

# PUNTO BANCO

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## RULES FOR PUNTO BANCO

The rules for Punto Banco at this casino, set out below, are our commitment to the players in ensuring that the gambling we offer is 'Fair and Open'. In the event of a dispute resulting from any ambiguity in the rules, the decision shall always be in the player's favour until that ambiguity has been resolved.

- The player plays against the House.
- The player must place their bets prior to any cards being drawn. No bets can be changed or altered after any cards have been drawn.
- Punto Banco is played with 8 decks of 52 standard cards.
- Tens, court cards and/or any combination of cards with a joint count of ten, count as nothing (Baccarat). An Ace is counted as one; all other cards have their face value.
- The wager(s) are valid for one coup only.
- Players may wager that both hands will have the same total. This is called an Egalite wager (Any Tie bet) and is a stand-alone bet.
- Only players with a Bank, Punto and/or Any Tie bet may wager on the Individual MEGA PAY EGALITE or SAN BA
- When all the required cards have been drawn, the hand nearest to 9 will be declared the winning hand; all bets not associated with this hand will be lost and surrendered to the House.
- The game is played strictly in accordance with the following tableau below.
- There are no optional drawing rules.
- The minimum number of cards to each hand is two and the maximum is three.
- A winning bet wagered with the BANK/BANCO is paid at 19-20 odds.
- A winning bet wagered with the PUNTO/PLAYER is paid even money (1-1).
- If both hands have the same total, Egalite is declared, and any Bank or Player bets are deemed a standoff.
- Any Egalite wagers (Any Tie bet) are paid at odds of 9 to 1, unless specified otherwise.
- All wagers must be within the specified minimums and maximums displayed at the table.
- Partnerships with a view to exceeding the maximum stake shall not be permitted.
- In the event of a Dealer inadvertently over/under drawing card(s) (i.e., not in accordance with the tableau) then if the error has not been rectified or brought to the attention of management prior to cards being drawn for the next coup, all coups thereafter will be deemed valid, and the results of those coups will stand with no right of redress.

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## MEGA PAY EGALITE (INDIVIDUAL EGALITES) SIDE BET

- MEGA PAY Egalite is an optional wager that both hands will have the same specific total. Players can wager on one or more of these totals.
- If a Player has an Individual MEGA PAY Egalite wager and the result of both hands is not the same specific total, then the wager will be lost and surrendered to the House.
- If the result of both hands is a specific MEGA PAY Egalite, then it will be paid at the following odds below:

<b>0 PAYS 150-1</b>	<b>5 PAYS 110-1</b>
<b>1 PAYS 220 -1</b>	<b>6 PAYS 45-1</b>
<b>2 PAYS 225-1</b>	<b>7 PAYS 45-1</b>
<b>3 PAYS 200-1</b>	<b>8 PAYS 80-1</b>
<b>4 PAYS 125 -1</b>	<b>9 PAYS 80-1</b>

## SAN BA

- SAN BA is an optional wager that if the Banker's hand has 3 points with only two cards and the player's hand is entitled to receive another card that card being the third card to the player's hand will win if it is an 8 (eight).
- If the Banker's hand has 3 points with only two cards and the player's hand is entitled to receive another card that card being the third card to the player's hand will win if it is an 8 (eight) will be paid odds of 200 to 1.
- If the bank wins when SAN BA is shown, and a player has a bet on SAN BA BANK they are paid odds of 425 to 1.
- If the player wins when SAN BA is shown, and a player has a bet on SAN BA PLAYER they are paid odds of 500 to 1.

## A PLAYER'S GUIDE TO THE HOUSE EDGE

The House Edge is a measure of how much the House expects to win, expressed as a percentage of the player's wager. For example, in a wager with a House Edge of five per cent the player will lose on average over time, £5 for every £100 wagered. House Edges vary by region, casino, and game. In some games, player betting or skills decisions can affect the Edge, but it's important to keep in mind that the House always has some advantage against the typical player.

### THE HOUSE EDGE FOR PUNTO BANCO:

**BANK is 1.06%**

**PLAYER (PUNTO) is 1.24%**

**ANY EGALITE AT 9-1 is 4.84%**

**SAN BA is 8.68%**

**MEGA PAY EGALITES ranges between  
6.39% for 7 and 12.45% for 0**

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PLAYER HAVING		
Baccarat (0)-1-2-3-4-5	DRAWS	
6-7	STANDS	
8-9	A NATURAL (If either hand has an 8 or 9 a Natural is declared and no more cards are drawn).	
BANK HAVING	DRAWS WHEN GIVING	STANDS WHEN GIVING
3	0-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-9	8
4	2-3-4-5-6-7	0-1-8-9
5	4-5-6-7	0-1-2-3-8-9
6	6-7	0-1-2-3-4-5-8-9
7	STANDS	STANDS
8-9	A NATURAL	A NATURAL

**IF THE PLAYER STANDS (HAVING 6 OR 7). THEN THE BANK ONLY REGARDS THEIR OWN HAND AND DRAWS IF SHOWING 0 – 5.**

## ‘KNOW WHEN TO STOP BEFORE YOU START’

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