

# FEDERAL PONTOON

HOW TO PLAY



PONTOON  
Dealer draws

INSUR



Country Club  
TASMANIA

# FEDERAL PONTOON IS AN EXCITING VARIATION OF BLACKJACK WITH MORE WAYS TO WIN.

The object of the game is for the player's card total to be more than the dealer's card total by drawing cards to 21, or come closest to 21 without going over. One difference between Blackjack and Pontoon is that Federal Pontoon decks do not have the four 10s and only contain 48 cards.

Pontoon is when the first two cards are an Ace and a picture card.

Bets must be placed in the boxed area. Each player in turn, starting from the dealer's left, will play out their hand, drawing as many cards as they wish to reach a total from 12 to 21. The dealer must draw a card on 16 and soft 17 and stand on a hard 17 or more. Picture cards (Jack, Queen, King) count as 10, Ace counts as 1 or 11 and all other cards are face value.

## VARIATIONS

A player's Pontoon beats a dealer's Pontoon.

A player's total of 21 beats a dealer's total of 21.

A player's Pontoon and/or total of 21 are paid immediately.

## DOUBLING

A player may double by placing on their box next to their original bet an extra bet of equal value, and receive one card only.

Players may double on any number of cards.

Players may double on any total.

Doubled hands are not eligible for Bonus or Super Bonus Payouts.

Any Ace in the first two cards counts as 1 not 11.

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

## SPLITS

If a player's first two cards are the same value, they may split them by placing an extra bet equal to the original bet and play both hands.

A player may only split twice.

Split hands are eligible for Bonus payout odds, but not the Super Bonus.

Split Aces only receive one card. If the second card is a picture card, this counts as 21 and not Pontoon.

If the dealer draws Pontoon and a player has doubled or split, only one of the remaining bets lose.

## SURRENDER

Players may surrender half their original bet if the dealer's first card is an Ace, King, Queen or Jack. However, the whole bet is lost if the dealer draws Pontoon.

Where a player controlling the box elects to surrender, other players wagering in the betting area may choose to play or surrender, however, if they choose to play, no further cards are dealt to the hand.

## INSURANCE

If the dealer's first card is an Ace, the player may place a bet of up to half their original bet in the area marked 'Insurance'.

## SUPER BONUS

Players qualify when they have three 7s of the same suit and the dealer's first card is any 7.

Cards are left on the table and the bonus paid after all other wagers are settled.

Payments are:

**\$1000 Bonus for wagers \$2 to \$24**

**\$5000 Bonus for wagers \$25 and above**

All other wagers (winning or losing) for that particular hand are paid a \$50 Bonus.

## PAYMENTS

Pontoon	3 to 2
5 cards totalling 21	3 to 2
6 cards totalling 21	2 to 1
7 or more cards totalling 21	3 to 1
6,7,8, mixed suits	3 to 2
6,7,8 same suit (except spades)	2 to 1
6,7,8 all spades	3 to 1
7,7,7 mixed suits	3 to 2
7,7,7 same suit (except spades)	2 to 1
7,7,7 all spades	3 to 1
All other winning hands will be paid	1 to 1
Insurance bets (dealer having Pontoon)	2 to 1

