are more 10 count cards in the deck than anything else.

Four each of K's, Q's, J's & 10's, that is 16 cards out of 52 or 30.8% of the deck. I also include the 9's along with this group because it is a high card that will break any hand you hit higher than 12.

The total high cards, including the 9's are 20 of 52 or 38.5% of the deck.

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There are two illustrations that describe the Play Action one is for use when you are playing single or double deck and the other is for use when you are playing with a shoe. There are slightly different conditions & rules that exist when you play with a single, or double, deck and when you play with multiple decks in a shoe.

The following tables examine all of the possible hands between you and the dealer and gives you guidelines for action, Hit, Stand, Double Down, or Split. The first illustration explains about how to play your Hit Stand & Double when you are playing at a table that uses a single, or double deck.

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		HIT STAND TABLE									
		FOR SINGLE OR DOUBLE DECK									
		H = HIT S = STAND D = DOUBLE DOWN									
		WHEN THE DEALER'S UP CARD IS:									
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
Y	10	H	D	D	D	D	H	D	D	H	H
	O	H	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	H	H
U	12	H	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
	R	H	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
C	14	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
	O	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
U	16	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
	17	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
N	A6	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
	T	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	S
I	18	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	19	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
S	20	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

Never hit a 3 Card 16 or a 4 card 15 playing a single deck, no matter what the dealer's up card is. If you count cards, there may be times when you will disagree with this recommendation. If you are not counting you won't be wrong very many times out of 100.

## PLAYING WITH A SHOE

There are usually different house rules playing with a shoe. The house figures that with so many decks, normally 6 decks are used, you don't have much of a chance to count specific cards that have fallen and even if you could the house never plays the shoe to the very end so there are always 50 to 100 cards left that never get played.

Playing a Single or Double deck you can usually Double Down only on 10 or 11 & you are not allowed to Double after a Split. With a shoe you can usually Double Down on any first two cards you're dealt & you can Double Down after a Split.

For these reasons the Hit, Stand, & Double situations are different. The following illustration explains how to play Hit Stand & Double when you are playing with a shoe.

**HIT STAND TABLE  
PLAYING WITH A SHOE**

**H = HIT S = STAND D = DOUBLE DOWN**

**WHEN THE DEALER'S UP CARD IS:**

		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
Y O U R C O U N T	09	H	H	H	H	D	H	H	H	H	H
	10	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	H	H
	11	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	H	H
	12	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
	13	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
I S A	14	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
	15	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
	16	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
	17	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	18	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
S A S	19	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	20	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	A6	H	H	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
S A	A7	S	S	D	D	D	S	S	H	H	S
	A8	S	S	D	D	D	S	S	S	S	S

# THE ODD PLAYS

It may help you if I explain some of the plays that are recommended in the above tables, what I call the Odd Plays.

## HIT AN ACE SEVEN INTO DEALERS 9 OR 10 UP CARD

When you are playing an Ace 7 hitting into the dealers 9 or 10 up card. Remember, having the Ace makes your hand a soft number. Against a dealer up card of 9 or 10 you are holding a probable loser so you want to try to improve your position if you can. Here is how it shakes out:

**THE DEALERS POSITION:** Since there are more 10 count cards in the deck than any other denomination (16) and 9's (4) this gives the dealer 20 of 52 cards he can get to make his hand a probable winner. He could also have an Ace or Deuce down, 8 more good cards for a total of 28 potential good cards, a 54% chance that he has a good card down or a probable winning hand.

**YOUR POSITION:** If you hit your Ace Seven there are 20 cards that won't hurt you (9, 10, J, Q, K) and 12 cards that will significantly improve the hand (A, 2, 3) that is 32 of 52 cards giving you a 61.5% chance of helping the hand or not hurting it while only a 38.5% chance exists that you will get a bad card. Even if you get a bad card (38.5% of the time) with a soft number you cannot go broke on the first hit.

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Depending on the card, a second hit will not necessarily break you and you still have a chance to improve the hand. After you hit and no longer have a soft number you play the hand normally following the Hit Stand recommendations.

If you get a 10 count or a 9, you are the same or not much worse off than you were before, you will still have 17 or 18 and your position hasn't significantly changed against a 9 or 10 up, you still have a probable losing hand. Since there are 16 10 count cards and four 9's this means that so far 20 of 52 cards won't change you or won't hurt you significantly.

If you get an Ace, two, or three then you have improved the original hand considerably. Since there are four each of these in the deck that is a total of 12 out of 52 cards that will improve your hand so by hitting you have at least given yourself a 23% chance turning a probable loser into a better hand.

The percentages are in your favor to hit the A 7 against the dealer with 9 or 10 up. If you stand with 18 points against the dealer's potential 19 or 20 then you have a probable loser, if you hit it and get an A, 2, or 3 (23% of the time) you will improve your hand to a probable winner. If you hit & get a 9 or 10 count card, 38.5% of the time you will not be much worse off than you were to begin with.

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## PLAYING AN ACE SIX

The same logic applies to playing an Ace Six against a dealer 9 or 10 up as was outlined above except the odds are even more in your favor.

When house rules allow and you are playing 4 units or less, double down on Ace Six, Seven, or Eight against a dealer breaking hand (4, 5, or 6 up).

## MATH AND LOGIC

There is the same type of math and logic in each of the Hit Stand Recommendations. I have included a few of the more interesting ones but won't bore you by listing them all. If there are any other Hit Stand Recommendations you don't understand just think about the cards in the deck that would be good for you or the cards that would be good for the dealer and divide that number of cards by the total of the deck to get the percentage in your favor to hit, stand, or double down.

If you just memorize the Hit Stand Tables you need not understand the math or the logic to play successfully.

The whole idea behind the Money Management System is to be using their money to make your larger wagers. When you are betting one or two units it is because you are just keeping pace with the deck and you are not on a long streak of winning. When this happens you need to do something to make a change in the way the cards are falling. If you're betting 2 units and split 10's you double your bet to 4, 2 per hand,

when you win you will get paid four units. When this happens put the 4 winning units away and 4 units play on the next hand. You should never split 10's when you are on a winning streak or when you are betting more than 2 units, and even then only against a dealer's breaking hand.

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## WHEN TO SPLIT

The following table gives you guidelines about when to split. Remember you play two hands with equal bets when you split a pair.

		<b>"WHEN TO SPLIT A PAIR"</b>										
		<b>Where the "X" appears you should split</b>										
		<b>WHEN THE DEALER'S UP CARD IS:</b>										
		<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>A</u>	
<b>Y</b>	<u>2</u> <u>2</u>			X	X	X	X					
<b>O</b>	<u>3</u> <u>3</u>			X	X	X	X					
<b>U</b>	<u>4</u> <u>4</u>											
<b>R</b>	<u>5</u> <u>5</u>											
	<u>6</u> <u>6</u>	X	X	X	X	X						
<b>P</b>	<u>7</u> <u>7</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X					
<b>A</b>	<u>8</u> <u>8</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>I</b>	<u>9</u> <u>9</u>	X	X	X	X	X		X				
<b>R</b>	<u>10</u> <u>/10</u>					X						
	<u>A</u> <u>A</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

## DON'T SPLIT FIVES & FOURS

NEVER split a pair of fives (5's) or fours (4's). Double down on fives if possible but not against a dealer 10 or Ace up. Two fives equals 10 together they are good but if you split them you are headed for two bad hands instead of one good hand.

When you double down you only get one card but 46% of the deck will give you a probable winner even against a dealer with a fairly good hand. If the dealer has a bad hand & goes broke you also win.

## ALWAYS SPLIT 8'S

You always split the 8's because it's a bad hand (16), you are likely to lose on it or go broke if you hit it, so we split it. Sometimes you will get two winners but more often than not you will get one good hand and one bad hand & just break even. Breaking even when you started out with a loser is a pretty good improvement.

## GETTING UP TO 7 WINS IN A ROW

I really like to get up to 7 wins in a row, as often as is possible. Splitting Pairs & Doubling Down are fast ways to get your bet up to that level.

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After I have reached that plateau I play a little more conservatively because I don't want to use up a major amount of my winnings doubling down on anything chancy besides i'm already betting eight (8) times my original wager and if the dealer has a bad card up I am holding a probable winner regardless of my cards.

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Getting A Casino To Comp Your Room

If you want a casino to comp your room, in advance, here is how you do it.

Call the casino where you want to stay at least 2 days in advance and ask for casino credit. Tell them you want to establish a \$5,000 line of credit. They will ask you for a checking account number and for person's name at your bank to verify that you have that much in the account. a

After your credit has been established ask for casino marketing and tell them when you want to come and ask them for a complimentary room and ask what level of play is necessary to qualify. The level of play will usually be a certain amount for each bet for a given length of time. Once your play is rated at a casino you will continue to qualify for comp rooms, free drinks, free meals, and other benefits.

When you arrive at the casino they will "rate your play". Ask the pit boss for a marker. The pit boss will keep track of how long you play and how much you bet. Be sure to check in with the pit each time you change tables. Some casino's issue you a player's card. When you sit down to play you give the card to the dealer and he will give it to the pit boss so your play can be rated.

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## "WHEN YOU'RE HOT, YOU'RE HOT"

### Chapter 4

## "Money Management System"

## "THE MONEY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM"

The Money Management System guidelines will help you to minimize your losses when you are losing and to maximize your profits when you are winning. Even more importantly the Money Management System will tell you when to change tables and when to quit for a while & take a break.

If you follow the money management system closely enough you can avoid major losses while you take full advantage of your winning streaks.

I cannot stress enough how important the Money Management System is to you. When you use the Money Management System, as outlined you will find that you will not lose large amounts of money fast. Even if you are having a bad streak you will find that you will get a lot more playing time for the same amount of money. Please pay particular attention to this section and understand it well.

Using the "WHEN YOU'RE HOT, YOU'RE HOT" Money Management System you will be working with three (3) categories of money, your BANK, your STAKE, and your WINNINGS:

## YOUR BANK

Your "BANK" is the amount of money that you brought with you to gamble with. Your BANK is usually in cash until you begin to play.

If my Bank is \$1,000 I put \$500 into my pocket and \$500 into a safety deposit box. All casino cashier cages have them, and my wife also uses the box for her extra jewelry.

Your BANK is the amount of money you brought with you just for gambling. We recommend that you take 100 times your single bet with you for the whole weekend. If you plan to wager \$5 then your BANK should be \$500 (100 times \$5) if you plan to play Blackjack for the whole weekend.

You can, if you like, start with less than the recommended amount if you do not plan to gamble for extended periods. Your bank should be large enough to carry you for a while until you hit a hot streak. When you're hot, you're hot and you will want to be able to play until you hit one. When you hit a bad streak you need to be able to ride it out for a while.

You should use the Money Management System to limit your losses each day. If you have a bad day today you want to have money left to play again tomorrow. Never use more than one half your bank the first day, 40% is a recommended limit. If you lose that much you are not hot.

## YOUR STAKE

Your "STAKE" is the amount of money that you set aside to play at a specific table with the same dealer. This amount is recommended to be ten times the single wager that you plan to make. You convert your STAKE into chips when you sit down to the table.

You will only play with 10 MONETARY UNITS per "STAKE". Whatever amount you select to play as your single wager (\$2.00, \$5.00, \$10.00) your STAKE will be equal to 10 of those bets per table with the same dealer. If you play a \$5 bet your unit is \$5 and your Stake will be \$50 at that table with that dealer.

Your stake is 10 times your betting unit. Your STAKE is the amount you are allowed to lose at any one table playing with the same dealer. If you lose your STAKE you must change tables, change casinos, or if you have lost several STAKES in recent play you are advised to quit playing for a time. If you have lost several stakes in a row then you're not hot, take a break. Go out to eat, see a show, take a walk, do something else for a while to shake it off. When this happens you are losing money and you didn't come here to lose. Quit for a while and come back later, to play, things may change for you.

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You select the amount that you are going to bet in a single wager. Your wager can be any amount that you wish but you should be financially qualified to play at the level you select. Don't play over your head or you will just make yourself nervous & tense, it will spoil all the fun and you will not be in tune with the game.

When you first start playing you are using up your Stake, you can replenish your Stake from your first few payoffs. When your stake is restored to the amount you started with then the rest of your payoffs go into your Winnings pile.

If you lose your Stake then you need to change tables, this will help you limit your losses. You are only permitted to lose an amount equal to ten (10) single bets out of your stake before you move on. If they change dealers at your table then I usually consider this to be equivalent to changing tables & I may count out a new STAKE and begin play as if I just sat down.

Your STAKE becomes the measuring device that tells you when you should move on & when you should continue playing so keep it separate from your WINNINGS so you can tell where you stand. If you want to play higher or lower increments just make sure you can afford to lose your 1st time out. You never know when that 1 in 5 trip is going to hit.

Never lose more than 2 stakes in a row before you reduce the size of your bet when you go to that 3rd table, you're losing. If you were already betting \$2 then skip that third table & take a break, unless you just want to practice losing.

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You should play at a table that allows you to vary the size of your bet. When you play A \$10 bet with a \$100 Stake & the dealer beats you, using the money management system you can usually end up with about \$30.00. This amount will permit you to reduce your bet to \$2, set your new Stake at ten times the wager (\$20) & continue play without tapping into your cash reserves. Your original \$100 can give you between two and three Stakes using this method.

If you play a \$5 bet it is best to sit at a \$2 table, this allows you the flexibility to reduce your bet if you begin to lose regularly, or you can increase your bet to \$10 if you're winning regularly.

## YOUR WINNINGS

Your "WINNINGS" are all the money that you win at the table during play. You would normally pay for Double Downs & Splits from your Winnings. Your Winnings are in chips until you finish playing & convert them into cash. Every time your stake exceeds 10 times your wager set the difference into your winnings. When you have played out your stake leave the table. Never use your winnings to re-stake at that table, at least take a break.

Keep your WINNINGS separate from your STAKE during play so you can tell how well you are doing and so that you do not lose count of your stake. I also like to keep my WINNINGS separate from my BANK through out the weekend. I may lose my STAKE but my WINNINGS are going to go home with me or to pay for my trip

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If you make it a practice to keep your BANK separated from your WINNINGS, throughout the weekend, when you go home you will know precisely how much you used from your BANK to gamble with and how much you actually WON. If you follow this system closely you will be very surprised how much you will win & how consistently you will win.

I like to pay for my trip expenses out of my Winnings before I figure my profit. Make sure to pay for your dinners and entertainment out of your Winnings, that's part of the fun. Don't put it on a credit card. It's no fun to go home and have to pay a lot of bills from your trip. Use this system & let the trip pay for itself.

THE "WHEN YOU'RE HOT, YOU'RE HOT"

"MONEY MANAGEMENT ILLUSTRATION"

Hand	No Of Units Bet	When You Win	Winnings Position	If You Lose	Units In Your Stake
1st	1	Take	EVEN	Bet 1	9
2nd	1	Stack To 2	EVEN	Bet 1	8
3rd	2	Take	+ 2	Bet 1	7
4th	2	Stack To 4	+ 2	Bet 1	6
5th	4	Take	+ 6	Bet 1	5
6th	4	Stack To 8	+ 6	Bet 1	4
7th	8	Take	+14	Bet 1	3
8th	8	Stack To 16	+14	Bet 1	2
9th	16	Take	+30	Bet 1	1
10th	16	Stack To 32	+30	Bet 1	0
			<b>(+ 30)</b>		<b>(-10)</b>

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## MONEY MANAGEMENT

### WHEN YOU'RE "HOT"

If the Unit you are betting is \$5 then you would win over \$5,000 during a 20 hand winning streak. If your Unit is \$10 you would win over \$10,000.

You may think I'm exaggerating by making this table go up to the 20th winning hand, well I have won up to 24 in a row so I think you should take a look at the results of at least 20 hands.

You will probably have several 9 hand streaks over a weekend. You will not hit a 20 hand streak every weekend, you will be lucky to hit one a couple of times a year, but if you play often enough and follow this system you will hit one from time to time. Just remember

when your bets start getting bigger you are playing with house money so don't worry about it. You must let the bets get bigger if you are going to win against the house.

You need to keep in mind the fact that the overall odds are always with the house, not with you. The Play Action System helps you improve your position somewhat but the Money Management System is what lets you take some house money home with you. You have to increase your bets when you hit a winning streak to ever end up money ahead. Even though you will end up the weekend having lost a larger percentage of hands you can take home a considerable profit from the times that you won.

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When you have won eight or nine hands in a row and lose one hand, don't go all the way back to the 1 unit level, change your betting increments up. If I have been betting \$5 as one unit I change to \$10 units. You can do this on two bets, then if you lose go back to your starting wager.

If I have replenished my original Stake from the payoffs then I consider my "Winnings" pile and my current bet to be house money because it really is. When you drag and stack every other time you will be stacking house money, not your money, so as your bets get bigger you are only risking house money. When you are betting your own money from your Stake you are only playing one unit. When you get up to a larger bet it's always house money that's on the table, that is when it gets fun and exciting.

One fact that has become clear to me is that when people try this system for the first time they are hesitant to let their bet grow during a winning streak. If you have this problem you must learn to overcome it right away.

Since the odds are always with the house over the long run your only chance to take some of their money home with you is to bet more when you are winning & to do that effectively you have to let your bet increase. Just consider that it is house money, besides that's why you're there, that's the thrill.

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While on a recent trip to Reno I shared the "When You're Hot, You're Hot" Blackjack System with some friends that went with me. Some had played Blackjack before, some hadn't, & Some of them tried out the system.

One lady tried the system but couldn't bring herself to leave the bet alone when she got into a winning streak. She hit one winning streak that lasted for twenty (20) hands & when the bet started growing she kept taking money off of it instead of letting it build.

She finally ended up winning about \$1,400 during the weekend but freely admits she could have easily won four or five thousand dollars if she'd followed the money management system and let the bet increase while her winning streaks lasted.

I didn't have a very good gambling weekend at all, I got more bad hands against the dealer 10 up than I have seen in a long time. I kept getting 4's, 5's and 6's up, it got to be a joke my hands were so bad. I finally ended up winning about \$1,000, just enough to pay for the four day weekend, hotel, meals, ski trips, shows, and travel expenses. Even if I didn't bring any of their money home with me it's not bad getting a "No Cost" 4 day holiday.

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#### MONEY MANAGEMENT

1ST YOU LOSE 1 UNIT 9 UNITS

2ND YOU LOSE 1 UNIT 8 UNITS

3RD YOU LOSE 1 UNIT 7 UNITS

4TH YOU LOSE 1 UNIT 6 UNITS

5TH YOU LOSE 1 UNIT 5 UNITS

6TH YOU LOSE 1 UNIT 4 UNITS

7TH YOU LOSE 1 UNIT 3 UNITS

8TH YOU LOSE 1 UNIT 2 UNITS

9TH YOU LOSE 1 UNIT 1 UNITS

10TH YOU LOSE 1 UNIT 0 UNITS

CHANGE TABLES OR TAKE A BREAK.

Any time you lose your stake (10 Units) at any one table then it is definitely time to take a break or to change tables. Lets face it YOU'RE NOT HOT. If you continue to play you will probably continue to lose. When you're losing you are playing with your own money so you must cut your losing streaks short.

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# NEVER INCREASE YOUR BET

## WHEN YOU'RE LOSING!

NEVER.....NEVER.....NEVER....increase your bet when you are losing! That particular tendency is why the casino owners can afford to build those big beautiful hotels & casinos. I cannot stress this point enough, NEVER, NEVER INCREASE YOUR BET WHEN YOU'RE LOSING!

People that do this think "well, my luck is bound to change" or "I feel good about this next hand" or "I'm due for a winner". Most of these people will be broke before their luck ever changes, and almost everyone starts out with this tendency, DON'T DO IT!

If you follow this system you will do the opposite, you will bet less when you are losing and more when you are winning and the longer you win the more you will bet. With this system you will also find that when you are winning and betting more you will be playing with house money. As you win you leave one then drag one, building your winnings stack of chips & increasing your wager, with house money. You only bet your money when you lose and when it is a single unit that is bet.

### WHEN YOU GET A BLACKJACK

When you get a BLACKJACK you win 1.5 times your bet. When this happens you win so drag your normal amount into your WINNINGS and leave the added .5 on the board to play. If you win on the next hand you have doubled your wager without missing a turn taking your winnings. For example you begin with \$5.00, you get a blackjack, they pay \$7.50, you drag \$5.00, just as you normally would, leaving \$7.50 on the table, you win again (time to stack it) and you can drag another \$5.00 still leaving your normal stacked position at \$10.00, actually gaining an additional turn pulling winnings and without taking any additional money from your Stake. Use this method up to 4 units, then take it all.

When you Split or Double Down you are required to place another bet equal to the one you are playing. I usually take this wager out of my "WINNINGS" rather than my bank. This enables me to keep a more accurate count of my losses from the count of my "STAKE".

It is not necessary to count cards with this system. It is recommended that you watch the cards that are played. If I have a 10 and a 6, and I'm playing with a group of people at the table, the dealer has a 10 up and everyone ahead of me is hitting & getting low cards and I have seen 3 5's have been played, it would be rather silly of me to take a hit. But, I'm going to lose that hand about 65% of the time anyway, no matter what I do

# "WHEN YOU'RE HOT, YOU'RE HOT"

## Chapter 5

### A BRIEF REVIEW

You play with 10 UNITS per table, if you lose the 10 Units then change tables. Your Unit can be \$2, \$5, \$10 or anything you want them to be but be certain you have enough money to back yourself at your chosen level. YOU HOLD 22 33 44 55 66 77 88 99 10 10 AA

NEVER Hit a 3 card 16 or 4 card 15.

Refer to the Hit/Stand tables: WHEN TO SPLIT OR DOUBLE Split dealer 4 through 7 only Split dealer 4 through 7 only NEVER SPLIT NEVER SPLIT Double Down if possible. Splits dealer 2 through 6 Hits 7 through Ace. Splits dealer 2 through 7. ALWAYS SPLIT EIGHTS. Splits dealer 2 to 6 & 8 Only. Only Splits against dealer 6 if your bet is 4 units or less. Your choice, never split 10's when you are winning regularly.

ALWAYS SPLIT ACES REMEMBER:

When you have been dealt a bad hand, you have a bad hand. The way you play only increases your percent of win on bad hands, you will still lose more bad hands than you will win.

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"THINGS TO REMEMBER" NEVER increase bet when you're losing ALWAYS use the Money Management System ALWAYS play consistently REMEMBER the odds are with the house SPLIT to increase your winnings DOUBLE DOWN to increase your winnings GOOD LUCK & ENJOY!

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WHEN YOU'RE HOT, YOU'RE HOT"

Glossary of Terms The Term and the Explanation of the term

BANK Using the "When You're Hot, You're Hot" Money Management System, your BANK is the total amount of money you brought with you to gamble with.

**BREAK** When the combined total of the cards in your hand is over 21 and you lose. For example: if your total count in your hand was 12 and you take a Hit card & get a 10 your total is 22 and the 10 was your BREAK card. **BROKE** When you BREAK too often you go BROKE. It is also used to indicate that your hand total is greater than 21 and you lost.

**COUNT** There are two meanings for the word COUNT in the game of Blackjack. Each card has a value or COUNT, and the total value of your hand is called your COUNT. Each card COUNTS points for it's value all number cards count their face value and all 10's, Jacks, Queens, and Kings count 10 points. Aces count either one (1) or eleven (11) it is your choice.

**DEALER** The person who stands behind the table that deals out the cards, gives you chips when you win and takes your chips when you don't win. The DEALER is playing for the Casino.

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**DOUBLE DOWN** When you DOUBLE DOWN you are agreeing with the house to take only one Hit card & you are going to double your bet on this hand. Normal DOUBLE DOWN hands are 10 or 11 in the first two cards. Playing with a shoe the house will let you DOUBLE DOWN on any first two cards you are dealt. Playing a single or double deck you can only DOUBLE DOWN with 10 or 11 in the first two cards.

**HIT** A HIT is when you get another card from the dealer to go with the first two you were dealt. You take a HIT to increase the count of your hand to make it closer to 21. It is customary to indicate to the dealer that you want a HIT card by extending your hand over your cards, palm down, and moving your index finger in and out as if you were beckoning to someone upside down.

**HOUSE** Any Casino that you are playing at is called a HOUSE. When you gamble at a casino you are playing against the HOUSE. At the Blackjack Table the Dealer represents the HOUSE during the play.

**PIT BOSS** The PIT BOSS works for the casino. He is the guy wearing the suit that you see walking up and down behind the dealers. The PIT BOSS supervises all the dealers, he is the BOSS. Sometimes the PIT BOSS is a she, the casinos are becoming a little more liberal, most of the time the PIT BOSSES are real chauvinistic.

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**SHOE** A SHOE is that apparatus at the table that the dealer deals out of that holds multiple decks. Usually there are 6 decks in a shoe. The rules change slightly when you are playing at a table with a shoe.

**SOFT NUMBER** Any two card hand that contains an Ace is a SOFT NUMBER. That indicates that you can Hit it with any card in the deck and the count of the hand will not exceed 21.

**SPLIT** When you have a pair, or two ten count cards of any type you are permitted to SPLIT the two cards one each into the beginnings of two hands. This requires that you place a bet equal to your original bet on each of the hands. To do this you separate the two cards on the table and place an additional bet on the table, the dealer will then deal you another card on each hand. If you get another card of the same denomination you can split again if you wish.

**STACK** The word STACK is used two ways when playing Blackjack: Any pile of playing chips is called a STACK and when you add chips to an existing pile you are STACKING the chips. STACK is used to identify both the pile of chips and the act of adding chips to an already existing pile.

**STAND** When you do not want anymore cards dealt to your hand & your total is 21 or under you can STAND, this means that you do not want any more cards. It is customary to indicate that you STAND by extending your hand, palm up out over your cards and moving it laterally left & right.

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**STAKE** Your STAKE is the amount of money you brought to the table with you. In the "When You're Hot, You're Hot" Blackjack System this is always an amount equal to ten times the single bet that you plan to make. If you are playing with \$5.00 bets your STAKE would be \$50.00. This is the maximum amount that you can lose at any table playing this Blackjack system.

**UNIT(S)** The word UNIT is used to indicate a single bet. If you are playing with a \$5.00 bet then your UNIT would be equal to \$5.00. **WINNINGS** Your WINNINGS, for the purposes of this book, is that amount of money, or chips, that you have won from the house. Using the "When You're Hot, You're Hot" Money Management System you must always keep your WINNINGS separated from the money you are playing with, your STAKE, and the money you brought with you to gamble with, your BANK in order to keep track of the total amount of money you have won