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Preface

Baccarat is a very popular casino game that is played throughout the world in almost every land based casino. Its growing popularity has outshined other online casino games start to offer the game as well. It can be played from the very lowest of stakes to extreme high stakes.

It is especially popular among “Whales” or high rollers because casinos will offer it as no limit type game. This means the player can bet as much as they wish. Millions of dollars can change hands from the player to the casino and vice versa in some of the most extreme cases.

In this discussion you will learn all there is to know about this exciting casino game. Start from the basics and work your way up to by learning the tactics that will help win more money while risking less.



Introduction to Baccarat

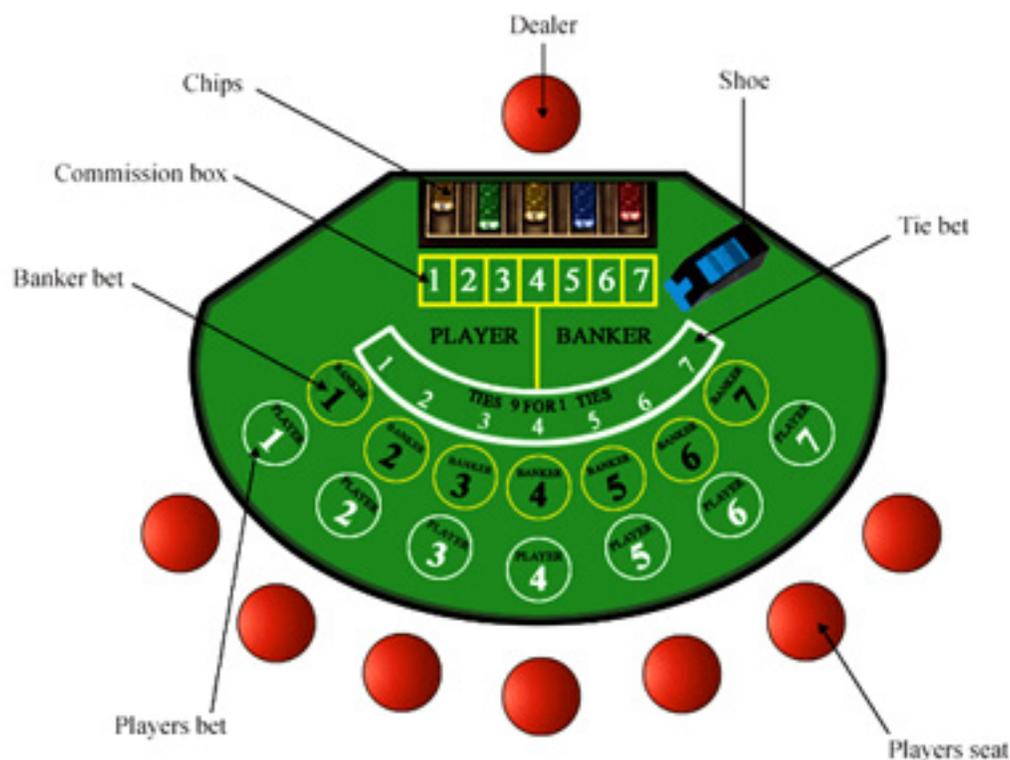
Baccarat is a very simple game that is so easy to learn, there are only a few tutorials on it.

It also offers a very low house edge, making it a game of choice among savvy gamblers. This game was made famous in the movie, “Owning Mahoney” based on the true story of a Canadian banker who laundered funds and used these funds to travel back and forth to Las Vegas and Atlantic City. He went on some of the most epic gambling sprees the gambling world has ever seen. At one point he broke the casino playing Baccarat for thousands of dollars a hand. From that point on, the game of Baccarat became a favorite at every reputable casino around the world. First the Italians, then the French enjoyed this charismatic casino game, known as punto banco in some parts of the US, or baccarat chemin de fer and “à deux tableaux”.



The Goal of the Game

The object of Baccarat is simple: the player bets on one of two of hands dealt on the table. The two hands dealt are called the Player and the Banker. Whichever hand comes closer to 9 will win. You can also bet on a tie which is won when neither the Player nor Banker have a qualifying hand.



The Rules

The rules may be confusing at first but once understood they are quite simple. Two hands are dealt as we discussed earlier. The Player is dealt the first card and then the dealer. This continues in this order until the hand is over.

Each card is given a value which will determine the outcome. All face cards and Tens are counted as zero. Aces are counted as 1 and 2's through 9's are counted as face value. Both hands are dealt two cards and depending on the rules of the casino, a third card may be dealt as well.

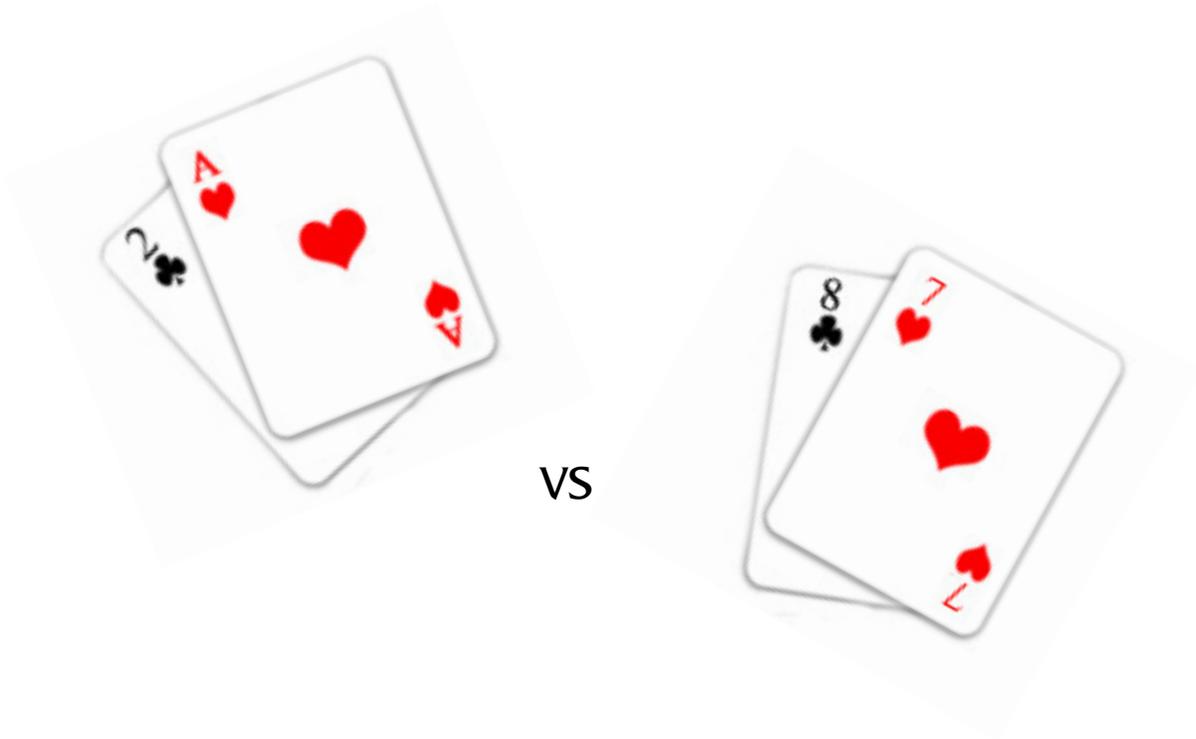
If the total of the two cards is greater than 10, then 10 is subtracted from the total. Once the dealing is over, whichever is closest to nine wins and the players who bet correctly are paid out their winnings.

It's important to note that the house receives a commission on winning bets of up to 5% depending on which casino you play at.



A Textbook Baccarat Hand

The player is dealt an Ace and a 2. The dealer is dealt a 7 and an 8. The players hand total 3 since the Ace counts as 1 and the two counts as face value. The dealers will count as 5. The 7 and the 8 make 15, but since the total is over 10 you must subtract 10 to give you the final total of 5. Since the dealer has 5, this hand wins and whoever bet on the dealer would win.



Tips

There are only 3 bets one can make in Baccarat; bet on the player, the banker or a tie. Betting on the player has a house edge of 1.36% and betting on the banker has a lower edge of 1.17%. This makes always betting on the banker the best bet. Betting on a tie is considered a sucker bet and should never be used. The payouts are much higher, but this bet has a much higher house edge making it a terrible bet.

The most common strategy to win at Baccarat is called a Martingale Betting Strategy. This betting strategy is simple and effective. For each time you lose, you double the bet placed. If you win, you keep your bet the same. In theory this should guarantee you to at least break even. As long as you keep doing this system you should always break even and in a run of good luck you can come out way ahead.

Conclusion

We have covered the very basics of Baccarat all the way to a glimpse of more advanced betting strategies that can be applied right away. It's easy to see why this game is so popular among many casino patrons. Its elegance and beauty attract players from all types. This is what makes the game so rich and full of life. You can find yourself playing the same game as billionaire bankers in the most luxurious casinos in the globe.

With the guidelines we have laid out, you should now feel confident in taking your skills to the Baccarat tables. If you were ever afraid of playing the game, but always wanted to try it, you should be ready to take a chance and place your first Baccarat Bets. Good luck!

