# WINNING PAYOUTS

Pontoon bets	Odds
Pontoon	3:2
Insurance	2:1
Winning hands	1:1
Super Bonus	Payouts
Wagers \$24 and less	\$1,000
Wagers \$25 and above	\$5,000
All other wagers on a winning Super Bonus hand	\$50
Pontoon combinations	Odds
5 cards totalling 21	3:2
6 cards totalling 21	2:1
7 or more cards totalling 21	3:1
6,7,8, mixed suits	3:2
6,7,8 same suit (excluding spades)	2:1
6,7,8 all Spades	3:1
7,7,7 mixed suits	3:2
7,7,7 same suit (except spades)	2:1
7,7,7 all Spades	3:1

# HOW TO PLAY PONTOON







### THE AIM OF THE GAME

Pontoon is a variation of Blackjack. Federal Pontoon is played with a deck of forty-eight (48) cards, where all of the 10 playing cards have been removed.

The object of Pontoon, as with Blackjack, is for a player to obtain a card total closer to 21 than the Dealer, without their cards exceeding a total value of 21.

## **HOW TO PLAY THE GAME**

- Minimum and maximum bet limits are displayed at each Pontoon table, and may vary from table to table
- A Dealer deals cards to players in a clockwise direction, with each player dealt two cards face-up. The Dealer takes one card in the initial deal
- Each player in turn, starting from the Dealer's left, will then play out their hand before the Dealer draws additional card/s to complete the Dealer's hand
- Picture cards (eg King, Queen, Jack) count as 10, Aces count as 1 or 11 (whichever is to the player's advantage) and all other cards count as the value on the face of the card
- Players must place a bet/s in a "box" (designated playing area) and up to two other players may also bet using the same box. If multiple players are betting in a single box, the total of all bets in that box must remain within the minimum/maximum limits for that table.
- If your first two cards are an Ace and any ten-point card, you have achieved Pontoon and your winning hand will be paid immediately
- In the event a Dealer and player/s make Pontoon in the same hand, the player's hand/s will be paid as winning hands
- Should the Dealer make any other total (including 21) with three (3) or more cards, a player's Pontoon or total of 21 will be paid as winning hands
- Players have a choice to "stand" (draw no more cards) or "hit" (draw more cards)
- As a player, you must hit if the point total of your dealt cards is 11 or less

- The Dealer must hit with a points total of 16 or less, or soft 17. Dealers must stand on a points total of 17 or more, or hard 17
- Increased odds are paid for particular combinations of cards totalling 21 (see payout table)
- If the Dealer's card total goes over 21, all hands remaining on the table will be paid out
- If a player finishes with a points total closer to 21 than the Dealer, he/she will also be paid out.

#### **Forfeits**

- Players may forfeit a doubled hand by choosing to take back the double portion of the bet and forfeit the original bet
- A player who has not doubled must play the hand.

#### Surrenders

- Players may surrender half their original bet if the Dealer's first card is an Ace, King, Queen or Jack
- Your whole bet will then be removed if the Dealer draws Pontoon
- If there are multiple bets in a betting box and the player controlling the box surrenders, remaining players may choose to play or surrender. Remaining players who choose to continue playing will not be dealt additional cards to the hand.

#### Splits

- If your first two (2) cards are the same value (eg 8 of Clubs and 8 of Diamonds), they may be "split" by placing an extra bet equal to the original bet, thereby creating two hands
- If splitting, players may form up to 3 hands in each box per round of play
- If you split Aces, you will receive one card on each Ace only. If the second card then drawn is also a picture card, this counts as 21. not Pontoon
- If you have split your cards and the Dealer draws Pontoon only one bet will be removed
- Split hands are eligible for Bonus payouts rather than Super Bonus payouts.

#### Doubles

- Players may double an initial bet on any total of two or more cards, even after splitting
- If you choose to "double" you will receive one (1) additional card only
- The Ace in the first two cards on any doubled hand counts as 1, not 11
- If you have doubled your cards and the Dealer draws Pontoon only one bet will be removed
- Doubled hands are not eligible for Bonus or Super Bonus payouts.

#### Insurance

- If the Dealer's first card is an Ace, players will be asked to make an optional insurance bet in anticipation of the Dealer achieving Pontoon
- In this instance, you may make an extra bet (up to half your initial wager) in the area marked 'Insurance'
- Any insurance bets must be placed before any players on the table receive additional cards
- If the Dealer achieves Pontoon your insurance bet will be paid out (see payout table). If the Dealer doesn't draw Pontoon your losing insurance bet will be removed.

#### **Super Bonus**

- Players qualify for a Super Bonus when they are dealt three 7 cards of the same suit at the same time the Dealer's first card is also a 7 (of any suit)
- All valid bets (winning or losing) in the rounds of play where a Super Bonus is won will receive a payment.