



HOW TO PLAY ROULETTE

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//Introduction

So, you want to learn how to play Roulette? Let's Get Going!

Gambling has to be one of the world's favorite past times - with nearly two billion people gambling worldwide every year. One of the most popular games is Roulette.

Roulette is one of the oldest known casino games still in existence today and has remained an old favorite and one of the more popular games at any casino. Roulette is an interesting game of chance, with very little skill required to play. Novices and pros alike, flock to Roulette tables around the world to enjoy this old classic, in hopes of striking it lucky.

If you're interested in having a go at betting on the wheel, then use this guide to get to know the game a little and before you know it, you'll be stacking your chips on any table with gusto, and hopefully you can beat the odds.

Over the years there have been many strategies and so-called fool-proof methods of beating the Roulette wheel, but ultimately, no matter how long you've been playing the game and no matter how confident you are in placing your bets, the game of Roulette is simply up to the spin of the wheel and the roll of the ball.

That doesn't mean, however, that you shouldn't give it a go. When lady luck is on your side, Roulette can be extremely rewarding and also an immensely entertaining and sociable game to take part in.

So, get ready to do a little learning as we help you understand the classic, compelling and exhilarating game of Roulette!

//What's in it for me

Playing Roulette has many advantages for the player. Firstly, the house edge in a game of Roulette is very low and this allows you to make better profits on your wins.

Secondly, there are all sorts of Roulette bets for players to choose from, which means you'll enjoy great betting variety. This variety encourages a unique Roulette experience each and everytime you play.

Not only are there various betting choices, but there are also many variants of the game, so it would be rather difficult to lose interest. And thirdly, there are very few Roulette strategies and each one is really quick and easy to learn. The most important strategy of all is learning how to take care of your bank roll by ensuring you don't lose control and place bets you cannot afford to make.

The Game as we know it

Roulette has undergone many changes over the years since it first started appearing in casinos, centuries ago. After all those tweaks and changes, we are left with the game as we know it today that is played all over the world.

There are two main types of Roulette which are: European and American Roulette. European Roulette is the more popular of the two because it offers a lower house edge.

Firstly, the game consists of a wheel of 37 or 38 slots, numbered 0-36 in the European version, and in the case of American Roulette, an extra 0 or double 00. The wheel is usually made out of polished wood and contains a liner which features the colored, numbered slots or pockets. In the middle of the wheel is a turret.

The numbers featured on the Roulette wheel are always featured in the same sequence.

The European, or single-zero-wheel sequence is as follows:

0-32-15-19-4-21-2-25-17-34-6-27-13-36-11-30-8-23-10-5-24-16-33-1-20-14-31-9-22-18-29-7-28-12-35-3-26

The American, or double zero sequence is as follows:

0-28-9-26-30-11-7-20-32-17-5-22-34-15-3-24-36-13-1-00-27-10-25-29-12-8-19-31-18-6-21-33-16-4-23-35-14-2



//European



//American



The colors of the numbers, whether in European or American Roulette, are always the same. The odd numbers from 1 to 10 and 19 to 28 are red. The even numbers in this range are black. From 11 to 18 and 29 to 36, the odd numbers are black and the even numbers are red. The 0 and 00 pockets are green.

The Roulette wheel is placed at the top of a table, which features a grid layout where players are required to place their chips in order to make a bet. The table consists of an inside and outside betting area. The inside area features the individual numbers laid out and the outside area has boxes for specific outside bets that include red or black, odd or even, column or third bets.

The dealer, who is also known as a croupier, stands at the top end of the table where the wheel is. The dealer exchanges players' money for chips, oversees bets, spins the wheel, calls the winning number and also pays out the winning bets.

The chips used to play Roulette are usually made out of metal or plastic and are usually in different colors for different players to use in order to prevent any confusion on the table. Higher value chips however, are sometimes one color throughout such as \$50, \$100, \$500 and higher.

//How to Play

The basic aim of Roulette is to place your bets on a number. range of numbers of one of two colors that are featured on the Roulette wheel in hopes that when the ball is spun it will land in the wagered slot and result in a win. The more specific a bet is, for example, betting on a single number, the higher the payout will be than if betting, for example, on one of the two colors. This is because the odds are greater and there is less probability of a win.

Almost all Roulette tables have a minimum and maximum bet limit. Each player at the table will get a different set of color chips for easy identification and convenience. Once the players have their chips, they can begin placing them on the desired numbers to make their bets. The dealer will then spin the Roulette wheel and place the ball in the wheel going in the opposite direction.

The dealer will also then call out "No more bets" and players should then take heed and stop placing their chips on the table. A dealer has the right to remove any bets made after this call. Once the ball and wheel have stopped spinning and the ball has landed on a numbered slot, the dealer will call out the winning number and place a marker (also known as a dolly) on the table on top of the winning number.

Any chips on the table that do not qualify for the winning number will be swept off the table in one smooth motion by the dealer. The dealer will then proceed to payout any winnings to the players who landed the winning number. While the dolly is on the table players may not place any new bets or remove any chips that are still on the table. Once the dealer has made the payouts and has removed the dolly from the table, the next round can begin.

//Betting Strategies

There are numerous ways in which you can place a bet in a game of Roulette: you can either bet on one number, the color, odd or even, a particular group of numbers or on a specific number and its neighbors.

Remember: You are allowed to place your bets at any time, usually before or just after the dealer spins the wheel and until the dealer calls “No more bets!”

The different ways in which you can place a bet are as follows:

Inside bets:

You can place inside bets with chips valued from 5 and higher.

Straight up:

Place your chip on a single number
– Odds 35:1

Split:

Place your chip on the line bordering two numbers to bet on both numbers at once
– Odds 17:1

Street:

Place your chip on the line at the edge of the three-line row to bet on three numbers at once
– Odds 11:1

Corner:

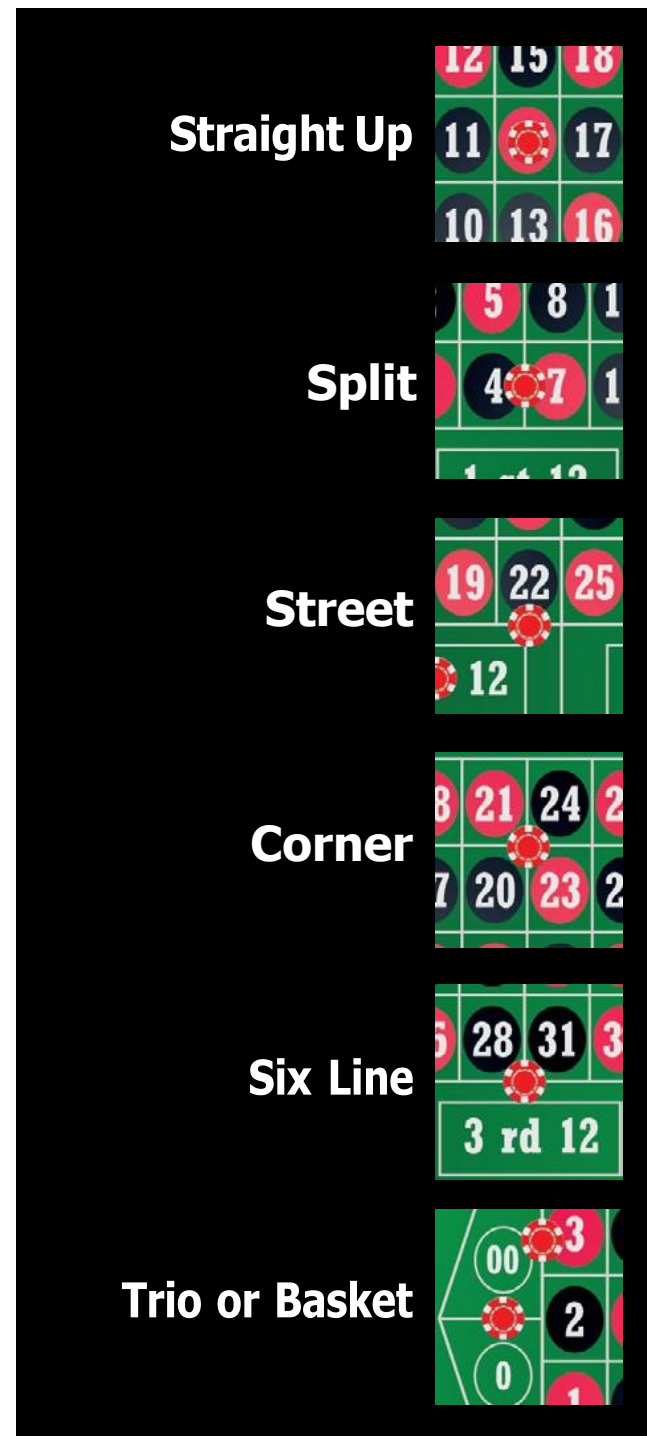
Place your chip on the intersection of four numbers to bet on all four at once
– Odds 8:1

Six Line:

Place your chip on two bordering streets to bet on all six numbers
– Odds 5:1

Trio or Basket:

Place your chip on the intersection between 0,1,2 or 0,2,3 and in American Roulette’s case 0,1,2 or 00,2,3
– Odds 11:1



Inside bets:

Note: Outside bets usually require you to bet with a chip value of 50 or higher.

1 to 18:

Place your chip on the betting box 1 to 18
– Odds 1:1

19 to 36:

Place your chip on the betting box 19 to 36
– Odds 1:1

Red or Black:

Place your chip on either the red or black box
– Odds 1:1

Even or Odd:

Place your chip on either the odd or even box
– Odds 1:1

Dozen Bets:

Place your chip in the first, second or third 12 betting box
– Odds 2:1

Column Bets:

Place your chip in the first, second or third column box
– Odds 2:1



Called bets:

Called Bets, also known as Call Bets or Announced Bets, are when a player announces or calls out a bet they would like to make. There is a distinction in some jurisdictions between Call Bets and Announced Bets, where the former means that the player does not place money on the table after calling the bet and is considered legal in some areas. The latter means that once the bet has been called, the player then places their money or chips on the table to cover the bet.

There are many different number series in Roulette with their own special names attached to them. Any bets on these series are typically known as the 'French Bets' and they cover a specific section of the Roulette wheel. Listed below are the French Bets along with explanations.

Note: Zero Spiel is in actual fact known as the 'German Bet', but we'll explain it along with the French Bets anyway.

Voisins du zéro (Neighbors of Zero)

Also known as the Grand Voisins du Zéro, this bet represents the seventeen numbers which lie between 20 and 25 on the Roulette Wheel. They are: 22, 18, 29, 7, 28, 12, 35, 3, 26, 0, 32, 15, 19, 4, 21, 2, 25 (on a single zero wheel).

Nine chips or multiples thereof are wagered on this series. You can place two chips on the 0, 2, 3 trio, one on the 4/7 split, one on 12/15, one on 18/21, one on 19/22, two on the corner of 25/26/28/29 and one on 32/35.



Orphelins (orphans)

A type of series bet that includes the two slices of the wheel that fall outside the Tiers and Voisins series is called the Orphelins bet. It contains a total of eight numbers, namely 17, 34, 6 and 1, 20, 14, 31, 9.

Five chips or multiples thereof are bet on this series. Place one chip straight-up on 1 and one chip each on the 6/9, 14/17, 17/20 and 31/34 splits.

Le tiers du cylindre (Thirds of the wheel)

This bet is for the twelve numbers that lie on the opposite side of the wheel between 27 and 33, also including both 27 and 33. The series includes 27, 13, 36, 11, 30, 8, 23, 10, 5, 24, 16 and 33 (on a single zero wheel). This series bet is a very popular bet in British casinos. This type of series bet outnumbers the Voisin and Orphelins series bets by a fairly big margin.

Six chips or multiples thereof are bet on this series. You'll place one chip on the 5/8, 10/11, 13/16, 23/24, 27/30 and 33/36 splits.

The Neighbors

This series bet is easily the most common French Bet. You call out the number you wish to bet on, along with the amount you'd like to bet. The number may be backed along with the two numbers on either side of it, making it a five-chip bet, or multiples thereof. For example, you would call out "0 and Neighbors" and you would place one chip straight-up on 3, 26, 0, 32 and 15.

Final bets

The Final Bet is a digit-number bet. If you wish to place a 5 Final Bet, you will place one chip on all the numbers ending with 5: 5, 15, 25, 35. Final Bets from 0 to 6 require four chips, while 7, 8 and 9 will require three chips.

Full Maximum or full Complete bets

A Full Maximum or Full Complete Bet is when all of the inside bets are placed on a specific number. These bets are usually placed by high-rollers as a maximum bet. If you're prepared to place such a bet, for example, on the number 10 - you will have to call out something like this, "number 10 on the maximum".



// Roulette Etiquette

There are a few things to consider when you're getting ready for a game of Roulette. Whether you are an amateur or a seasoned player, it's always good to remember what's acceptable and what's not quite right around the table.

It's always ok to observe a game of Roulette and to be a spectator, but as a Roulette table can become crowded, be mindful of your reactions and where you're standing. Nobody wants a loud, yelling spectator who's literally stepping on their toes. It is also commonly accepted that no food or drink is allowed over the table.

If you're stepping up to the table to play, it's good to take note of the other players and their chips. Each player gets a different color set of chips, so be sure not to get any of yours mixed up with the other players. Also be aware when placing your chips along with the other players that you don't move their bets or block a player from placing a bet.

Another thing to take note of as a player is knowing when to place your bets and when to wait. For the few moments leading up to the dealer's spin, you may begin laying out your chips on the table and the dealer will usually wait until all the bets have been placed. After the dealer has spun there are still an extra few moments to place a wager before the ball starts to slow down and the dealer calls out "No more bets" followed by a wave of the hand over the table. This is when betting for that round stops and you cannot go against the dealer's call. You should also place your chips on the table rather than tossing them. Tossed chips may displace other players' bets or roll down the table. If you cannot reach to place a bet

yourself, you should announce the bet to the dealer and they will place it for you. This will be treated as any other call bet. If you wish to make changes for cash or color chips, wait to do so in between spins. If the dealer has time, he will make your changes during the spin, but they will most likely prioritize other call bets before making changes.

Other than that, general social etiquette is a good thing to keep in mind when playing Roulette. Be polite, don't yell or become worked up. Don't become angry if things don't go your way and don't accuse anyone, dealers, players or spectators if you think there's been a mistake. If you do think there's a problem, it's better to rather bring up the issue quietly with the dealer.

Also, don't lean on the table or over the wheel when it's spinning. Lastly, a little gratitude goes a long way, it is good, although not compulsory, to tip your dealers. If you make an especially big win, it's considered polite to leave a gracious tip - especially if you have built a good rapport with your dealer.

//Game Play



Claim your Winnings



Claim your Winnings



Play responsibly



//A brief History

The game of Roulette originated in France way back in the 17th century when the famous mathematician and physicist - Blaise Pascal, invented a primitive form of the Roulette wheel. The wheel came about when Pascal was attempting to invent a perpetual motion machine. The word Roulette actually comes from the French meaning "small wheel".

Later in the 18th century the Roulette wheel underwent some changes with the addition of elements from other games, namely the English games Roly-Poly, E.O. and Ace of Hearts as well as the Italian board games Hoca and Biribi. The game then became extremely popular in France and a few other European countries. An early description of Roulette can be found in a 1796 French novel, La Roulette, ou le Jour, by Jaques Lablee. The wheel is described as containing two of the bank's numbers, 0 and 00.

Single or Double Zero

By the 19th century the game was already well established, appearing in casinos in U.S.A. and Monte Carlo. The European Roulette wheels were numbered 1-36 and featured both a 0 and 00 while some of the early American Roulette wheels were only numbered 1-28, had both 0 and 00, and an American Eagle pocket on the wheel. The Eagle was seen as a symbol of American liberty and was also a house slot that further increased the house-edge. That tradition, however, soon vanished.

In 1842 two Frenchmen, François and Louis Blanc, introduced the Roulette wheel with the single zero instead of the usual 00. This was done in order to encourage greater casino patronage as it lowered the house-edge. There is a legend that says the two of them actually sold their souls to the devil in exchange for all the secrets of Roulette. This legend is fueled by the fact that the sum of all the numbers on a Roulette wheel total 666, also known as the number of the beast.

This introduction of the single-zero-wheel led to the two variations of Roulette that are played worldwide today. European Roulette or Single Zero Roulette is played all over the world but is mostly popular in England. American Roulette, which was previously known as French Roulette, retains a higher house-edge by having both the 0 and 00 on the wheel.

//Fun Facts

- The single '0' pocket was introduced by the brothers François and Louis Blanc, who wanted to attract gamblers to their Hamburg casino by offering superior odds.

- European roulette has much better odds than American roulette since the house edge is only 2.63% compared to the American house edge of 5.26%.

- All roulette wheels feature three colors in the slotted pockets. The numbers from 1-36 are in alternating red or black slots, and the 0 slots are green. These colors are repeated on the corresponding layout of the gaming table where the chips are placed.

- Unlike many other popular casino games, it is considered to be in bad taste to consume food or beverages while playing at Roulette tables.

- Roulette is possibly the only casino table game where a tip for the dealer is considered obligatory.

- From 2007 UK residents have been able to play live roulette on television. A number of casinos now broadcast roulette over dedicated channels. This allows viewers to bet on the action straight from their lounge rooms.



- In 1873, Briton Joseph Jagers made the first famous biased Roulette wheel exploit. Mr. Jagers, with a team of six accomplices, carefully observed all the wheels at the Monte Carlo casino and found one wheel with significant bias. By taking advantage of this flaw they managed to win over \$325,000, which was a truly massive amount back in 1873.
- In 2004, Ashley Revell of London sold all of his possessions; from furniture to clothing, and placed his entire net worth, which was a total of US\$135,300, on the color red at the Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas. The ball landed on “Red 7” and Revell walked away with US\$270,600.
- On 2 October 2009, Derren Brown (as part of his controversial “The Events” series) bet £5000 of a member of the public’s money on a single number of a Roulette wheel somewhere in Europe. This was shown live across the UK using a camera hidden in Brown’s sleeve. His plan was to use the laws of physics to predict where the ball would end up, based on the speed of the wheel and the ball. Brown took approximately three seconds after the wheel started spinning to place his £5000 bet on the number 8, only to see it land on 30 - just one number out.
- Albert Einstein stated that it’s impossible to beat the game of Roulette by saying, “You cannot beat a roulette table unless you steal money from it.”



Game Glossary

- Action Player: A player who places big bets for long periods of time.
- American Wheel: Roulette wheel that has 0 and 00 pockets and a number sequence.
- Ball-track: The outer, stationary rim of the roulette wheel where the ball is spun.
- Biased Wheel: A Roulette wheel that has an imperfection that causes certain numbers or sections of numbers to appear at a higher frequency than probability allows for.
- Black Action: A bet made with a black chip.
- Black Bet: A bet that the color of the next number will be black.
- Black chip: Chips valued at \$/€/£100.
- Bottom Track: The stationary, slanted, inner area of the wheel which the ball slides down before bouncing onto the wheel head and into a pocket.
- Column Bet: A bet on one of the columns of 12 numbers.
- Combination Bet: A bet with one or more chips on two or more numbers.
- Corner Bet: A bet that four numbers in a given segment of the layout will win.
- Croupier: French term for Roulette wheel operator or “dealer”.
- Dealer: The casino employee who staffs the games offered.
- Douzaine: French term for the Dozen Bet.
- Dozen Bet: A bet on one of the sequences of 12 numbers on the layout.
- European Wheel: Roulette wheel that has only a single zero, known as the French wheel.
- Even Bet: A wager that one of the even numbers will win the next spin.
- Even Money: A bet that pays off at one to one. In Roulette - Red, Black, Odd, Even, Low, and High bets all pay even money.
- George: A good tipper.
- Grand Martingale: A variation of the Martingale System where you double your bets and add one extra unit after a loss.
- Green Chips: Chips valued at \$25.
- High Bet: A wager that one of the high numbers (19-36) will win.
- High Roller: A person who plays for big money (with big money).
- House Edge: The mathematical advantage that the casino has on a bet.
- Inside Bet: A bet made on the middle, numbered portion of the Roulette layout.
- Layout: The design imprinted on the table with the various bets that can be made.
- Line Bet: A wager that one of six numbers will win.
- Low Bet: A wager that one of the low numbers (1-18) will win the next spin.
- Martingale Betting System: A type of Double-Up System whereby you double your bets after every loss. Meaning that when you win, you’ll win back all of your loss, plus the payoff for the original wager.
- Noir: French for Black
- Odd Bet: A wager that one of the odd numbers will win the next spin.
- Odds: The likelihood of something happening.
- Outside Bets: One of the 2-to-1 or even-money bets found on the outside of the table.
- Quarter Bet: A wager that one of four numbers will be hit on the next spin. Same as Corner Bet and Square Bet.
- Red Bet: An even-money bet that the next number will be red

ROULETTE CHEAT SHEET

EUROPEAN BETS



INSIDE ROULETTE BETS

Straight-up: a bet on 12 numbers on any of three lines on the roulette table (like as 1st line - 1-4-7-10 and down to 34). The chip is to be placed on the square below the last number in this line.

Split: a two number bet.

Trio: a bet that covers the numbers 0, 1, 2 or 00, 2, 3.

Street: a three number bet.

Corner (or square): a bet on 4 numbers.

Five Number: a bet that covers 5 numbers (0,00,1, 2, 3).

Six Line: a bet that covers six numbers or two lines.

EUROPEAN TABLE LAYOUT

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|---|---|---|--------|----|----|----|--------|----|----|----|----------|--------|
| 0 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 24 | 27 | 30 | 33 | 36 | 2 to 1 |
| | 2 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 14 | 17 | 20 | 23 | 26 | 29 | 32 | 35 | 2 to 1 |
| | 1 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 13 | 16 | 19 | 22 | 25 | 28 | 31 | 34 | 2 to 1 |
| 1st 12 | | | | 2nd 12 | | | | 3rd 12 | | | | | |
| 1 to 18 | | | | EVEN | | | | ODD | | | | 19 to 36 | |

AMERICAN TABLE LAYOUT

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|---|---|---|--------|----|----|----|--------|----|----|----|----------|--------|
| 00 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 24 | 27 | 30 | 33 | 36 | 2 to 1 |
| | 2 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 14 | 17 | 20 | 23 | 26 | 29 | 32 | 35 | 2 to 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 13 | 16 | 19 | 22 | 25 | 28 | 31 | 34 | 2 to 1 |
| 1st 12 | | | | 2nd 12 | | | | 3rd 12 | | | | | |
| 1 to 18 | | | | EVEN | | | | ODD | | | | 19 to 36 | |

INSIDE ROULETTE BETS

ColumnBets: a bet 12 numbers on any of three lines on the roulette table (like as 1st line - 1-4-7-10 and down to 34). The chip is to be placed on the square below the last number in this line.

Dozen Bets: a bet on either the first (1-12), second (13-24), or third (25-36) twelve numbers.

Red/Black: a bet that the numbers will be either red or black.

Even/Odd: a bet on even or odd numbers.

Low/High: a bet that the ball will land on one of the low or high 18 numbers. (1 to 18 or 19 to 36).

ROULETTE ODDS

| Type of bet | European Roulette | American Roulette |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Inside Bets | | |
| Straight | 1 in 37 | 1 in 38 |
| Split | 1 in 18.5 | 1 in 19 |
| Street | 1 in 12.3 | 1 in 12.7 |
| Square | 1 in 9.25 | 1 in 9.5 |
| Five number | 1 in 7.4 | 1 in 7.6 |
| Six-number | 1 in 6.2 | 1 in 6.3 |
| Outside Bets | | |
| Column | 1 in 3.1 | 1 in 3.2 |
| Dozen | 1 in 3.1 | 1 in 3.2 |
| Red/Black | 1 in 2.06 | 1 in 2.11 |
| Even/Odd | 1 in 2.06 | 1 in 2.11 |
| Low/High | 1 in 2.06 | 1 in 2.11 |

ROULETTE PAYOUTS

| Bet | Quantity of Numbers | Payoff |
|-------------|---------------------|---------|
| Straight | 1 number | 35 to 1 |
| Split | 2 numbers | 17 to 1 |
| Street | 3 numbers | 11 to 1 |
| Square | 4 numbers | 8 to 1 |
| Five-number | 5 numbers | 6 to 1 |
| Six-number | 6 numbers | 5 to 1 |
| Column | 12 numbers | 2 to 1 |
| Dozen | 12 numbers | 2 to 1 |
| Low | 18 numbers | 1 to 1 |
| High | 18 numbers | 1 to 1 |
| Red | 18 numbers | 1 to 1 |
| Black | 18 numbers | 1 to 1 |
| Even | 18 numbers | 1 to 1 |
| Odd | 18 numbers | 1 to 1 |