

Acey Deucey

2-8 players

52 cards

Difficulty: Easy

Duration: Short

Win chips by betting that the next card falls between two dealt cards.

SETUP

- Use a standard 52-card deck.
- All players ante equally into the pot.
- Aces can be high or low (player's choice when dealt).

SCORING

- Winning pays your bet from the pot; losing adds your bet to the pot.
- Matching either face-up card costs double your bet.
- Game continues until the pot is emptied or players agree to stop.

Tip: Only bet heavily on wide spreads of 7+ ranks; pass on narrow gaps and pairs.

ON YOUR TURN

- Two cards are dealt face-up to the active player.
- Bet any amount up to the pot, or pass.
- A third card is drawn; win if it falls strictly between the two face-up cards.

Acey Deucey is a betting card game where players wager on whether the next card drawn will fall between two dealt cards. Its simplicity and excitement make it a popular choice for casual gambling and party settings.

Objective

Win chips by correctly betting that the next card's rank will fall between the ranks of two face-up cards.

Setup

1. **Players:** 2 to 8 players.
2. **Deck:** Standard 52-card deck.
3. **Pot:** All players contribute an equal ante to the pot.
4. **Card Order:** Aces are both high and low (player's choice when dealt).

Gameplay

1. **Deal Two Cards:** Two cards are dealt face-up to the active player.
2. **Evaluate the Spread:** Look at the gap between the two cards. A wider spread means higher odds of winning.
3. **Bet or Pass:** Bet any amount up to the current pot size, or pass without betting.
4. **Draw:** A third card is drawn. If its rank falls strictly between the two face-up cards, you win your bet from the pot. If not, you add your bet to the pot.
5. **Exact Match:** If the third card matches either face-up card, you lose double your bet (added to the pot).
6. **Next Player:** Play passes clockwise.

Winning

The game continues until the pot is emptied or players agree to stop. Each player keeps whatever chips they have won.

Tips and Strategies

- Only bet heavily on wide spreads (7+ ranks apart). Narrow spreads are too risky.
- Pairs or consecutive cards are unwinnable — always pass on these.
- The double penalty on exact matches makes near-consecutive cards especially dangerous.

Tips & Strategy

A spread of 6 or fewer gives you less than 50% odds. Mathematically, you should only bet aggressively on spreads of 8 or more ranks.

Acey Deucey is mostly luck, but disciplined betting (only on wide spreads) gives a meaningful edge over impulsive players.