

How to Play Roulette in Five Steps

The American double-zero game, as US casinos run it: 38 pockets, 1 to 36 plus 0 and 00. Every bet below costs 5.26% of what is staked over time, except the top line at 7.89%.

A round at the table

- 1

Read the placard. The sign at the table edge gives the minimum and maximum bets. Check whether the wheel has one zero or two.
- 2

Buy in between spins. Set cash flat on the felt. The dealer swaps it for wheel chips in a color only you use.
- 3

Place your bets. Chips go on numbers, lines or outside boxes until the dealer calls no more bets.
- 4

Wait for the dolly. The ball drops, the dealer marks the winning number with the dolly and clears losing chips. Hands off until it lifts.
- 5

Collect and color up. Winners are paid beside the original chip. Before leaving, swap wheel chips for regular casino chips at the same table.

Bets and payouts

BET	PAYS	WINS PER 100 SPINS
Straight up	35 to 1	2.6
Split	17 to 1	5.3
Street	11 to 1	7.9
Corner	8 to 1	10.5
Top line (0-00-1-2-3)	6 to 1	13.2
Six line	5 to 1	15.8
Dozen	2 to 1	31.6
Column	2 to 1	31.6
Red/black, odd/even, 1-18/19-36	1 to 1	47.4

Before the first chip. Decide the amount for the session and a time to stop, and keep both. Roulette is for adults: 21 and over in most US casinos. Free, confidential help: 1-800-GAMBLER.