

## Simple Switch Strategy

The Simple Strategy is based on the following list of strong blackjack hands, listed in descending order of strength:

- 1) 21
- 2) 20
- 3) 19
- 4) A,A
- 5) 11
- 6) 10
- 7) 9
- 8) 18 or 8
- 9) 8,8 with 2-8 up

Make the stay or switch decision according to the following rules:

1. Against a dealer 7 or 8, balance the hands by making the weaker hand as high as possible, using the above scale of hands, if you can.
2. Against any other dealer up card, maximize the strength of the higher hand, using the scale above, if you can.
3. If you can't achieve one of the desired hands on the list, then make the strongest hand possible from the following list, in order of strength.
  - 7 or 17
  - any hand that should be split
  - any 12
  - any 13
4. Exceptions:
  - With A,A + 3,8 — keep the aces together.
  - With A,A + 2,9 — keep the aces together if the dealer has 2-6
  - With A,A + 2,8 — keep the aces together

## Advanced Switch Strategy

The Advanced Strategy is a scoring system that assigns a point value to any two-card hand (shown below). To use the strategy:

1. Determine the point values of the two dealt hands and add the points together. This is the score of staying.
2. Determine the point values of the two hands if you were to switch and add them together. This is the score of switching.
3. Compare the two scores and go with the higher score.
4. If the scores are equal, use the simple strategy to break the tie.

Hand	Up Card									
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
21	3									
20, A9	2			3			3	3	2	
19, A8	1			3			3	2	1	
18, A7	1			2			2	1	1	
Hard 12-17	0									
11	2									
10	2									
9	1									
8	1									
7 or less	1									
A2-A6	1									
AA	2									
99	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
88	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0
77	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
66	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
33	1									
22	1									

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Your hand	Dealer's card									
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
<b>5-8</b>	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
<b>9</b>	H	H	H	H	D	H	H	H	H	H
<b>10</b>	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	H	H	H
<b>11</b>	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	H	H
<b>12</b>	H	H	H	S	S	S	H	H	H	H
<b>13</b>	H	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H
<b>14</b>	S	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H
<b>15</b>	S	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H
<b>16</b>	S	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H
<b>17-21</b>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
<b>A,2</b>	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
<b>A,3</b>	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
<b>A,4</b>	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
<b>A,5</b>	H	H	H	H	D	H	H	H	H	H
<b>A,6</b>	H	H	H	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
<b>A,7</b>	S	S	S	Ds	Ds	S	S	H	H	H
<b>A,8</b>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
<b>A,9</b>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
<b>A,10</b>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
<b>2,2</b>	H	H	H	P	P	P	H	H	H	H
<b>3,3</b>	H	H	H	P	P	P	H	H	H	H
<b>4,4</b>	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
<b>5,5</b>	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	H	H	H
<b>6,6</b>	H	H	P	P	P	P	H	H	H	H
<b>7,7</b>	S	P	P	P	P	P	H	H	H	H
<b>8,8</b>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	H	H
<b>9,9</b>	S	S	P	P	P	P	S	P	S	S
<b>10,10</b>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
<b>A,A</b>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

Strategy from [WizardOfOdds.com](http://WizardOfOdds.com)

<b>H</b>	Hit
<b>S</b>	Stand
<b>D</b>	Double if allowed, otherwise hit
<b>Ds</b>	Double if allowed, otherwise stand
<b>P</b>	Split