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## Introduction

Playing roulette online offers several advantages over playing roulette in a land-based game.

The obvious advantage is one of convenience, as you can play roulette from your home or wherever you have Internet access.

However, there are some other less obvious advantages to playing online:

1. Most online casinos offering roulette will give the player a choice of playing American roulette which is played on a wheel with two zeros and thirty six numbers, with half colored red and half colored black, and a single-zero wheel with only one zero plus thirty six numbers. When offered the choice, you should always pick to play on single zero wheels. Usually the options presented are American Roulette and European Roulette. You should always pick European Roulette. If the online casino doesn't offer European Roulette, don't play there.
2. Many online casinos offer games with very low minimum bets. There are many online casinos accepting 10¢ minimum roulette bets. This will give you a chance to play for very low stakes.
3. Most online casinos offer some kind of bonus for making a deposit. There are many offering 100% "sign up" bonuses. If you deposit \$100 in one of these casinos, the casino will match it with a \$100 bonus, giving you a \$200 bankroll. There are usually restrictions requiring a certain amount of play before you can withdraw the bonus. Also, some casinos may not pay bonuses for roulette play. You need to check with the online casino to verify how they handle bonuses.

## American vs. European Roulette

Have you ever played at an online casino and noticed that there are two or more versions of roulette? Two of the most common variants you will find are the **American roulette table** and a **European roulette table**.

Both of these roulette games look suspiciously similar. But **are there actually any differences between American and European roulette?**

### American and European roulette compared.

	European Roulette	American Roulette
<b>Total Numbers</b>	37	38
<b>Red Numbers</b>	18	18
<b>Black Numbers</b>	18	18
<b>Green Numbers</b>	1 (0)	2 (0 and 00)
<b>House Edge</b>	2.7%	5.26%
<b>Optional Rules</b>	En Prison	none
<b>Unique Bets</b>	<a href="#">Call Bets</a>	Five Number Bet
<b>Payouts</b>	Same	Same



European roulette table and wheel.



American roulette table and wheel. Notice the extra green "00"?

## What are the differences?

The single biggest difference between these two games is that American roulette has an extra "00" number.

Honestly, if you just took the 00 away from an American roulette table you would be left with a European table, sort of.

### 1) The green numbers / total number of pockets.

- **American roulette = 38 numbers**
  - 36 red and black numbers
  - 2 green numbers
- **European roulette = 37 numbers**
  - 36 red and black numbers
  - 1 green number

As already mentioned, American roulette has an extra number on it's roulette wheel (the *double zero* - "00").

### 2) The house edge.

- American roulette = 5.26% house edge
- European roulette = 2.70% house edge

The house edge in American roulette is almost double that of the house edge in European roulette. This is all thanks to that additional 00 number.

The bets and payouts in each game are exactly the same (e.g. 1 to 1 for a red/black bet, 35 to 1 for a straight number bet), and so the presence of an extra green number only acts as a way of decreasing your odds of winning.

### 3) The order of the numbers on the wheel.

If you look closely, you'll notice that the extra 00 number hasn't just been shoved in to an existing European roulette wheel layout. The order of numbers on the wheel in both games is completely different.

This is hardly a big deal, but I thought that I'd include this difference for the sake of being thorough.

#### **4) European roulette has the optional en prison rule.**

Some casinos will offer the optional en prison rule on their European roulette tables. The en prison rule is only ever applied to European/French roulette (and never to American roulette).

Note: The "en prison" rule is where you get to spin the wheel again for another chance to win if you placed an even money bet (e.g. red or black) and the result was 0.

#### **5) European roulette has "call bets".**

Call Bets (or "announced bets") are predetermined bets that cover specific sections of the roulette wheel. These are only available in European and French roulette.

For example, "voisins du zero" is a call bet that covers the same 17 numbers surrounding the green 0. There are a handful of similar bets to this one that can be placed using the racetrack that can be found at designated roulette tables.

#### **6) American roulette has the five number bet.**

The "five number bet" is only available on an American roulette table.

The five number bet includes the numbers; 1, 2, 3, 0 and 00. Hopefully you can see why this bet can't be placed on a European table.

This is probably a good thing though, as the house edge for this bet is higher than any other bet with a staggering house edge of 7.89%. It's also the only bet in roulette that permanently carries a different house edge to the rest of the possible bets at the table.

Note: The only other roulette bets that can carry an alternative house edge are even money bets when playing on a European table that uses the "en prison" or "la partage" rule. If either of these rules are in effect, the house edge is halved from 2.70% to 1.35%.



## Which version is better?

If you like to win money, you're better off playing European roulette over American roulette.

Both American and European roulette are essentially the exact same game, except for that American roulette gives you worse odds.

### **Bet probabilities.**

Just so you can see how your chances of winning in European roulette are much better, this table compares the percentage probability of winning with each type of bet in both variants.

<b>Bet Type</b>	<b>American</b>	<b>European</b>
Even (e.g. red/black)	47.4%	48.6%
Column	31.6%	32.4%
Dozen	31.6%	32.4%
Six Line	15.8%	16.2%
Corner	10.5%	10.8%
Street	7.9%	8.1%
Split	5.3%	5.4%
Straight	2.6%	2.7%

## So why play American roulette?

Very good question. Here are the only possible reasons that I could think of for playing American roulette over European roulette:

1. You have no other option. If you want to play some roulette and an American wheel is the only one available in the casino, then you're going to have to stick with that. On the other hand, if you are playing roulette online you'll almost always have the option of playing at either a European or American table.
2. You are very patriotic. If you're a US citizen, "American roulette" clearly has a much better ring to it than "European roulette".
3. You're feeling lucky. Maybe you find having worse odds more challenging, and thus more exciting.

There's nothing wrong with playing on an American table if you really want to -- nobody is going to stop you. The vast majority of gamblers enjoy winning money though, so if you fall in to that category you should play European roulette instead.

### **Online Roulette Tips – *Red or Black***

As a highly popular and potentially profitable bet from the vast array available on the roulette table, the 'red or black' decision seems like a logical place to start. The question that plagues the minds of millions each year is a simple one – red or black? It's a decision that can be made in an instant, but that selection can mean the difference between the ecstasy of a big win or the pain of a loss.

The first bit of good news is that the odds of winning with either a red or black bet are fairly high – on European Roulette wheels especially where it's just below 50% with each spin.

This brings us on to the first key area of roulette – the different styles and types. A common misconception is that all roulette wheels are the same in terms of your chances of winning. This certainly isn't true if your betting on red or black. See below for our guide to the main types:

## American Roulette & European Roulette Tips

Red or Black is one of the best bets to place on Roulette as it has the lowest casino edge of any bet. This essentially means your chance of winning is higher. For example, with a straight bet where the player picks a specific number to win, the advantage the casino has is significantly higher.

A bet on either red or black, evens, odds, 1-18 or 19-36 on a European Roulette table is always the intelligent choice to make from a mathematical perspective (even when compared to other games like Blackjack and Slots). These type of roulette wheels are available to players worldwide using online casino's.

**European Roulette** – This type of wheel has 37 pockets where the ball can land with each spin. These pockets consist of red, black and a single green zero. This roulette type is easy to find in nearly all casino's online and is the best type to use for red or black bets as we'll explain in more detail below.

**European Roulette Black / Red Odds: 48.6%**

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### Roulette Tips – Why use a European Roulette Wheel?

Compared to the American Roulette wheel, you will have better odds of winning with a red or black bet as there is only one green zero whereas there can be two. It may seem like a minor difference, but it makes a significant difference to your probability of winning as the house edge (the reason casino's make so much money from these games) is halved. It really can't be understated how important this difference is. Optionally choosing to bet on red or black using an American wheel is almost saying you want to reduce your chances of winning.

*How do I bet on Red or Black using a European Roulette Wheel?*

The first step is familiarize yourself with how the wheel looks and the table where you place your chips. A mistake many new to roulette make is to bet without fully understanding what they have selected and crucially what their chances are of winning. Have a look at the image below as this is what you'll be presented with at a European Roulette table either in a real casino or an online one.

In the example above, you can see the chips have been placed on the outside red area. This is how you place a bet on red in European Roulette. If the result of the spin is any

red number you win with odds of evens (1/1) – this mean's you double your money. So a £10 bet would return £20. Placing a bet on black is the same, you'd simply move the chips over to the black area next to it. If your playing online, simply place the chips where you want to bet and then click spin when your happy. Always double check the amount you have bet and know your odds of winning with every spin.

As the table above illustrates, there are a vast array of other betting options on European Roulette. For example; it's possible to bet on a specific number, for example 22 black. Obviously this reduces your chances of winning significantly, but it also boosts your potential returns. For example with the £10 bet we mentioned earlier, this would return with odds of 35/1 or £350 profit.

It's also possible to bet on all of the odd numbers or all the even ones – similarly to red or black this gives returns of evens (essentially doubles your stake). Some people want bigger returns than this, but don't want the risk of betting on a single number. For this situation, there are various options, for example you could bet on numerous individual numbers or cover one of the dozens areas. Placing your chips on '1st 12' gives odds of 2/1 so a £10 stake would make £20 profit if you win.

**Online Roulette Tip** – European Roulette is the Best Choice from a Mathematical Perspective for Betting on Red or Black as it gives the player an increased chance of winning and the casino a reduced 'house edge'.

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**American Roulette** – On this type of wheel, there are two green pockets (zero and double zero). This is a significant disadvantage for anyone betting on red or black as it decreases your chances of winning – as obviously any green outcome is a guaranteed loss.

**American Roulette Red / Black Odds:** 47.4%

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### **Roulette Tips – *Why use an American Roulette Wheel?***

There is no reason to bet using an American version if your betting on red or black. It simply reduces your chance of winning, the European Roulette is always the best choice. All other types of bets on American Roulette have a slightly worse chance of winning too.

*How do I bet on Red or Black using a American Roulette Wheel?*

It's exactly the same as before with the European version, simply place the amount of chips you want to stake on either the outside red or black area of the table. See below for an example of a American Roulette table and the choices you will be presented with.

## Online Roulette Strategies & Systems

Roulette Strategies have always been of great interest to those gambling – some promise guaranteed profit, whereas others a more modest increased chance of winning. At RedBlackWin we have thoroughly analysed the most popular systems, strategies and techniques to evaluate how effective they really are. We've also formulated some of our own, check out the links below for more information.

### **Key Points** – *American vs European (Roulette):*

- The European Roulette has a Single Green Zero whereas the American Version has a Green Zero and Double Zero, doubling the house edge. From a players perspective; the European version gives the best probability of winning.
- The odds of winning on all bets, whether it's on red, black, odd, even or a straight bet are all increased by using a European Roulette game.

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We would always advise finding a European Roulette game to play online as this will increase your chances of winning. You'll always find those games have a higher payout percentage overall compared to the American version

## Online Rules

Online games are usually played with the same rules as their land-based versions. I am using [Bovada Casino's](#) rules in this book as they are representative of the rules for online play. While you will see variations in how you may a wager or spin the wheel in different casinos, these differences are easily understood.

You can practice for free in [Bovada Casino](#) with having to download any software.

# Rules for Playing Online Roulette

## Introduction to Roulette

Roulette is a simple and fun game to play in the [Bovada Casino](#). Roulette, meaning "small wheel", consists of a wheel, a ball and a table marked with separate boxes containing numbers in non-sequential order. You can place bets on any particular number or a set of numbers. Once you have placed your bet(s), clicking on the Spin button initiates play and the ball is released in the opposite direction of the spinning wheel. When the ball stops in one of the numbers, you win if your bet was placed on that number.

In the Bodog Casino, two version of Roulette are available to play: Roulette or American Roulette and European Roulette. The main differences between the two games are the numbers on the wheels and the types of bets that you can place. Roulette has both a single zero ("0") and a double zero ("00") while European Roulette only has a single zero ("0").

## How to Start Playing Roulette

To start playing Roulette, first you need to place a bet. The chip values in Roulette are \$1, \$5, \$25, and \$100. You can select any combination of chips to bet per click from \$1 up to \$500 by clicking on the different chip denominations. When you have reached your desired bet amount in the "Amount to bet per click" area, you can place individual bets equal to the bet amount selected by clicking different locations on the table. The total amount you can bet per spin is \$500 for Inside Bets and \$500 for Outside Bets. Once you have placed your bet(s) the ball starts spinning in the Roulette wheel.

### You Win When:

- The ball lands on a number or color that corresponds with your bet.

### You Lose When:

- The number or color you have placed a bet on does not correspond with the number or color the ball lands on.



## Button Descriptions

**Spin** - This initiates the ball spinning on the wheel.

**Repeat** - This replaces all the chips placed from the previous spin.

**Clear** - This removes all previous bets on the table

**Remove** - To remove chips in the download version of the casino, simply 'right-click' on the chip you wish to remove.

## American Roulette Bets and Payouts



American Roulette consists of a wheel of 38 stops and a ball that can land with equal chance on any of the 38 stops. The stops are numbered in non-sequential order "0", "00", and then 1-36. The stops 1-36 are colored either black or red and the "0" and "00" stops are colored green. You can make wagers on where the ball will land on the wheel by placing chips on the Roulette table. Winnings are paid on a multiplier of the bet.

Bet Category	Description	Payout
Straight up	Just place your chips on your chosen number. You may wager on any number including zero (0) and double (00).	35:1
Split Bet	Just place your chips on the line separating any two given numbers. This allows you to bet both of the two numbers at the same time with one chip.	17:1
Street Bet	Just place your bet on the outer right boundary line of the roulette table. This allows you to bet on the row of three corresponding numbers.	11:1
Corner Bet	Just place your chips on the cross where four numbers intersect. This allows you to bet on any of the four corresponding numbers.	8:1
Five Bet	Just place your chips on the outer right line of the roulette table between "00" and "3." This allows you to bet on any of the following numbers "0," "00," "1," "2," and "3."	6:1
Dozen Bet	Just place your bet in one of the three boxes marked "1st 12," "2nd 12," or "3rd 12."	2:1
Line Bet	Just place your chips on the outer right boundary line of the roulette table where it is intersected by the line dividing two rows. This allows you to cover two street bets.	5:1
Column Bet	Just place your bet in one of the three boxes marked "2 to 1." This allows you to bet on any of the twelve numbers in the column above it.	2:1
Color	Just place your bet on either red or black, and if the ball lands on your color you win.	1:1
Odd/Even 1:1	Just place your wager on either odd or even and if the ball lands on your choice, you win.	1:1

## Outside Min/Max

Look here to find the minimum and maximum total of the outside bets allowed. Outside bets are the large groupings of numbers along the "outside" of the roulette table. These bets include 1st 12, 2nd 12, 3rd 12, 1-18, 19-36, Even, Odd, All Reds (the red diamond), All Blacks (the black diamond), and the 12-number columns at the end of the table.

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## European Roulette Bets and Payouts

European Roulette consists of a wheel with 37 stops and a ball that can land with equal chance on any of the 37 stops. The stops are numbered in non-sequential order 0 and then 1-36. The stops 1-36 are colored either black or red and the "0" stop is colored green. You can bet on where the ball will land on the wheel by placing chips on the Roulette table. Winnings are paid on a multiplier of the bet.

There are many types of bets in European Roulette. By placing the chips differently or choosing a neighbor or special bet, you can bet on 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, 17 or 18 numbers.



The following table is a list of the bet types, a description of each bet and the corresponding payouts for a winning bet.

Bet Category	Description	Payout
<b>Inside Bets</b>		
Straight up - 1 number	Place your bet on any single number	35:1
Split - 2 numbers	Place your bet on the line between any two numbers	17:1
Street - 3 numbers	Place your bet at the lower end of any row of numbers.	11:1
Corner - 4 numbers	Place your bet at the cross where four numbers meet or on the lower intersection between 0 and 1.	8:1
Corner - 4 numbers (0,1,2,3)	Place your bet at the top corner of the 3 where the 0 and 3 intersect.	8:1
Line - 6 numbers	Place your bet at the upper end of two rows at the intersection between them.	5:1
<b>Outside Bets</b>		
Any Column - 12 numbers	Place your bet in one of the 3 boxes at the bottom of each column.	2:1
Dozen - 12 numbers	Place your bet in one of the boxes marked "1st 12", "2nd 12" or "3rd 12".	2:1
Red - All red numbers	Place your bet in the box containing the red diamond.	1:1
Black - All black numbers	Place your bet in the box containing the black diamond.	1:1
Even - All even numbers	Place your bet in the box marked "Even".	1:1

Odd - All odd numbers	Place your bet in the box marked "Odd".	1:1								
1-18	Place your bet in the box marked 1-18	1:1								
19-36	Place your bet in the box marked 19-36	1:1								
Neighbor Bets (Use the number oval table located at the top of the screen to place these bets.)										
Neighbor Bet	When a single number is chosen from the oval table the bet amount will be placed on that number and the two numbers to the immediate right and left of the number. For example: If the player selects the number 5 the bet amount will be placed on the numbers 16, 24, 5, 10 & 23.	Payout is equivalent to a straight up bet 35:1.								
Voisins du Zero	When selected a 9-chips bet will cover Zero plus seven numbers to the right and nine numbers to the left of zero as follows: 0/2/3 + 25/26/28/29, each with 2 chips, 4/7 + 12/15 + 18/21 + 19/22 + 32/35, each with 1 chip	Payout is equivalent to the bet placed. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Bet</th> <th>Payout</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0, 2, 3</td> <td>11:1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25, 26, 28, 29</td> <td>8:1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4, 7, 12, 15, 18, 21, 19, 22, 32, 35</td> <td>17:1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Bet	Payout	0, 2, 3	11:1	25, 26, 28, 29	8:1	4, 7, 12, 15, 18, 21, 19, 22, 32, 35	17:1
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Tiers du Cylindre	When selected a 6-chips bet will cover 1/3 of the numbers on the oval table starting at thirty-three to twenty-seven as follows: 5/8 + 10/11 + 13/16 + 23/24 + 27/30 + 33/36, each with 1 chip	Payout is equivalent to a split bet 17:1.								
Special Bets										
Orphans	When selected 5 chips are bet. These 5 chips will cover the number 1 with 1 chip and the numbers 6/9 + 14/17 + 17/20 + 31/34, each with 1 chip	Payout is equivalent to a straight up bet for the 1 and a split bet for 6/9, 14/71, 17/20 & 31/34								

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