BlackJack

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User's Guide

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Introduction

Our Blackjack game is the standard "21" card game played in many gambling casinos, where you can bet, double down, and get a 3-to-2 return on a winning Blackjack hand. Features of this game include:

- Smooth, colorful, and fast graphics
- 4,6, or 8 card decks
- Can hit or stand
- Can split cards, double down, buy insurance, or surrender
- Compatible with the Pocket PC 2000, 2002, and Mobile 2003 OS devices

Installation

The installer program for BlackJack is contained in the blackjack.zip file, which you downloaded from either our web site (www.scarybearsoftware.com) or another online vendor's site. Running the installer program called blackjack_install.exe on your Desktop PC will install the necessary files on your Pocket PC device when you make a valid ActiveSync connection between your device and Desktop PC.

Registration

By default, BlackJack will be installed as a trial version, which will expire after 14-days from the original installation date. To permanently activate BlackJack on your device, you'll need to purchase the software to obtain a valid 12-digit reg key code number. Entering this code number in the "About…" screen of the game will convert the trial version of the software to the full version.

Usage

The basic rules to playing Blackjack will be discussed later in this document. To place a bet before a hand is dealt, you simply tap on the chip icons on the screen (max bet is $100). After your bet, you can play the game by tapping on the on screen buttons (Deal/Hit/Stand/Double).

After a hand is completed, you can start a new game by tapping the "New" button in the main menu bar.

Under the "Options" menu selection, you can manually shuffle the deck of cards, or adjust the game parameters under "Settings...". Here, you have the option of using 4, 6, or 8 card decks in the game. You can also decide if you want to display the hand totals on the screen in text format.

BlackJack Rules

There are many basic strategies for blackjack, depending on the casino's rules and the number of decks used. The basic strategy outlined here is based on the four-deck game as played in Las Vegas. The object of the game is to beat the dealer with a total equal to or less than 21, without going over 21 or bust.

Note, in this game the maximum bet is $100.

Rules of the Game

Before any cards are dealt, the player must wager. He does this by placing his bet in the designated space in front of his table position. The dealer then deals two cards to each of the players, and two to himself (one of the dealer's cards is dealt face up and one is dealt facing down). Face cards (kings, queens and jacks) count as 10, ace counts as one or 11 (as the player chooses) and all other cards are counted at their face value.

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If the player's first two cards are an ace and a 10 or face card, he wins. However, if the dealer also has a blackjack, it is a standoff, as are all ties or pushes. A winning blackjack pays the player 3 to 2.

HIT or STAND

Hit means to draw another card (which the player signifies by scraping the table with his cards or a similar hand motion). Stand means no more cards (which the player signals by placing his cards under his wager or moving his hand in a horizontal direction. If the player hits and busts (goes over 21), he immediately turns his cards over and his wager is lost.

DOUBLE DOWN

The player is allowed to double the bet on his first two cards and draw one additional card only to improve his hand.

SPLITTING PAIRS

If the first two cards a player is dealt are a pair, he may split them into two separate hands, bet the same amount on each and then play them separately. Aces receive only one additional card. After splitting, A-10 counts as 21 and not as blackjack.

INSURANCE

If the dealer's up card is an ace, the player may take insurance, a bet not exceeding one-half his original bet. If the dealer's down card is a 10 or any face card, the player wins 2 to 1. Any other card means a win for the dealer. In this game, the insurance amount is automatically taken as one-half the original bet amount.

The dealer must draw on 16 and stand on 17.

Uninstallation

If you have a need to uninstall BlackJack from your system, you can use the standard "Remove Programs" utility provided on all Pocket PC devices

Final Comments

Upgrades to BlackJack are always free, and can be downloaded from our web site at www.scarybearsoftware.com. Your existing valid 12-digit reg key code will also activate any future versions. If you'd like to be notified of future updates to BlackJack, you can sign up for the ScaryBear Software Newsletter from this link: http://www.scarybearsoftware.com/newsletter.html