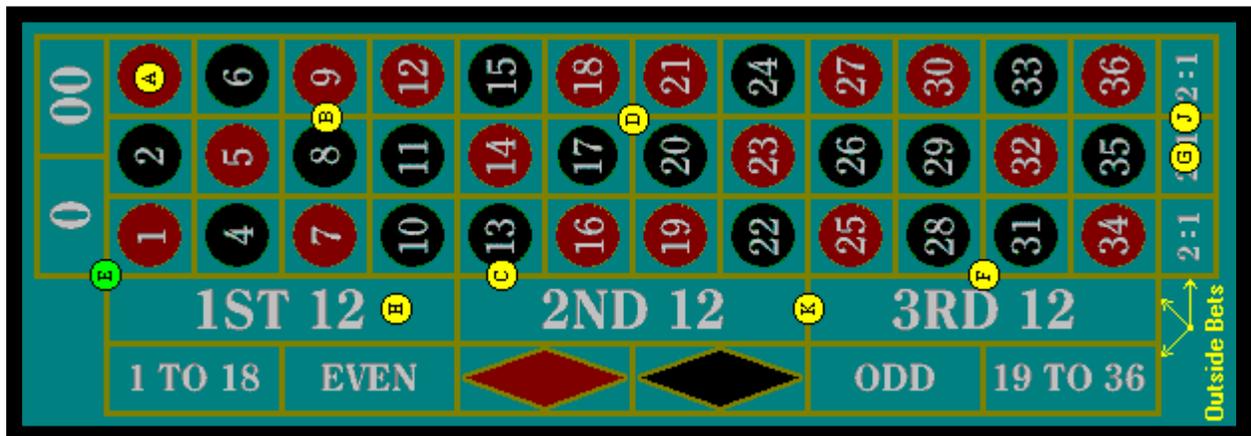




The Basics:

Roulette is played at an elongated table with up to 8 different players at one time. At one end is a wheel, with a notch in the table where the dealer stands. The dealer is also known as the “Croupier”. The table is covered with a felt layout with boxes for the numbers 1 through 36 arranged in three columns and 12 rows. At the end of the portion of the layout closest to the dealer, above the numbers 1, 2, and 3, are boxes for 0 and 00. Each of the numbers 1 through 36 is surrounded by either a red or black oval or rectangle. The 0 and 00 have green backgrounds. This rectangular grid, with a box for each number, is used for wagers called "inside bets."



Outside the numbered boxes are several other boxes for "outside bets," encompassing up to 18 numbers at a time. Most of the areas for outside bets are on the long side of the table across from the dealer. However, at the end of the rectangle away from the dealer are boxes for bets on each 12-number column.

Quick Payout table:

(The letters correspond to a location in the above shown example)

Inside bets: (also called layout bets)

- A - 1 number, straight up 35:1
- B - 2 numbers, Split 17:1
- C - 3 numbers, 11:1
- D - 4 numbers, 8:1
- E - 5 numbers, 1st five 6:1 (double zero roulette table)
- F - 6 numbers, 5:1

Outside bets:

- **G** - 12 numbers, Column 2:1
- **H** - 12 numbers, Dozen 2:1
- **Even/Odd** - Pays even money 1:1
- **Red/Black** - Pays even money 1:1
- **1-18/19-36** (also called Low/High) - Pays even money 1:1

The wheel itself has 38 numbered slots, each with the same colored background as the corresponding number on the table layout. The small, hard ball used to be made of ivory; now it is usually plastic. The dealer spins the wheel in one direction, and then spins the ball in the opposite direction around a track on the bowl-shaped recess that holds the wheel. When the speed of the ball decreases, it falls off the track toward the wheel itself, and bounces around until it settles in a numbered slot.



Roulette Betting Tips

Knowing which type of bet to make is important for players who want to hold their own at the roulette table. The player may make any of the bets by placing a chip or chips on the appropriate spot. However, the size of the table may make it difficult to reach some betting areas. To place a bet you can't reach, put the chips on the table and ask the dealer to put them on the desired bet for you. If you aren't sure how to make outside or inside bets, check the information below.

Outside Bets: (Payouts = 1:1)

- **Red or black:** (Red / Black Diamond) There are 18 numbers with red backgrounds and 18 with black backgrounds. A bet on red pays off if the ball stops in the slot by any of the 18 red numbers; a bet on black pays off if the ball lands on any of the black numbers.
- **Odd or even:** The player is betting that either one of the 18 odd numbers (1, 3, 5, and so forth) or one of the 18 even numbers (2, 4, 6, and so forth) will be chosen.
- **1 through 18 & 19 through 36:** A bet on whether the ball will stop on any of the first 18 numbers or any of the last 18 numbers.

The house gets its edge from 0 and 00 -- they are neither red nor black, neither odd nor even, neither part of the first 18 nor the last 18. **If the ball lands on 0 or 00, all even-money bets -- in fact, all outside bets – lose!**

Dozens: (Payouts = 2:1) Wagers on the first 12 numbers, second 12, or third 12.

Columns: (Payouts = 2:1) Wagers on any of the three columns on the grid pay 2-1. Because the grid is arranged in 12 rows of three consecutive numbers (1-2-3 is the first row, 4-5-6 the second, and so on), each number in a column is three higher than the one before.

Inside Bets:

- **Single number:** (Payouts = 35:1) Bets on individual numbers, including 0 and 00, are placed by putting a chip or chips fully inside a numbered box. (Remember, however, that the true odds are 37-1.)
- **Split:** (Payouts = 17:1) This is a wager on two numbers. Make a split bet by placing a chip so that it straddles the line between two numbers.
- **Street:** (Payouts = 11:1) This is made by placing a chip on the line separating outside bets from the inside, indicating a row of three consecutive numbers.
- **Corner:** (Payouts = 8:1) A chip is placed at the intersection of a horizontal line with a vertical line inside the layout. This indicates a bet on the four adjacent numbers.
- **Five-number:** (Payouts = 6:1) For the worst bet on the table, place a chip so that it lies on the line separating the inside from the outside, while straddling the horizontal line between 0-00 and 1-2-3. This bet pays 6-1 and carries a 7.89 percent house edge.
- **Double Street:** (Payouts = 5:1) Almost like a street bet. Place a chip on the line separating the outside from the inside, but let it straddle the horizontal line between two rows. That gives you six numbers in two consecutive three-number rows.

Special note: Watch for your payoffs. On winning inside bets, most dealers will push the winnings to you but leave the original bet in place. After the dealer has finished payoffs and is ready for the next round of bets, it is up to you to move the original bet if you do not want to make the same wager. Some dealers will leave the winnings on the layout, and if you do not wish to bet it all on the next spin, you must remove it. It is common for the dealer to leave the winnings on outside bets next to the original bet. It is up to you to move the chips when the dealer is ready.

Roulette Chips:

Regular casino chips are not usually used at a roulette table. Instead, when the player places money on the layout and asks for chips, the dealer will give out special roulette chips. Each player gets a different color of chips so the dealer can keep track of which chips belong to which player. Because the house does not want to get in a dispute over what chips belong to whom, couples or friends playing together may not share chips. Even husbands and wives playing together are required to play separate colors.

Because the next player to use the same color chips may designate a different value, roulette chips have no value away from the roulette wheel. The cashier's cage will not accept them. When

ready to leave the table, place all remaining roulette chips on the layout and ask the dealer to cash out. The dealer will exchange them for the equivalent amount of regular casino chips.

Roulette Rules:

Play begins after the dealer has cleared off all losing bets and paid all winners from the previous spin. Players are given time to put down bets by placing chips on the layout before the dealer starts the spin. After the spin has begun, players may keep betting until the ball is about to drop from the track at the top of the wheel down toward the numbered slots. Then the dealer will call, "No more bets."

The ball will bounce around and then finally settle in one slot. Next the dealer will place a marker on the layout on the corresponding number -- or on top of any chips that have been bet on that number. The dealer will then clear away all losing bets and pay off all those who have bet on the winning number or on combinations including the winning number. When all that is done, the dealer will lift the marker off the number on the layout, and betting may begin again.

Deciding how many chips to place where on the roulette table depends on what type of bet you want to make. In the next section, we'll review the difference between inside and outside bets, and some betting systems used by experienced players.

Did you know?

In every casino it is customary that the croupier starts the first round/spin of the day with the ball lying in the number slot of the date of that day. This obviously excludes the numbers 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 0.

Fun Fact:

The most frequently played single number in roulette is 17. Why, because that's the number James Bond always played in the movies.