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What is Roulette and How Do You Play?

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Classed as a casino classic, Roulette is a game that has grown in popularity since its creation. Since bounding onto the casino scene in the 18th century, the game has evolved with the times, and can now be played in both physical casino establishments and **online casino** platforms.

In light of this, we wanted to delve further into Roulette to find out exactly what it is, and how you play.

What is Roulette?

Roulette is a classic casino game that involves a spinning wheel and a small ball. The wheel has numbered pockets ranging from 0 to 36, and in the American version, an additional pocket is marked 00.

Each number on the wheel alternates between red and black, while the zero pockets are green. The game's objective is to predict which numbered pocket the ball will land in after the wheel is spun.

You can place several types of bets in Roulette, ranging from specific numbers to broader categories, such as colour or number ranges. The game offers various betting options, each with different odds and payout rates based on the likelihood of the outcome.

Roulette is designed to be a game of chance. Each spin is independent, and the outcome is random, with no connection to previous results. This straightforward format makes it widely accessible and easy to follow.



Roulette is always a fun group game of chance. Photo: Canva

How to play Roulette

Now that you know what Roulette is, how do you play it?

1. Placing roulette bets:

At the start of each round, you place chips on the Roulette table to indicate your bet(s). You can bet on a specific number, a group of numbers, or certain characteristics, such as red/black or odd/even.

Common types of bets include:

- **Inside bets** can be placed on specific numbers or small groups of numbers, such as:
 - Straight up: A single number bet.
 - Split: A bet on two adjacent numbers.
 - Street: A bet on three numbers in a row.
 - Corner: A bet on four numbers that form a square on the table.
- **Outside bets** cover larger groups or categories, such as:
 - Red/Black: Betting on all red or all black numbers.
 - Odd/Even: Betting on all odd or all even numbers.
 - Dozens: Betting on a group of 12 numbers (e.g., 1-12).
 - Columns: Betting on an entire column of numbers.

2. The roulette spin:

Once all bets are placed, the dealer spins the wheel in one direction and rolls the ball in the opposite direction. The ball travels around the wheel's rim before losing momentum and dropping into one of the numbered pockets.

3. Outcome and payouts:

The pocket where the ball lands determines the winning bets. The dealer announces the winning number, and the table automatically updates to show which bets have won.

Payouts are made according to the type of bet. For example, a straight-up bet on a single number offers a higher payout due to its lower probability, while bets covering larger ranges, like red/black, offer lower payouts.

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