

# PLAYING THE *Game*

As in traditional Baccarat, Mini-Baccarat involves just a few decisions, how much you want to bet and whether to bet on the Bank, the Player, Tie or the Pairs Wager. In betting on the bank, the casino will collect 5% vigorish or commission charge on money won. The commission is paid at the end of play or at the conclusion of each shoe. On select EZ Baccarat™ Mini-Baccarat games, the 5% commission will not be charged on winning Bank hands, instead a winning 3-card Bank hand that totals 7 will be a push.

Players may place a Pairs Wager by placing a wager on one or both of two designated betting areas on the table layout. These betting areas are identified as “Player Pair” and “Banker Pair” and are located on either side of the betting area for the “Tie Hand.” A winning Pairs Wager pays 11 to 1. A winning tie bet pays 8 to 1. On Mini-Baccarat games offering the EZ Baccarat™ commission free version, players may place a wager on the “Dragon 7” betting area. Dragon 7 wagers pay 40 to 1 on the occurrence of a winning 3-card Bank hand totaling 7.

In Mini-Baccarat, eight decks of cards are used. And just as in Baccarat, the cards are shuffled and placed in the shoe. However, all cards in Mini-Baccarat are typically dealt by the Dealer, however in some cases, when the “Macau” version of the game is dealt, cards may be, at times, handled by the players.

After announcing “no more bets,” the game starts with four cards dealt from the shoe, forming two hands, one called the Player’s hand, the other the Banker’s hand. The initial four cards are dealt alternately from the shoe. The first and the third cards dealt are for the Player’s hand. The second and fourth cards dealt are the Banker’s hand.

As in the game of Baccarat, if the point count of either hand is 8 or 9 (called a natural), no more cards will be dealt. If the bank does not have a natural, the Player will always draw a third card on totals of 0-1-2-3-4 and 5 and stand with 6-7-8 and 9. The cards are dealt according to fixed rules.

There are no options regarding drawing the third card for either Player’s or Banker’s hand. No more than one additional card will be drawn to each hand. The hand closest to 9 wins and shall be paid at odds of 1 to 1. If both the Player’s and Banker’s hands result in identical totals, the tie bet wins, but the Player’s and Banker’s hands neither win nor lose.

All cards count as face value. Ace equals one. Deuce is two. All tens and face cards, or any combination of them, have no value. So;  $9 + 5 = 4$ .  $Jack + 1 = 1$ .

These charts describe the fixed rules governing the draw of additional cards.

## RULES

Player – When first two cards total:

1-2-3-4-5-0	Draws
6-7	Stands
8-9	Natural – Stands

Banker – When the Player stands on 6 or 7, the Banker will always draw on totals of 0-1-2-3-4 and 5, and stand on 6-7-8 and 9.

When the Player does not have a natural, the Banker shall always draw on the totals of 0-1 or 2, and then observe the following rules:

When first two cards total:

Banker Having:	Draws when Player’s 3rd card is:	Does not draw when Player’s 3rd card is:
3	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 0	8
4	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	1, 8, 9, 0
5	4, 5, 6, 7	1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 0
6	6, 7	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 0
7		Stands
8, 9		Natural-Stands

Must be 21 years or older to play. If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, please call 1.888.ADMIT.IT.

