

PONTO E
BANCA
MACAU
(Punto Banco)
IN 3 STEPS



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GET TO KNOW THE GAME

Ponto e Banca | Macau is a card game where players have 5 betting options: PLAYER (Ponto), BANKER (Banca), TIE (Empate), and additionally, Player Pair and/or Banker Pair. The game uses 6 decks on single tables and 8 decks on double tables.

PLACE YOUR BETS

At the start of each round, two cards are dealt alternately to the PLAYER and BANKER hands, starting with the PLAYER, who is always the first to see the cards.

Ace counts as 1. Kings, Queens, Jacks, and 10s count as 0. All other cards carry their face value.

If either hand totals 8 or 9 (a "Natural"), the result is announced immediately and no further cards are dealt. Otherwise, a third card may be drawn according to the standard "tableau" (drawing rules), with the PLAYER receiving their card first.

PLAYER (Ponto)	Hand Total	
	0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5	Draws a card
	6 - 7	Stands
	8 - 9	Natural - Announce immediately

BANKER (Banca)	Hand Total	Draws when Player's 3rd card is	Stands when Player's 3rd card is
	3	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 9 - 10	8
	4	2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7	1 - 8 - 9 - 10
	5	4 - 5 - 6 - 7	1 - 2 - 3 - 8 - 9 - 10
	6	6 - 7	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 8 - 9 - 10
	7	Stands	
	8 - 9	Natural - Announce immediately	
	0 - 1 - 2	Always Draws	
	3 - 4 - 5	Draws if Player stands	
	6	Stands if Player stands	



he winning hand is the one with a total closest to 9.

The seated player with the highest stake in each group will receive and reveal the cards, though they must remain over the table at all times. On "Mini" Punto Banco tables, players do not handle the cards; the Croupier reveals the cards and announces the results.

WINNING PAYOUTS

PLAYER (Punto): Winning bets are paid at 1 to 1 (Evens).

BANKER (Banca): Winning bets are paid at 1 to 1, however, the House deducts a 50% commission on any winning Banker hand with a total of 5. In both cases, the original stake is returned to the winner.

TIE (Empate): If both hands have the same total, it is a Tie. Bets on the Tie pay 8 to 1. In this event, bets on Player or Banker are a "push" (neither win nor lose).

PAIRS: A Player or Banker Pair occurs when the first two cards of the respective hand are of the same denomination (e.g., two Jacks), regardless of suit. These pay 11 to 1. If the first two cards are not a pair, these bets are lost.

These rules are for guidance only. For any further clarification, please speak to one of our Gaming Floor staff.

GLOSSARY: PONTO E BANCA | MACAU

Charity Fund - Contributions directed to social welfare institutions (usually local charities) from unclaimed chips, found money, or disputed stakes on the gaming floor.

Baccarat - When the total score of a hand is zero.

Chance (Betting Option) - Any number or combination with the potential to win.

Run/Streak - A consecutive sequence of the same result (e.g., a long "run" of Banker wins).

Croupier - The dealer/house representative managing the table.

Chip/Plaque - Conventional tokens representing currency. Round tokens are Chips, while rectangular ones are typically called Plaques.

Face Cards - The King, Queen, and Jack.

Coupe/Hand - The sequential actions constituting a single round of play, including the result.

No More Bets - The announcement made by the Croupier after which no further bets or alterations can be made.

Martingala (Roadmap/Scorecard) - The tracking of results by players on scorecards to identify patterns and inform their next stake.

Stake/Wager - The amount of money placed on a bet.

Gaming Session - A specific duration of play, typically spanning two calendar days (starting on one and ending the next), not exceeding 12 consecutive hours.

Sabot (Shoe) - The container from which the Croupier deals the cards after they have been shuffled and the "cut card" inserted.

Shuffle - The mixing of the decks at the start of a new shoe.

Last Hand - The final round of play at the table, announced by the Croupier following an audible signal that the gaming floor is closing.