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# Power Baccarat!

Win \$5,000 a Day Playing  
Baccarat!



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## Introduction

You are just minutes away from discovering how to use Power Baccarat to set up the most powerful source of cash available today!

You are about to learn –

- How to turn \$53 into Net Profits of \$37,897 a month!
- How you can quickly and easily create a weekly income of \$8,813 a week without leaving home and “working” less than two hours a day!
- How you can take control of any baccarat or mini-baccarat game anywhere it is offered – even online – and turn this game into a powerful source of Instant Profits!
- How my students, most of whom knew nothing about baccarat, are now bringing in large winnings every day they choose! (And, you will too with my Unstoppable Step-by-Step Plan!)

“Power Baccarat is the most powerful moneymaker I have ever seen! It is easy to learn, easy to use and beats baccarat so easily that it is as if you were printing your own money.

“I play from home and average winning \$5,497 a day. This is a stunning performer.”

Stu R. – a professional gambler who lives in New York City.

The method I am going to show you has been tested, verified and proven to perform!

There is no guesswork or unproven theory here – Just Rock Solid, 100% Dependable Performance!

### **Benefits Others Only Dream of –**

Turning the game of baccarat into a reliable source of profits offers benefits almost no other profit seeking venture can claim –

- It is easy to learn and a snap to use. (You'll be up and running in less than an hour.)
- It takes no particular skills to learn and use. All you have to do is follow the complete winning plan I will send you.
- It takes almost no money to set up. If you can spare \$52 you have enough to start bringing in an income of \$8,813 a week. And, your new income will be Very Reliable and Very Consistent!

### **This program is 100% Complete, Easy to Use and Guaranteed to Perform as Represented!**

People just like you are easily setting up solid incomes of \$5,000 a day or more using the techniques I will show you.

My name is C. Frank LaMarca. I am a numbers kind of guy with a background in finance. I am very skeptical of many of the wild and unproven claims others make about their money-making schemes.

I will not accept anyone's claim of performance for any kind of money-making system unless it is backed up by irrefutable proof and I can experience it myself. And, this goes double for anyone who claims to have a winning gambling system.

That's why I am going to share complete information about this breakthrough new baccarat strategy that I have only shared with a few people up to now.

You are about to gain the knowledge of how to turn the game of baccarat into a powerful source of cash on demand. This knowledge is backed up by thousands of hours of real-world play that prove that it wins consistently and reliably against all versions of baccarat (and mini-baccarat) offered today!

To give you an idea of how this strategy works for real people just like you, I have posted many player success stories from players who have won fortunes using the same strategy I am going to share with you.

One fact is irrefutable –

Anyone can follow in the footsteps of these successful winners using a strategy that consistently beats the game of baccarat!

“LaMarca’s Power Baccarat is an excellent winning system. I was skeptical about making any money playing baccarat. You showed me how to play mini-baccarat online and easily win over \$1,000 an hour!

“I am up over \$53,000 in the past three weeks. I appreciate all of your help and support.”  
Rob S. – Boise, Idaho

## **Playing Baccarat is Your Best Choice for Setting Up a High Income With Low Risk!**

I don't know how you feel about your job but for many years I have been searching for a better way to make money.

Please don't get me wrong. I have done very well as a financial consultant. What I do consists of working with clients to provide them with the best financial advice and financial plans for their particular situations. Without being immodest, I am really quite good at this, but while I taught others how to make lots of money, the thought was always in the back of my mind –

“If you are so smart, why don't you find a foolproof way to make money quickly and safely!”

You see, as lucrative as my profession has been, I am still at the beck and call of others. While I don't have a single boss to answer to, you could describe my work as having lots of bosses as *each client has a claim on my time.*

And, to be quite honest with you, I am tired of someone else having control over my life!

For years, I have played baccarat, the casino game with the best odds for the player. I have spent years searching for the system that will give me the edge to consistently beat the game!

After investing more money and having more failures than you can believe, I was finally successful.

Eight months ago, I discovered a betting combination that turns the baccarat game from just a superior game for players into a rip roaring, slam-dunk way to win thousands of dollars a day!

This powerful betting combo starts with using the unique Tracker Bet Selection System to determine where to bet. Then on top of this I discovered how to set up a Power Betting Formula that makes it almost impossible to lose. As a result, this powerful combo is simply unstoppable at beating baccarat!

“Your \$50,000 Plan works. As crazy as it seems it really works. I deposited \$50 in one of your top rated online casinos. I started playing mini-baccarat making \$1 bets. Then I followed your timing instructions. In a little over 10 hours I won \$51,904.

“This is the most impressive way to make money I’ve ever experienced. Just to prove it wasn’t a fluke I repeated the whole experience and 10 ½ hours later I picked up another \$50,000!

“Thanks for a fantastic system and an excellent money multiplying plan.”

Jess M. – Lincoln, Nebraska

### **Power Baccarat is the Only System to Use Tracker Bet Selection!**

Tracker Bet Selection is a new way to picking where to bet. With Baccarat you only have three choices of where to bet – banker hand, player hand or tie.

That’s it. Most players try to “follow the shoe” which is a simple way of betting that what has occurred will repeat.

Other systems try elaborate tracking systems.

Many systems just ignore the issue and suggest you bet banker which is slightly favored to win over player.

After testing each of these systems for thousands of baccarat hands, I knew there had to be something better.

That's when, almost by chance, I discovered Tracker Betting.

### **Tracker Bet Selection Is the Only Bet Selection Method That Nails Down Every Baccarat Variation!**

Conventional bet selection methods don't meet my standards of a winning system. They just don't win enough to be considered reliable.

This is true for every baccarat system I reviewed.

Some of these systems cost hundreds of dollars.

Many of them were computer-generated and quite complex.

But none of them work as well as Tracker Betting.

### **Tracker Betting is the only bet selection system that actually anticipates what the next decision will be.**

This puts it in its own unique category –

No other bet selection system comes close to its remarkable accuracy in picking where to bet!

## **Tracker Betting Uses Different Principles To Predict the Next Decision Better Than Any Other System or Method!**

Tracker Bet Selection combines two prediction formulas into one and as a result has an uncanny way of predicting the outcome of each round of play.

It starts with a formula that predicts that the outcomes of baccarat will be variable. This may not sound like much except that it flies in the face of nearly every conventional system developed in the last 100 years.

Simply stated, instead of predicting that what just occurred will repeat (or not repeat) it uses a system of predicting variable outcomes.

Testing this formula for millions of baccarat hands proved that it is the best way to predict baccarat outcomes 85% of the time.

Most players would be satisfied with 85% performance. Most systems can't even hit 50%. This performance level is so far above other bet selection methods that they don't even come close.

However, I wanted to close in on the final 15% of decisions. That's when I discovered –

## **The Flexible Betting Factor Completes the Tracker Bet Selection Formula!**

While Variable Betting is good – in fact far better than anything else – it still was missing that final tweak.

That's where the Flexible Betting Factor comes in.

It takes up where Variable Betting leaves off and provides for pure randomness.

The Flexible Betting Factor acts as an adjustment to Variable Betting when it is just not quite getting it right.

It jumps in and makes a correction in Bet Selection whenever it is needed.

### **Tactical Bet Selection Combines Variable Betting and the Flex Betting Factor in One Seamless, Perfected Bet Selection System!**

Tactical Bet Selection is the result of combining Variable Betting and the Flexible Betting Factor into one easy-to-use system for predicting the outcome of the next baccarat decision.

As a result, it has the highest accuracy of any baccarat bet selection system!

Moreover,

- It is not based on betting that the last winning bet will repeat.
- It is not based on betting that the last winning bet will chop.
- It has nothing to do with tracking winning or losing bets.

Tactical Betting ignores wins and losses except for an occasional adjustment provided by the Flexible Betting Factor!

As a result, it operates as a powerful self-adjusting bet selection systems that beats baccarat on its own.

### **Tactical Bet Selection Is So Good That Using It Is All It Takes to Beat Baccarat Consistently.**

If you want to win at baccarat all you have to do is learn Tactical Bet Selection.

You can learn it in about ten minutes and you will be able to beat baccarat any time you like.

What's more, you won't have to –

- Observe long strings of outcomes before you start playing.
- Write down anything to use the system.
- Make any calculations of any kind to win.

As powerful as Tracker Bet Selection is, it is the easiest method ever devised for predicting the outcome of each round of play.

You can win steadily hour after hour using nothing but Tracker Bet Selection.

However, your winnings will explode once you add Power Betting.

### **While Tracker Bet Selection Tells You Where to Bet, Power Betting Gives You the Exact Amount of Each Bet to Optimize Your Winnings!**

Tracker Bet Selection tells you where to bet. It has a better “hit rate” than any other bet selection method.

But, the Complete Power Baccarat Strategy has more than the world's best bet selection system.

It also uses Power Betting – the world's best bet sizing system.

Here's how they work together –

Tracker Bet Selection tells you where to place each bet. Let's say it points to a bet on Banker.

The second part of the Power Baccarat's winning strategy is knowing the exact amount to bet.

Power Betting is a new way of betting where the size of the bets are determined by a combination of where you are betting and your current win rate.

Here's how it works-

If you have choppy wins with a win followed by a loss, Power Betting will set up bets where you will win even with chops.

If you are starting what could be a losing streak, Power Betting will immediately adjust your betting to prevent losses.

And, if you are beginning a winning streak, Power Betting will set up the perfect bets to take advantage of winning bet after bet!

No other system has the Win Power of Power Baccarat. That's because it is the only system to combine Tracker Bet Selection with Power Betting!

"I am making \$14,000 a week playing baccarat online three times a week. I am playing in three different online casinos that you recommended. After each winning session I am withdrawing my winnings. This way I get a check every other day. It is like Christmas without the hassles!"

Lou F. – Chicago, Illinois

## **Let Me Tell You More About Power Baccarat's Amazing Combo-Betting System–**

- You will know where to bet each time using Tracker Betting – the most accurate bet selection system ever devised!
- You will use Power Betting to determine the perfect size of each bet. This unique flexible betting system times the size of each bet to perfectly match each baccarat game!
- You won't need any judgment at all on how to use this near perfect betting system. My method ensures that you will make every bet immediately, without any hesitation, calculations or guesswork.
- When you use the Power Baccarat Strategy with both Tracker Bet Selection and Power Betting you will gain an edge over every baccarat game offered today!

Just so we are clear here, Power Baccarat's complete betting system has nothing to do with playing through baccarat shoes, making complicated calculations or keeping track of long strings of decisions or bets!

It is not some method where you have to time your entry to a game or delay making bets waiting for the right time.

It is not a system based on finding or tracking patterns.

You don't have to know anything about previous decisions before you start playing.

With Power Baccarat, you can calmly sit down and start wagering from the next round of play on. Online, you will immediately be able to start play without any hesitation or delay.

Once you have the critical knowledge of the Power Baccarat Strategy you'll be able to exploit both land-based and online casinos for huge profits – again and again!

“I am amazed at the accuracy of Power Baccarat. It finds the right spots to bet and then bets the right amounts almost like magic.

“I understand the system, but I am still in awe of its performance. I am up about \$28,400 in the past two weeks playing mini-baccarat online.

“This is the best gambling system – period! I congratulate you!”

Robert M. – Austin, Texas

## How to Play Baccarat

Baccarat was originally a European game, which was invented and first played in Italy. The game developed a large following in France and is still a major game in Europe, with a number of casinos specializing in the European version of the game, known as chemin de fer. There is also another version of the game, called baccarat en banque.

The word "baccarat" is the French term for the Italian word baccara (which means zero), which refers to the value of zero given to the face cards as well as the 10 in this game of chance.

The t in baccarat is silent (bah-cah-rah). The original game in Las Vegas was introduced on the Strip in 1959. Originally the game was played using the chemin de fer rules, in which the gambler holding the bank plays against the other players; but, the game was changed to baccarat in the 1960s. In the American version of the game, which is the version used by the Internet casinos, the casino plays against all players, regardless of how they wager.

There are now two styles of baccarat in American casinos: the more formal full-pit version, played at a long table with 12 to 14 players, two dealers, a croupier and one or more house shills, and its little brother, mini-baccarat, played on a standard sized blackjack table, with six players and one dealer.

The rules are the same in either version of baccarat. The formal version of baccarat has more rituals, and generally has higher playing limits. It is typical for baccarat in a Las Vegas Strip casino to have a minimum wager of \$25 with maximum wagers of up to \$4,000. The house will usually raise the maximum wagers for high rollers, and it is not unusual to see wagers of \$10,000 or more. Many Asian high rollers prefer this game, where the casino will cater to just about every whim. You can eat a banquet style gourmet meal while you play and if you like, the casino will provide you with a female companion, known as a shill, who will play the game along side of you as long as you wish.

More formal dress is often required for baccarat and with the combination of tuxedoed croupiers, a roped off pit, and higher betting limits, many players are a bit in awe of the game.

If you want to try your hand at this game in a land-based casino, the mini-version is the informal way to do so. The betting limits are much lower, with \$2 to \$5 minimum wagers common and \$1,000 to \$2,000 maximum wagers available. I tried my first game of mini-baccarat some years ago at Rio. The dealer was extraordinarily nice and a lady companion and I whiled away several hours at this very enjoyable game.

Baccarat is a card game with only two hands dealt. One hand is designated the "player" hand the other is for the "banker." Each hand initially receives two cards. You can bet on either the banker, the player or for a tie. All playing decisions are made, according to a standard set of rules, by the baccarat dealer or croupier.

In baccarat, aces are valued as one, and cards 2 through 9 are valued according to their numerical values, i.e. a deuce is valued as 2, a 5 as 5 and so on. Tens and face cards count as zero. If the total value of two cards is greater than 10, you will drop the first digit. For example, a hand of 8, 5 totaling 13 would be valued as 3, a hand of 9, 2 and 7 would total 18, with a point value of 8. A card totaling 10 is valued as zero.

The object of the game is to come as close to a total of 9 as is possible. A two-card hand totaling either eight or nine is called a natural. If either hand has a natural, no more cards are dealt and the play is settled. A hand of eight is le petit natural and a nine is le grande natural. As you might expect, le grande natural beats le petit natural as nine is higher than eight.

After the first two cards are dealt to each hand, strict rules determine how the cards are played; nobody makes any decisions. The rules of play are the same for baccarat, mini-baccarat and in the e-casinos where I have played baccarat.

If, after dealing the first two cards, either the banker or player hand has a total of eight or nine, the natural hand wins and the game is over.

If both hands total eight or nine, le grand natural wins. If they are both equal in value, the game ends as a tie.

If neither hand has a natural, both hands are played out according to a set of rules printed on the land casino's baccarat layout and available in the e-casinos. The player's hand is always played first. The rules for completing the player's hand are listed below:

### **Rules for Completing the Player Hand**

If the Player's first two card total	The Player's hand must do the following:
0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5	Draw another card
6 or 7	Stand
8 or 9	This is Natural - no cards are drawn

The banker's hand is always played last. Play of the banker's hand is dependent on how the player's hand was played. If the player hand does not draw a third card the banker hand follows the procedures following:

### **Rules for Completing the Banker Hand When the Player Hands Stands with Two Cards**

When the Banker's first two cards total:	Banker will:
0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5	Draw
6, 7, 8 or 9	Stand

Whenever the player hand has a natural of eight or nine, the player does not draw any additional cards and neither does the banker.

When, according to the rules, the player hand draws a third card, the banker hand is always played according to the rules following.

### **Rules for Completing the Banker Hand When the Player Hand Receives a Third Card**

When the Banker's first two cards total:	The Banker draws only when the Player's third card is:	The Banker stands only when the Player's third card is:
0, 1 or 2	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
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		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

No more than three cards are ever drawn for either hand. When both hands have completed their draws, the hand closest to nine wins. The dealer pays those who bet on the winning hand. In the event of a tie, all bets on banker and player are pushes, neither winning nor losing. Banker and player bets are even-money wagers, paid 1 to 1, although a 5% commission is taken from winning banker hands. Tie bets are paid at 8 to 1.

Odds are some of the most favorable in the casino. Using the elaborate rules determining standing and drawing, the banker hand always has a slight edge over the player hand. Banker hands win 50.7% of the time and player hands 49.3% of the time, when the tie bets are excluded.

If both hands paid even-money, a smart player would only play banker and enjoy a 1.4% advantage over the casino. However, the 5% "tax" the casino charges on winning banker bets evens the field. With this house vig, the house has a 1.17% advantage over banker bets and 1.35% over player bets. These odds are just about the lowest of all casino wagers except for line bets with odds in craps which only give the casino an edge of 0.80%.

Tie bets usually pay off at 8 to 1. I have found a few land-based casinos which pay at 9 to 1 for ties, but none on the Internet that do. At any rate, the question is strictly academic for us as we will never wager for a tie. With an 8 to 1 payoff, the house edge is 14.5%; with a 9 to 1 payoff the edge is still a healthy 4.5%.

Here are some examples of baccarat hands.

**Hand No. 1**

Player hand:  $10-7 = 7$

Banker hand:  $5-2 = 7$

Under the rules neither player nor banker can draw with a two-card total of 7. This is a tie.

**Hand No. 2**

Player hand:  $4-2 = 6$

Banker hand:  $10\text{-king} = 0$

Player must stand with a total of 6. Banker draws a card and gets a 3. Player wins 6 to 3.

**Hand No. 3**

Player hand:  $2-2 = 4$

Banker hand:  $\text{king}-5 = 5$

Player must draw a card. Player draws a 7 and now has  $2-2-7 = 1$ .

Even though Banker would win by standing, it still must take a card according to the rules. Banker draws a 7 and now has a hand of king-5-7 = 2. Bank wins 2 to 1.

#### **Hand No. 4**

Player hand: 3-4 = 7

Banker hand: 10-3 = 3

The player will stand with a 7. Banker draws and gets an ace. Banker has 10-3-A for a 4. Player wins 7 to 4.

#### **Hand No. 5**

Player hand: jack-8 = 8

Banker hand: 4-3 = 7

The player has a natural and wins automatically without banker having a chance to improve his hand. When a player or banker hand shows either an 8 or 9 with the original two cards, the game is over. Draws to an 8 or 9 are not naturals.

#### **Hand No. 6**

Player hand: ace-2 = 3

Banker hand: 3-queen = 3

Both hands start off equally, but it is too early to declare a tie. Player draws first and receives a 9 for an ace-2-9 or 2. The banker would love to stand with his total of 3 but is not allowed to. Banker draws an 8 for a 3-queen-8 hand worth 1. Player wins 2 to 1.

#### **Hand No. 7**

Player hand: 10-4 = 4

Banker hand: 6-9 = 5

Player must draw a card. He draws a 9 for a 10-4-9, valued as 3. Banker, with a 5 doesn't draw a card and stands with a 5. Banker wins 5 to 3.

### **Hand No. 8**

Player hand: 4-ace = 5

Banker hand: 3-king = 3

Here the player would like to stand with a total of 5 versus a banker 3. But, since the rules of play are always followed, player draws and gets a 10. With a 4-ace-10, his hand is still valued at 5. Banker draws and gets a 6 for a 3-king-6 or 9. Banker wins 9 to 5.

### **Hand No. 9**

Player hand: 4-10 = 4

Banker hand: king-jack = 0

Again the player would prefer to stand and take a chance on banker improving his hand. But the rules must be followed. Player draws a card and gets a 10, for a 4-10-10 or 4. Banker draws to his zero and gets a 5. The result is banker wins 5 to 4.

### **Hand No. 10**

Player hand: 8-queen = 8

Banker hand" 9-jack = 9

Both hands have naturals. Le grande natural beats le petit natural. Banker wins 9 to 8.

Even though I have given you some examples of how different hands are played, you don't have to know anything about these rules to successfully play the game. There are no complicated strategies to learn, cards to count or any additional rules to learn. Many baccarat players like to write down every decision on score keeping cards supplied by the casinos. In land-based casinos, there are often electronic displays showing the outcomes of the last 30 or so baccarat plays.

## Rules for Online Baccarat

Online Baccarat is played using the same rules that are used in the land-based versions of the game. Below are the baccarat rules used by Oceans Casino ([www.oceansonlinecasino.com/game-tutorials/baccarat.html](http://www.oceansonlinecasino.com/game-tutorials/baccarat.html)) for their online baccarat game.

Baccarat is an exciting card/table game found in most casinos around the world. To begin, you have 3 selections on where to place your wager: bet the player's hand will win; bet the banker's hand will win; bet the game will result in a tie.



### Object

The winner is the hand with the point value closest to 9. In the event of a tie, any wagers placed on the player or the banker are returned. If you wager on a tie and the two hands result in a tie, your payoff is 8 to 1.

### Rules

To play, place your wager on the player's hand, the bank's hand, or on a tie. Once your wager is placed, click "DEAL". The player and the banker are each dealt their two-card

hand. According to standard baccarat rules outlined below ["Third Card Rules"], a third card may be dealt to the player and/or the banker.

### Card Values

- Ace = one [1]
- Face cards and 10's = zero [0]
- All other cards count as their numbered value; for example, the seven [7] of hearts has a value of 7

If the cards in either hand have a combined value of ten or more points, subtract ten. The remainder is the baccarat point value of the hand. For example: 6+7=13, which counts as a 3 in baccarat; 9+9=18, which counts as 8. Face cards and 10's count as 0, so for example 9+King=9.

### Third Card Rules

In baccarat, the player always goes first, and draws a third card if the hand total is 0-5, otherwise another card is not drawn and play proceeds to the banker.

If the banker's first two cards total 0, 1 or 2, then the banker draws one card, otherwise the banker draws according to this table:

<b>VALUE OF FIRST TWO [2] CARDS:</b>	<b>DRAWS WHEN THE PLAYERS THIRD [3] CARD IS:</b>	<b>DOES NOT DRAW WHEN THE PLAYERS THIRD [3] CARD IS:</b>
3	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9	8
4	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	0, 1, 8, 9
5	4, 5, 6, 7	0, 1, 2, 3, 8, 9
6	6, 7	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9
7	Always stands	
8, 9	Player cannot draw	Player cannot draw

## Betting and Limits

Select a chip value using the left mouse button. Then, with the left mouse button, click the area on the baccarat table where you wish to place your wager. If you wish to change your bet, click on the chips you have already placed on the table using your right mouse button to remove them, or click on "CLEAR" to remove all bets from the table.

Baccarat offers three separate betting ranges: \$1 - 100, \$5 - 500, and \$25 - 1,000. Each of these three betting ranges has separate limits for the lone tie bet and the tie bet that is accompanied by a player or banker bet:

<b>BETTING RANGE</b>	<b>\$1 - 100</b>	<b>\$5 - 500</b>	<b>\$25 - 1,000</b>
Minimum bet	1	5	25
Maximum bet	100	500	1,000
Minimum lone tie bet	1	5	25
Minimum tie bet	1	1	5
Maximum tie bet	10	60	120

## Winnings

Even money is paid on all winning wagers placed on the player or banker. However, if you win by betting on the banker, the bank receives a 5% commission. If you wager on a tie and the two hands result in a tie, your payoff is 8 to 1.

## Game Buttons

DEAL	When you have placed your wagers, this deals the cards
CLEAR	Clears the table of bets
LAST BET	Places the same bets as in your previous hand
NEW GAME	Starts a new hand

## The Player's Edge

As powerful as the casinos may seem to be, you can walk into a casino knowing that you have an edge over the house. As a successful gambler you have to be able to win more than you lose. What are the tricks you will use to gain an edge over this formidable adversary?

Your edge will consist of the following actions:

1. When you are losing, you can quit.
2. When you are winning, you can walk out with the casino's money.
3. You can vary the size of your wagers.
4. You can pick where to play.
5. You can modify your strategy based on table results and conditions.
6. You can use discipline to develop a winning plan and then stick to it.

Most players never realize what an advantage these offer. The casino cannot be flexible. It must continue to offer the same games, with the same rules, without the ability to react to changing conditions. The nimble player can weave and dodge and even choose not to play a particular game. Let's elaborate on the player's edge:

**1. When you are losing, you can quit.** You can always control your losses while the casino must continue to offer its games regardless of the outcomes. I have seen hot baccarat tables where the casino lost over a hundred thousand dollars in less than an hour. All the casinos can do is order in more chips and hope that the hot streak will end.

**2. When you are winning, you can walk out with the casino's money.** As a player you can always control when you stop playing. While the casino must continue offering its games twenty-four hours a day, you can jump in, grab a win and pull off. You have ultimate flexibility while the casino does not.

**3. You can vary the size of your wagers.** One approach a player can use is to increase the size of his wagers when he is winning and reduce them when losing. He may also choose to raise his wagers after losses so that only a win or two out of many wagers will put him

ahead. A player can set up options where he doesn't have to win the majority of his bets. Using these techniques effectively goes a long ways towards minimizing the house edge and even turning it into a player edge!

**4. You can pick where to play.** You can play at tables offering the best situations for you. You can choose to play at tables that are almost empty by playing during slack periods. This can significantly increase your hourly win rate. You can also make it your business to know where the best payoffs are. The casinos, which pay triple on a field roll of 12, turn this wager from a weak one to one with acceptable risk.

If you are looking for certain table conditions, you can scout for the right table before you play. You have numerous options while the house must offer the game to anyone who is old enough to play, conforms to fairly lax casinos standards and has some money to begin play.

**5. You can modify your strategy based on table results and conditions.** Every table develops different trends at different times. Some tables favor bettors who play numbers, while others favor players who bet from the dark side, wagering on the don't pass or don't come. Most tables are choppy, favoring neither right nor wrong betters. You can adjust to the changing playing conditions as they occur. If the table is repeating numbers, you can modify your strategy to take advantage of this trend. If the table is ice cold, you can make still different moves. In short, you have the ability to bob and weave, duck and thrust, parry and counter punch. The table can't react to anything. Every baccarat table is like an inanimate object that must endlessly grind out numbers, while you circle and pounce.

**6. You can use discipline to develop a winning plan and then stick to it.** The house has ultimate discipline. The very structure of the casino games and atmosphere exhibit a carefully planned approach designed to transfer funds from the players' pockets into the casino coffers in the shortest time possible. Of course, to a large extent this relies on most players' lack of discipline. Once you gain the discipline to set up a winning game plan and then follow it, you can effectively neutralize much of the casino's edge over the crowd of players.

I played a couple of hours of baccarat in a local casino last night. I played for low stakes, buying in for \$500. I used the Baccarat Attack Strategy. The table varied from choppy to cold the whole time I was there. I don't believe that anyone else at the table won any money but me. The difference between the rest of the players and me was that I had a plan for the evening and I stuck to it. With a \$500 buy-in, I set \$350 as my profit goal. After less than two hours of play I checked my chips, found I was up \$361 and cashed in.

The player's edge comes from all of the points listed above, plus the ability to hide your wins from the casinos. There is really no reason that anyone other than you and your significant other should know about your casino prowess. There are people who would kill you for fifty bucks. Casinos really don't like winners. That's why a number of Las Vegas casinos still bar blackjack card counters. It may not be fair, but even with all of its advantages, if you somehow manage to win, the casino can deny you access to their games.

The book *How to Survive and Prosper as a Professional Gambler* (Get a free [copy here](http://www.killergamblingstrategies.com) [www.killergamblingstrategies.com](http://www.killergamblingstrategies.com)) offers some excellent suggestions on how to consistently beat the casinos and still stay on the bosses' good side. I recommend it to you.

The net effect of applying all of the elements of the player's edge is to neutralize and even overcome the casino's advantage. Your biggest edge will come from your discipline. Interestingly, this is the same kind of discipline the casinos expect from their dealers, floor bosses and staff. If it works for them, you know that it will work for you too!

## Betting Strategies

Nearly every gambler uses some kind of system even if his system merely consists of guessing what to do next. In July 1891, Charles Wells, an Englishman, arrived at the casino at Monte Carlo with 10,000 francs. Within a few days he had won over a million. He retired for a few months to relish his accomplishment, then returned and proceeded to win another million francs. His exploits inspired the song "The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo."

Unfortunately, he would not quit while he was ahead. He returned the next year and lost it all. Later he resorted to illegal shenanigans, was imprisoned and eventually died in poverty. But his play gave Monte Carlo worldwide fame. Many studied his play and tried to emulate him. He finally confessed before he died that he had no system. His winnings were attributable to an amazing run of luck!

Betting systems or betting progressions have been devised for every gambling game. Many of them had their origins in eighteenth and nineteenth century roulette played on the French Riviera. While the particulars of different betting systems vary greatly, the systems fall into three broad categories:

1. Flat: Keep bets constant, waiting for a streak of successes.
2. Negative progressions: raise bets after losses, trying to recover an eventual win.
3. Positive progressions: raise bets after wins, hoping to use the "house money" to create a large win.

Each of these systems has positive and negative characteristics, but the approach, which catches the most flack from gaming experts, is the negative progression. The advocates of positive progressions don't think much of increasing your wager after a loss. By their thinking, increasing a bet after you have lost amounts to throwing good money after bad, with the probable outcome being that you will just lose more money. However, as we shall see, in the short run just the opposite is likely to be true.

Assume that we are going to bet player for eight decisions. Three different players will help us in this illustration.

Player A does not believe in ever changing the size of his bet. He bets *flat*, that is the same amount on every hand, regardless of the outcome of his preceding hand. In our example, he will bet \$10 a hand.

Player B likes to follow the system many experts recommend and he will *press* or double his bet after each win, gradually betting more and more as he uses the house's money. He will start with a \$10 bet, increase it to \$20 after a win, then wager \$40 if he wins again. If his bet reaches as high as \$160, he will stay at this level until he loses a wager. After any loss, he will drop back to betting \$10.

Player C has heard that increasing his bets after losses is the "surest way to win." He will start with a \$10 bet. If he loses this bet he will wager \$20. If this bet loses, he will increase his bet to \$40, then \$80, followed by \$160 if this wager also loses. His maximum wager is \$160. If he reaches this level he will continue to wager \$160 until he has a win. After any win, he will regress to a \$10 bet.

The following table compares the results of eight decisions, consisting of six losses and two wins.

### Comparison of Bet Selection Methods

<i>Decisions</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>W</i>
<i>Player A</i>								
<i>Bet</i>	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
<i>Win (loss)</i>	-10	-10	+10	-10	-10	-10	-10	+10
<i>Net Win</i>	-10	-20	-10	-20	-30	-40	-50	-40
<i>Player B</i>								
<i>Bet</i>	10	10	10	20	10	10	10	20
<i>Win (loss)</i>	-10	-10	+10	-20	-10	-10	-10	-20
<i>Net Win</i>	-10	-20	-10	-30	-40	-50	-60	-50
<i>Player C</i>								
<i>Bet</i>	10	20	40	10	20	40	80	160
<i>Win (loss)</i>	-10	-20	+40	-10	-20	-40	-80	+160
<i>Net Win</i>	-10	-30	+10	-0-	-20	-60	-140	+20

W= Win, L= Loss of wager

In this series of wagers, Player A loses \$40, Player B loses \$50, while Player C comes out \$20 ahead. I purposely set up this example to illustrate some of the characteristics of each of the betting strategies.

For a given session, flat betting leads to sessions with the narrowest, most balanced range of expected wins and losses. In this series, we lost 75% of our wagers; therefore, we expect to have a loss.

Positive progressions, like the progression used by Player B, offer more likelihood of an adverse than a favorable session, with intermittent large wins. In this example, increasing wagers after wins caused this player to lose \$50, a greater loss than the one realized betting flat.

Negative progressions, like the one used by Player C, offer a greater chance of winning any given session but have the characteristic of generating many small wins with occasional large losses.

The exact result of sessions played in casinos depends on the details of each game and on variations applied to systems by individual players. However, by ignoring variations, using each system in its rawest form, we can test how each system performed against the same set of decisions and comment on general characteristics of each approach to wagering.

A test was created assuming that wagers are made on pass line only. Each game was 100 decisions long. Limits on the progressions were imposed which required any progression to end immediately if the next bet required in the series exceeded 256 units.

The following systems were tested. Please note that these are not presented as practical systems but are used to emphasize the differences you can expect in each approach to wagering.

1. Flat Betting: Single units are bet and the amount never varies.
2. Positive Progression: In this parlay type of progression, bets are doubled after every win and reduced to one unit after every loss. Assuming a string of nine consecutive wins, this progression would be: 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256.

3. Negative Progression: A *Martingale* type of progression is used where bets are doubled after every loss and reduced to a single unit after any win. Assuming a string of nine consecutive losses, this series would consist of the following wagers: 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256.

The results of a 2,000-session computer run using each technique are presented in a table on the following page.

This table shows some of the trade offs among the systems. Notice that while the average size bet for flat betting was 1 unit, it increased to 3.8 units using a positive progression, and was highest at 5.2 units for the negative progression. The average size bet was larger for negative than positive progression because runs of losing bets were longer, and therefore, required higher wagers than runs of winning bets. In this contest, which is also analogous to blackjack, the losing streaks tended to be longer than the winning streaks.

Flat betting won 38.70% of the games and lost 59.85% of them. The positive progression showed the lowest win percentage of all, winning only 9.60% of the games while losing over 90% of them.

The negative progression won over 85% of the games and lost only about 15% of them. This strategy was clearly the winner in terms of the number of individual games won.

The last column in the table "Equivalent Amount Won or Lost" shows how much the amounts would have been if the flat and positive betting strategies' wagers had been raised so that the averages were the same as with the negative progression.

**2,000 Session Computer Run Testing  
Flat, Positive and Negative Betting Systems**

<i>Betting System</i>	<i>Outcomes</i>	<i>Percent of Sessions</i>	<i>Average Amount Won or Lost</i>	<i>Equivalent Amount Won or Lost</i>
<b><i>Flat (1 unit is the average size bet)</i></b>				
	Break even	1.45%		
	Won	38.70%	7	37
	Lost	59.85%	9	48
<b><i>Positive (3.8 units is the average size bet)</i></b>				
	Break even	0.05%		
	Won	9.60%	56	56
	Lost	90.35%	412	412
<b><i>Negative (5.2 units is the average size bet)</i></b>				
	Break even	0.00%		
	Won	85.35%	359	492
	Lost	14.65%	43	59

There are a number of variables which affect your ability to avoid losing your bankroll. These variables include the type of betting system used, the size of your bankroll, the games you play, the length of time you play, and your luck at winning any given gaming contest.

Let's compare the effects of using different betting systems on our ability to play without losing our bankroll. The betting systems we will use are:

1. Flat betting. We will bet \$25 regardless of previous outcomes.
2. Positive Progression. We will start with a \$10 base bet. After each win we will double our bet with a maximum wager of \$80. If we reach the \$80 betting level we will continue to

wager \$80 until we lose a wager. After any losing wager we will drop back to betting \$10. The bets we would make in a winning streak would be: \$10, \$20, \$40, \$80, \$80, until we have a loss.

3. Negative Progression. Again we will use a \$10 base bet. After each loss we will double our bet, with our maximum bet to be \$80. If we reach the \$80 bet, we will continue to wager \$80 until we have a win. After any win we will drop back to betting \$10. A losing series would consist of: \$10, \$20, \$40, \$80, \$80, until we have a win.

Here's the game we will face. We will play in a coin-tossing contest and we will always wager heads. Heads wins even money less a 2 percent house commission. When tails shows we lose the wager. The chances here are 50-50 and the house edge is 1 percent.

The next table shows how each betting system fares, varying the size of our bankroll and the number of games played. Each game consists of 100 bets.

Flat betting offers the least chance of losing your bankroll. If you are willing to use a bankroll of \$2,000 in playing this coin-tossing game, you will have a 99% chance of not losing your bankroll if you flat bet.

Using a positive progression gives you almost as good a chance of keeping your bankroll intact as flat betting. A \$500 bankroll offers a 94% chance of not losing all of your bankroll as compared to 96% for flat betting and only 83% for the negative progression at this level.

**Computer Run Testing Different Betting Systems  
Comparing the Bankroll Used and the Length of Time Played.**

<u>Bankroll Size</u>	<u>Number of Games Played</u>	<u>Chance of Not Losing Bankroll</u>		
		<u>Flat Bets</u>	<u>Positive Progression</u>	<u>Negative Progression</u>
250	100	69%	66%	56%
500	100	96%	94%	83%
750	250	93%	87%	80%
1,000	500	90%	81%	76%
2,000	750	99%	98%	94%

Increasing your bets after losses greatly increases your chance of losing all of your bankroll. Using the negative betting progression, the chance of keeping your bankroll is only 56% using a \$250 bankroll, playing for 100 games. The pattern of much higher risk of losing your bankroll with a negative progression continues until we increase our bankroll to \$2,000. With a \$2,000 bankroll, we can play the coin-toss game for 750 hands with only a 6% chance of losing our bankroll (94% chance of keeping it as shown in the table). This compares favorably with the flat bettor's percentage of 99% and the positive progression bettor's percentage of 98% at this level.

The moral of this comparison should be obvious. Using a negative betting progression greatly increases your likelihood of losing your bankroll unless you increase your bankroll to an adequate level. In this example, by increasing our bankroll to \$2,000, we only give up 5% of the chance of losing our bankroll using a negative progression as compared to betting flat (94% as compared to 99%).

All gambling strategies involve compromises. Betting flat offers the greatest likelihood of keeping your bankroll, but the poorest chance of winning. You may recall in the earlier table comparing betting strategies that flat betting only won about 39% of its games.

Using a positive betting progression wins only 9.6% of its games (shown in earlier table), but you won't risk losing your bankroll much more using this system than with betting flat.

Referring again to the earlier table, we notice that using a negative progression gave us a win rate over 85%. At first glance at the table on the preceding page, it would seem that this high win rate came only by increasing our risk of losing our bankroll by a large factor. But please note the following. Once we increase our bankroll to a larger amount, \$2,000 in the example here, our risk of losing our bankroll using a negative progression is only 6%, not much greater than the 2% chance of losing with a positive progression, or the 1% chance of losing our bankroll betting flat.

If we are willing to use a somewhat larger bankroll, using a negative progression gives us the best of all worlds: A high probability of winning and a low possibility of losing our bankroll. This is something that almost no gambling experts will ever tell you. Experts invariably recommend only the first two approaches to win any gaming contest.

The first approach is to gain a mathematical edge over the game. This is the strategy card counters hope to use at blackjack. At roulette, wheel watchers hope to gain an edge by finding an unbalanced wheel where the ball lands in one section of the wheel a higher percentage of the time than chance would explain. With baccarat, advantage seekers look to precision shooting to alter the casino's edge against the players.

The second approach to gambling, almost universally recommended by the experts, is to use a positive betting progression. That this is the best system for capitalizing on winning streaks is the number one reason cited for using this system. Almost never mentioned by the experts is that this system has a dismal winning rate, losing about 9 out of every 10 sessions. As we have seen, the betting strategy with the greatest chance of winning is the negative progression. With an adequate bankroll, the risk of loss can be reduced to a reasonable amount.

The examples and simulations used in this chapter were for games of chance, rather than a game of skill like blackjack. The examples also assumed games where the house had an edge over the player. Our examples serve to illustrate the varying characteristics of betting flat versus using either a positive or negative betting progression.

In the next chapter we will take a look at different betting systems. Several of these approaches are over one hundred years old. Let's see if our not so dumb ancestors had any meaningful insights on how to beat the baccarat game!

## Betting Progressions

Betting systems fall into the broad categories of betting the same after each decision, known as flat betting, raising wagers after wins, called positive progressions, and raising money after losses, named negative progressions.

There are also systems which have characteristics of one or more of these types, such as the The Power Baccarat Betting System which we will encounter in a few more chapters. Many of the classical betting systems were developed for roulette in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, but can be used for other games with even-money wagers such as craps, baccarat and blackjack. Although none of these systems in its pure form is a winning system, it is worthwhile to study the efforts of our ancestors as these betting systems are the grandparents of every modern betting system.

### **Martingale**

Martingale is one of the oldest betting systems using a negative progression. It is named after Henry Martingale, an English casino owner in the 1700s who is reputed to urge losing punters to "double 'em up" with their wagers.

This system is very simple. You will use a betting series where each bet in the series is twice as large as the preceding one, as with 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32. So long as you win a bet, you will continue to bet at the lowest level, e.g. wager 1. If you lose a bet, you will move up to the next wager, doubling the amount of the previous wager. Use of the system ensures that whenever your wager eventually wins, you will win the amount of the original wager, in this instance 1.

One of my gambling friends once told me about an amazing system he had developed for craps. He had gone to Las Vegas on two consecutive trips and returned a winner. He was wagering only on don't pass at casino craps using a betting series starting with a \$1 bet and doubling his bet after each loss. He was certain that his risk of loss was very small and planned to continue to use the system. He was reluctant to share the system with me but he finally confessed that he was using the following betting series, increasing his wager one

level following a loss: 1 2 4 8 16 32 64 128 256. He correctly pointed out that he would have to lose nine times in a row to lose the betting series, and he just didn't think that this was possible.

I pointed out to him that there was a very real possibility that he could lose nine decisions in a row; in fact, this would happen once about every 500 pass line - don't pass decisions. With craps decisions averaging fifty to sixty per hour, a loss of all nine wagers could happen once every eight to ten hours. I asked him to consider whether he was winning enough to sustain a loss of \$511.00 (the total amount he was risking) in order to win the sum of \$1. This must have impressed him as I don't think he ever used this system again (or at least he didn't tell me about losing with it).

The Martingale system would be just about unbeatable if you could continue to double your wagers until you finally won a bet. Modern casinos are very aware of Martingale, and they know that the easiest way to thwart the system is to narrow the spread between maximum and minimum bets allowed. In other words, the minimum wager must be high enough and the maximum wager low enough that no more than eight or nine doublings can occur. If you find a table with a low minimum, such as \$1 and a high maximum, such as \$3,000, you may wish to try using a Martingale system against the table.

You could use the following series of wagers: 1 2 4 8 16 32 64 128 256 512 1,024 2,048. With 12 bets in the series, you would be an odds-on favorite to win any weekend gambling contest involving even-money wagers. However, you might want to consider one thing. If you try this, sooner or later you will lose bet number 11, for \$1,024. You will now have lost \$2,047 and will be called on to bet \$2,048 in order to win the grand sum of \$1. Are you willing to risk it? If you win, you will be up exactly one buck for your efforts. However, if you lose your last wager of \$2,048, you will have lost \$4,095 in the gaming contest. While the risk of loss is low, it will happen at some time if you continue to wager this way, and there is no guarantee that it won't happen during your first casino excursion using this system.

### **Mini-Martingale**

Martingale in its purest form is too risky for the amount of reward offered. Nearly every gambling expert likes to cite Martingale as an example of a losing system and then jump into a gloating mode and proclaim that all betting systems are losers. However, a Martingale system can be used with very good results if it is used on a spot basis. Assume that you are wagering on an even-money game and that you have lost the last four consecutive wagers. Usually, a three-stage Martingale against this trend continuing for three more decisions will be quite profitable and the reward will be reasonable as compared to the amount risked.

A five-stage Martingale progression can be used very profitably when it is used against a betting pattern which is less likely to occur than would normally be expected.

### **Grand Martingale**

One criticism of Martingale is that too much is risked as compared to the potential return. For example, in the first Martingale series shown, you would have had to wager \$256 in order to win a net \$1. With Grand Martingale, additional chips are added to each increased wager, so that when a win finally occurs, the amount won will be greater than just the amount of the first wager. A typical Grand Martingale series is: 1 3 5 15 35 75.

Martingale in all forms risks a lot to win a little. When the losses come, they will wipe out hours of profits. Another twist to using a Martingale series is to play Martingale in reverse, called an "Anti-Martingale" betting series. With this system, winning wagers will be pressed (doubled). Whenever you encounter a long winning streak this system can produce phenomenal profits. Assume we use the following Anti-Martingale series: 5 10 20 40 80. With five consecutive wins, we will \$155, while our total risk is only the amount of our first wager, \$5. The high-risk reward ratio is a major reason raising your wagers after wins is recommended by many gaming experts. However, as we saw two chapters back, this type of system wins very infrequently, and the many small losses overwhelm most gains, so that over 90% of all games will end with a loss.

## **Labouchere**

With Labouchere, also known as the Cancellation System, the player sets up a series of numbers which will add up to the profit he will make if he wins this betting series. If he picks 1 2 3 as his series, his expected profit for winning this series is  $1 + 2 + 3 = 6$ . Like the variations of Martingale, this series is used with even-money bets.

To start the series, a player will wager the sum of the two outside numbers, in this case 4 ( $1 + 3 = 4$ ). If he wins this wager, he will cancel the two outside numbers by scratching them out, and wager the sum of the next two outside numbers. In this simple series, only the single number of 2 is left, so the player would wager 2. If he also wins this wager, he will have won the series, having won 4 on the first hand and 2 for the second wager, for a total of 6, the total of all bets in the series.

Any time the player loses a wager, he will add the amount lost to the series and continue to wager the sum of the two outside wagers. Let's assume the player lost the first bet of 4. He would add this wager to the series, which would now become: 1 2 3 4. His next wager would be for 5, the sum of the two outside wagers. We will assume that this bet wins. Having won the bet, our player cancels the outside numbers of 1 and 4 leaving the series as: 2 3. He next wagers the sum of these two numbers, betting 5. If this wager wins the series is completed. If he loses this wager, the losing bet of 5 will be added to the series and he will continue the series.

The principal appeal of this system is that it appears to be a two for one proposition in that each win cancels two numbers while a loss only adds one number to the series. However, this isn't the case, as the player is not paid two for one on winning bets.

In testing this system, I have had bets escalate to wagers of hundreds of dollars all too frequently. This is probably the most insidious of the old time roulette systems. It is said to have been responsible for more suicides on the French Riviera than any other system. Part of the problem with this system is that the small stream of steady wins tends to lull the player into believing that the system can't lose. Unfortunately, a long enough losing streak will occur that the wagers called for will either be larger than the player's bankroll or will

exceed the house limits and not be allowed. In either case, the series will be over with the end result that the player suffers a substantial loss.

This system can also be played in reverse, known as Reverse Labouchere. With Reverse Labby, as many punters call it, the amount of each win is added to the series, and the two outside numbers are canceled whenever a loss occurs. Each wager is still the sum of the two outside numbers. This system produces many small losses in exchange for an occasional win over 1,000 times the amount at risk.

Use of this approach is recounted in Norman Leigh's fascinating account of his successful effort to beat the casino in Monte Carlo by playing Labouchere in reverse (*Thirteen Against the Bank*, William Morrow & Co., 1976). Norman Leigh theorized that the reason so many players lose with Labouchere is that they run into the house limits or lose their playing capital and are unable to recoup losses. Since the bank has almost unlimited capital in comparison to the players, the bank can out wait most player assaults, knowing that either the house betting limit or the player's own limited financial resources will bring about the player's demise.

In using the reverse betting strategy, Leigh reasoned that this approach would most closely resemble the bank's approach to most other players. *He would wait out the small losses until a large win occurred.* Leigh spent months recruiting and training a team to play against the casino. His trials in pulling off this coup make for fascinating reading. I believe that one of the reasons he was eventually able to beat the casino in Monte Carlo was that his starting wagers were fairly low and the house maximums large in comparison. Consequently, he was able to keep his losses fairly low while his team played on, waiting for the monster win.

It is doubtful that this system could be used successfully now, as the spread between minimum and maximum wagers is not large enough in most casinos. The losses realized while waiting for the large win would be enormous, with the house limits on maximum wagers limiting the systems' ability to ultimately recoup the losses.

## **D'Alembert**

This system was invented by a French mathematician, based on the assumption of *equilibrium* in gaming contests. D'Alembert reasoned that since winning and losing bets must eventually equal one another, a system of adding one chip after each losing bet and subtracting a chip after a winning bet would ultimately result in a win as winning wagers would always be greater than losing ones.

It is not unusual to win only ten of the first thirty wagers in an even-money betting contest. With d'Alembert's system, the player will wager higher and higher amounts until he eventually runs into our old nemesis, the house limit.

D'Alembert can be fairly successful if it is modified to include no more than nine or ten bets in a series of wagers, so that potential losses are limited. An additional modification to improve the system is to space the bets so that the win of two consecutive wagers will offset prior losses. A series which accomplishes this is 1 2 3 4 7 11 18. With this series, a player would drop back to the lowest bet after winning two consecutive wagers, such as 7 and 4. This system can be fairly successful if used by two partners betting the opposite in roulette, craps or baccarat.

## **Contra-d'Alembert**

Like Reverse Labouchere, the idea behind Contra-d'Alembert is to reduce the amount risked while allowing profitable runs to rise to great heights. With this strategy we will increase our wager one level after a win and reduce it a level following a loss.

The only positive aspect to the strategy is that when you hit a prolonged losing streak the size of your wagers is quickly reduced. In this respect this system can help protect your bankroll.

However, the upside of using any system requiring increasing your wager following wins is limited. Trends of long, uninterrupted winning streaks are fairly rare in gaming and a system relying on piling up win after consecutive win is not going to win very often.

Here's an example. Your first bet is for one unit. You win and move up to betting two units. With another win, you wager three units and have a loss. You have won two out of three bets and have absolutely nothing to show for it. All of your profit evaporated with that single loss.

If you could always pick your spots, this system would have merit. Of course, if pigs could fly . . . well, you get the idea. It is just about impossible to know in advance when a three-wager consecutive win might occur so that you could jump in with a Contra-d'Alembert. Like so many systems, this one sounds good on paper, but is difficult to squeeze profits out of in real world gaming.

### **Ascot**

This is another of the old time roulette systems that can be adapted to any game offering even-money bets. With Ascot, winning wagers are increased one unit at a time in a predetermined series of wagers while losing bets are lowered one step using the same betting series. An Ascot betting series can be from seven to eleven numbers. A typical series is: 2 3 5 8 13 20 30. The player's first wager would be a middle number such as 8. If this wager wins, the next wager would be 13. If this wager also won, the succeeding wager would be for 20, and so on, with each win followed by an increase of one level in the betting series. The series would end with the win of the last bet in the series. For a win, that would be a win of 30. A losing series would be terminated with the loss of the lowest bet of 2.

The greatest problem with Ascot is that alternating wins and losses at the higher levels of wagers will destroy the profit potential of the series. This can be a serious flaw in any system calling for a large reduction in the amount wagered following a loss.

### **The Fibonacci System**

Fibonacci was a mathematician who discovered a series of numbers where the sum of each two numbers in the series equals the number which follows. A Fibonacci series with twelve levels of bets would look like: 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 89 144 233 for a total risked of \$608.

This is a very low risk system for use with even-money bets at craps, roulette and baccarat. To use it, you will increase your bet one level following a loss. After any win, you drop your next wager one level. If you win two bets in a row, or win two out of three bets, you drop back to the first bet in the series.

This system was sold many years ago for \$100 a copy with instructions to use it betting *don't pass* in craps. This is a good system for partners to use betting opposites. With roulette, for instance, one partner could bet red while the other wagered black. With craps, one would wager on pass line and the other on don't pass. With baccarat, one partner would bet banker and the other on player hands.

An adaptation of this system has been used to successfully win at craps The Silverthorne System ([www.silverthornepublications.com/SilverSysInternet](http://www.silverthornepublications.com/SilverSysInternet)).

Incidentally, there are a number of derivations of the Fibonacci series of numbers, including ratios of the numbers, which are regularly used in trading stocks and commodity future contracts. This is indeed a versatile and powerful sequence of numbers.

### **The Parlay**

A parlay or *paroli* is a positive progression method. In its simplest form, it consists of leaving a winning bet plus the winnings up for a second win. If you are betting \$10 on an even-money bet and win \$10, you parlay the wager by leaving \$20 up for the next decision. If this bet wins, you will have won \$30 while only risking \$10.

Probably the most attractive aspect of a successful parlay is that it wins three times as much as the amount risked. However, the probability of winning two bets in a row on even-money wagers is less than one in four. For this reason, one of the better ways to use a parlay is to combine it with a series of bets where the amount wagered is increased following a loss. For example the following parlay progression could be used: 2 2 3 4 6 8 12 16. To use this series, you would normally start with the first wager in the series. If this bet won, you would parlay it and next wager \$4. If either the original wager or the parlay lost you would move up one level in the betting series. Any time a parlay bet is won, you will start

the betting series over. If the series is lost, you may either start the series over or leave the table.

Setting up parlay progressions like the one above can be the basis for some of the best performing betting progressions in gambling. To use such a series in blackjack, which requires additional money in order to handle pair splitting and doublings, requires adjustments to the series. One way to handle this is to modify basic strategy to reduce the number of splitting and doubling plays. However, this is not a wise way to play blackjack as these moves represent one of the player's strongest winning options. A better way to handle the program of developing a winning parlay progression for blackjack is to modify the progression so that it allows for splitting and doubling opportunities.

### **Oscar's Grind**

If you want to use a system with very little risk of loss, here's the one you want.

Oscar has a target of winning one unit at the end of any successful betting series. That's it. One unit. Here are the rules:

1. Increase your bet by one unit after every win; provided that winning the wager won't result in a series gain larger than one unit.
2. Never change the size of your bet following a loss.

Assume that your betting unit is \$5 and you are betting don't pass. You find yourself fighting a hot streak and you have lost six bets in a row for a cumulative loss of \$30. You continue to bet \$5 since you never change the size of your wager following losses. You bet \$5 again and win. Now, with one win and six losses, you are down a net \$25. Following the win, you raise your bet one unit and wager \$10. This wager also wins. You have reduced your net loss to \$15. You raise your next wager one more unit to \$15 and win. You are now even. Your final wager will revert to \$5. Why? Because of the rule limiting the size of a wager to one which will not result in a gain larger than one unit.

Your last bet of \$5 wins. You now have a net win of \$5, having lost six bets and won four.

Even this system can take you to high levels on occasion. If you find yourself in a situation where you have occasional wins followed by multiple losses, the size of your wagers will continue to grow. If you run into this situation, you will be forced to stop the series at some point and accept a loss, rather than risking larger and larger amounts of money.

### **Patrick's System**

John Patrick, a professional gambler turned writer, presented another positive betting system for blackjack, which can also be used for baccarat. In his *John Patrick's Blackjack* (Carol Publishing Group, 1995) he describes his system. He uses a system with both progressive and regressive attributes. With his system, you will start with a wager at least twice as large as the table minimum so that you have room to reduce the size of your bet after wins. After your first win, your next wager will be one-half the size of the first winning wager. For instance, if your base bet is \$10 and you win, you will wager \$5 next. After any net loss you will revert to the original starting bet. However, if you can manage to win the second bet in a series, you will return to the two-unit bet and increase the amount wagered after any additional win.

A series of six wins at a \$10 minimum table would look like: 20 10 20 30 40 50 for a total of \$170 won.

Patrick suggests a way to limit losses by quitting if you lose the first four hands in a shoe or deck.

## Placing Your Bet Using Target Betting

Power Baccarat is fairly straightforward since there are only two decisions to make when you play baccarat.

**You have to decide where to place your wager.** We will only bet on Player (P) or Banker (B) and never wager on Ties (T), so your choice of where to place your wager boils down to making a bet on either Player or Banker.

**Your second decision is how much to wager.** We will take up the process of deciding how much to wager in the next chapter. In this chapter we are only concerned with *where you place your wagers*.

The principle behind determining where you place each bet was developed after thoroughly evaluating the game of baccarat. This game is different from other casino table games in that it develops both long trends of repeating decisions, such as banker, banker, banker, etc. as well as choppy and fairly unpredictable patterns of decisions, such as banker, player, player, banker, player, banker, banker, player etc.

We researched many different bet selection methods from the simple to the extremely complex. After testing many different bet selection methods, one was determined to best match the Bet Sizing System used for Power Baccarat.

### Target Betting

Power Baccarat uses a bet selection method that has elements of both a fixed betting method and a variable betting system.

### Variable Bet Selection

With Power Baccarat your betting decision consists of betting on either Banker (B) or Player (P). We use the SOS pattern method, where –  
S means betting the Same as the last observed decision (B or P) and

O means betting the Opposite of the last observed decision.

Using this pattern has nothing to do with whether you won or lost. You will strictly follow this pattern of bet selection until you have two consecutive losing bets.

### **Flexible Bet Selection**

You will continue with the SOS pattern until losing two consecutive wagers. When you do, you will repeat the last pattern for the next decision.

If the Variable Pattern is SO and you lose both bets, your next bet will be on O, so that the completed pattern will be SOO.

If the Variable Pattern is OS and you lose both bets, your next bet will be on S, so that the completed pattern will be OSS.

After repeating a pattern, following two losses you will resume the Variable Pattern of SOS.

For example if you have bet SO and lost both bets, your next bet will be on O. Win or lose your next bet will be on S so then you continue the SOS pattern.

The table below shows how Target Betting works. For this example we will assume that we use a betting series of 5 10 20 40 where we increase our bets following losses until we have one win. With any win, we will start the series over.

## Series of Bets Using Target Bet Selection

**Key:**

**Round** – Number of round of play

**Outcome** – Results of each bet, where P = Player, B = Banker, T = Tie

**Pattern** – Betting pattern used, where S means bet the same as the previous outcome and O means bet the opposite of the previous outcome

**Bet On** – Where the bet is made following the pattern selection system.

**Amount Bet** – The amount of the wager using the system 5 10 20 40 where the bet is increased following a loss.

**W/L** – The outcome of the wager showing the amount won or lost.

**Cumulative Win** – A running total of the amount won or lost

Round	Outcome	Pattern	Bet On	Amount Bet	W/L	Cumulative Won
1	P					
2	P	S	P	5	+5	+5
3	B	O	B	5	+5	+10
4	P	S	B	5	-5	+5
5	T	O	P	10	-	+5
6	B	O	P	10	-10	-5
7	B	O	P	20	-20	-25
8	B	S	B	40	+40	+15
9	P	O	P	5	+5	+20
10	B	S	P	5	-5	+15
11	P	O	P	10	+10	+25
12	B	S	P	5	-5	+20
13	P	O	P	10	+10	+30

Here is a round by round review of this series of play.

1. We observe the first round so that we have a decision on where to start our bet selection system. An alternative to observing a decision is to start with the S pattern and bet on either P or B. To balance out this method you can alternate with starting with a bet on P for one game and B on the next. This method is especially useful for online play where a bet must be made in order to activate a round of play.
2. We start by betting \$5 on P, which is the Same as the previous outcome. We win the bet.
3. We automatically change from using the S pattern to the O pattern. We will make this change whether we won the last wager or not. Since the outcome for Round 2 was P, we bet the Opposite and wager on B. We win the bet.
4. We change from the O pattern used in Round 3, to the S pattern and bet that the outcome of Round 3 which was B will repeat. We lose the bet.
5. We change from the S pattern back to the O pattern and bet the opposite of P, the outcome of the last round. The decision is a Tie. We ignore it for purposes of determining where to bet.
6. Ignoring the Tie we repeat the last bet and lose the bet when B wins.
7. Having lost two bets in a row (we ignore Round 6 with the tie) we repeat the previous pattern of O and bet O again. We bet the opposite of the previous outcome of B, betting on P. We lose the bet.
8. We switch from the O pattern back to the S pattern betting on B. We win the bet.
9. We change back to the O pattern and win another wager.

10. We go back to the S pattern and bet on P, the same outcome as the previous round. We lose the bet.

11. We change to the O pattern, betting the opposite of the previous outcome of B. We bet on P and win.

12. We change to the S pattern and wager on P. We lose our bet.

13. We change to the O pattern and bet on P. We win the bet.

In this series of plays we won six bets and lost five bets and had one tie. Using a simple four-stage Martingale we won \$30. We will use a different betting system for actual play but this simple four-step Martingale shows the effectiveness of Variable-Fixed Bet Selection.

## **Betting to Match the Mode of the Game**

Positive Betting Progressions are attractive because they can win large amounts using a small bankroll. However, Positive Betting Progressions have poor win rates as we saw in the previous chapter where a test of a positive betting progression showed a win rate of only 9.6%.

Negative Betting Progressions are attractive because they win at much higher win rates than Positive Betting Progressions. In the long-term test discussed in the last chapter, a negative betting progression won over 85% of all of its sessions.

Power Baccarat is a reactive system in which the betting strategy is changed depending upon how the game is progressing.

### **Slicing Baccarat Into Playable Pieces**

After studying and analyzing millions of rounds of baccarat play, we discovered that the best way to play baccarat is to treat it as three different games, dependant upon how wins and losses are trending in the game. We will use betting progressions in the game, but instead of trying a “one size fits all” approach, we will use a different betting strategy to match the current baccarat trend.

### **Choppy But Playable Modes**

Baccarat can be beaten using a negative betting progression about 85% of the time. That’s why we had an 85% win rate testing a negative betting progression. While net wins can be achieved using a negative betting progression for all baccarat play, much higher win rates can be achieved when a negative progression is limited to choppy, but playable trends.

This is almost intuitive for many players. However, the \$64,000 question is how can we know when it is safe to use a negative betting progression and when we need to use a different system!

We use a timing signal to determine which betting strategy best matches the current game trend.

During play, we may change from one betting strategy to another. However, we will do this automatically with no guessing or attempting to forecast the future.

The starting mode for any game is Strike Betting. This is the default mode of betting. You will start in Strike Betting Mode and continue in this mode until you get a timing signal telling you to change betting modes.

### **Long Losing Streaks**

Long losing streaks are the bane of all players. Regardless of your system, long losing streaks can decimate your bankroll. Long losing streaks are the number one cause of system failure for negative betting progressions. For example, if we knew that losing streaks longer than six or seven consecutive losses never occurred, we could beat the game of baccarat 100% of the time.

However, losing streaks are fairly common. In games dealt with eight decks long losing streaks have become more and more common.

We won't get into the theory of why this is true, but you can accept that longer losing streaks are a fact of life in most baccarat games.

To combat long losing streaks, players using a negative betting progression frequently rely on using a large bankroll and hope that they can outlast losing streaks.

With negative betting progressions, the player can only hope that his betting system wins before he runs out of bankroll or hits the house limit on bets.

We prefer to use a different approach. We use a timing signal to tell us when we are in a losing streak and it is time to change our betting method. Once we get a signal, we will change from Strike Betting to Counterstrike Betting, the strategy used to combat losing streaks.

### **Cashing in on Winning Streaks**

The goal of all baccarat players is to hit a winning streak. However negative betting progressions are designed to capitalize on winning streaks. Only positive betting progressions take advantage of winning streaks. However, positive betting progressions take a beating most of the time since winning streaks only occur about 5% to 7% of the time.

Using a negative betting progression is not reactive to winning streaks. Players using negative betting progressions will have winning streaks of their smallest bets, which while profitable, is not the optimum way to take advantage of the chance to win bet after bet.

With Power Baccarat whenever we receive a timing signal we will change our betting mode to Trend Betting. This mode uses the principles of a positive betting progression, but does so in a conservative way that preserves most of a win when a winning streak ends.

### **Automatic Signals**

Power Baccarat's betting system reacts to changes in the flow of the game by using an automatic signal that tells the player that a betting change may be in order. Power Baccarat sets up a Pivot Bet which determines the betting strategy.

Here's how this signal works –

When you are in Strike Betting Mode, a Pivot Bet occurs whether you lose two bets in a row. The loss of the second bet tells you to start Counterstrike Betting for your next wager.

Once you are in Counterstrike Betting Mode you will need to win one bet to return to Strike Betting. With the win on any bet in Counterstrike Betting Mode, you will change back to Strike Betting on the next wager.

When you are in Strike Betting Mode you can also change to Trend Betting. Whenever you win the lowest level bet in Strike Betting Mode, this win acts as a Pivot Bet telling you to change to Streak Betting on the next round of play.

### **Summary of Power Baccarat's Betting Strategies**

Baccarat is a game of some trends with mostly choppy outcomes. Power Baccarat uses a betting system to determine the current game direction and then apply the best betting strategy for that game mode.

Baccarat is very tough to beat using a fixed betting progression which doesn't react to constantly changing trends

Power Baccarat's Betting Strategy divides the game of baccarat into three major modes with one strategy for each mode.

**Strike Betting** is used when the game is choppy but still playable. Power Betting is a net winning strategy. You may have games where you never change from Power Betting mode. You will do well in these games, keeping your bets low but steadily building your winnings.

**Counterstrike Betting** is the best way to combat long losing streaks. Other strategies

really don't have a way to combat losing streaks other than trying to survive. With our Counterstrike Betting Strategy you will tend to stay about even or even build more profits during a losing streak. This is a superior way to handle losing streaks.

**Trend Bets** are used when the trend is player favorable and you have a winning streak underway. Our Trend Betting Strategy is designed so that you will capitalize on winning streaks but not risk giving back too much when the streak ends.

**Pivot Bets** are used in each betting strategy to tell you when you need to make a Strike Bet, a Counterstrike Bet, a Trend Bet or immediately change betting strategies. These signals tend to be very timely and are the key to the success of Power Baccarat.

Are you starting to feel like a general planning a battle? You should. When you play baccarat using one of Power Blackjack's betting strategies you will be matching your play to each change in trends in the game, giving you an edge that other players can only envy.

# The Power Baccarat Betting System

In the previous chapter we did an overview of the strategy. In this chapter you'll learn exactly how to use Power Baccarat to consistently win at baccarat

You will always begin a game using Strike Bets. This is the betting mode that works best with choppy but playable baccarat games and we always assume that we are in a playable mode when we begin a game.

We will use several different betting strategies as the game changes modes. Each betting mode uses different bets. Throughout this book, our examples will be based on using \$5 base bets. However, you can play this strategy with base bets ranging from \$1 to \$500. In the Summary of Power Baccarat chapter we will show you the bets for all levels of play.

## Strike Betting

Strike Betting uses a betting series of eight bets. For \$5 base betting, the following betting series is used:

**Strike Bets for \$5 Base Bets**

Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
\$ Bet	5	10	15	25	40	65	105	170

The Betting Rules for Strike Bets are as follows:

1. Always begin with a Level-1 bet. If you lose the bet, increase the bet to the next level.
2. The general rule for Strike Bets is to increase your bet one level after losing a bet and drop your bet one level after winning a bet. If you win two bets in a row or two out of three bets you will always drop to a Level-1 bet. Example: You win a Level-5 bet of \$40 and then win a Level-4 bet of \$25. Your next bet will be a Level-1 bet.
3. Anytime you lose two bets in a row will be treated as a Pivot Bet, which acts as a Timing Signal to start the Counterstrike Betting Strategy. Example: If you lose a Level-2 bet of \$10 and then lose a Level-3 bet of \$15, your next bet will be a Counterstrike Strategy Bet.
4. The two-loss in a row rule applies to all levels of betting for Power Bets. For example, if you lose a Level-3 bet of \$15 and then Lose a Level-4 bet of \$25 your next bet will be a bet using Counterstrike Betting.
5. After winning any bet using the Counterstrike Strategy, you will immediately revert to making a Strike Bet at the next higher level after your last Power Bet. Example: Lose a Level-1 bet of \$5, followed by losing a Level-2 bet of \$10. Start Counterstrike Betting with a Level-1 Counterstrike Bet of \$5. If this bet wins, resume making Strike Bets with a Level-3 Power Bet of \$15.

Before we go any further discussing Strike Bets we need to talk about Counterstrike Betting as you will switch back and forth between the two betting strategies following specific betting rules.

### **Counterstrike Betting**

Counterstrike Betting is used after losing two consecutive Strike Bets. As soon as this occurs, you will change to Counterstrike Betting.

Like Strike Betting, Counterstrike Betting uses a Betting Series. For \$5 Base Bets, the following Betting Series is used:

**Counterstrike Betting Series for \$5 Base Bets**

Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
\$ Bet	3	5	10	20	40	80	160

The rules for Counterstrike Betting are:

1. Always begin Counterstrike Betting with a Level-1 bet. If the bet wins, resume Strike Betting at the next higher bet level. If the bet loses increase the bet one level.
2. Continue making Counterstrike Bets until you have one winning bet. With any winning bet you will revert to Strike Betting at the next higher betting level for the next round of play.

Counterstrike Betting is a simple Martingale Betting Series. With any win in the series the amount of the Level-1 bet is won.

The purpose of Counterstrike Betting is to protect the Strike Bets. By changing betting modes from Strike Betting to Counterstrike Bets we reduce the risk of a single string of loses causing us to lose a game.

**Several Counterstrike Bets are shown below:**

<b>Round</b>	<b>Bet Amount</b>	<b>Outcome of Bet</b>	<b>Cumulative Amount Won or Lost</b>
1	3	Lost 3	-3
2	5	Lost 5	-8
3	10	Lost 10	-18
4	20	Lost 20	-38
5	40	Won 40	Won 2

The most attractive feature of using a Martingale Betting Series is its ability to recover from losses. In testing different betting systems for Counterstrike Betting, the Martingale Series delivered the highest profits.

One of the reasons that a Martingale Series is so effective is that it is being used to defend against losing nine bets in a row but is only risking seven bets to do so.

We will only start Counterstrike Betting using a Martingale Series after losing two consecutive Strike Bets. We would have to lose these two bets plus seven consecutive Counterstrike Bets in order to lose a game. Fortunately, losing nine consecutive bets is rare enough with baccarat that this betting strategy has an overall win rate of 95.66% of all games played.

Let's take a look at a realistic series of bets where we started out using Strike Bets, switched to Counterstrike Betting and then returned to Strike Bets.

### Switching From Strike Bets to Counterstrike Bets and Back Again

Round	Strategy Mode	Bet Level	Amount Bet	Bet Outcome W/L	Amount Won or Lost for Round	Cumulative Amount Won or Lost
1	Strike	1	5	L	-5	-5
2	Strike	2	10	L	-10	-15
3	Counterstrike	1	3	L	-3	-18
4	Counterstrike	2	5	L	-5	-23
5	Counterstrike	3	10	L	-10	-33
6	Counterstrike	4	20	W	+20	-13
7	Strike	3	15	W	+15	+2
8	Strike	2	10	W	+10	+12

This is a series of bets where there were five losses to three wins which can happen often in a short series of plays.

Let's go through this illustration round by round.

1. We start making a Level-1 Strike Bet. This is always our starting position any time we start a game of baccarat. We lost the bet.
  
2. Since we lost our first bet in round 1, we make a Level-2 Strike Bet which also loses.
  
3. Anytime we lose two consecutive Strike Bets, we will change to Counterstrike Betting making a Level-1 Counterstrike Bet. This bet may be considered a Pivot Bet in that the outcome of this bet determines whether we continue in Counterstrike Betting or immediately return to Strike Betting. We lose the Level-1 Counterstrike Bet and continue in Counterstrike Betting Mode.
  
4. We make a Level-2 Counterstrike Bet of \$5 and lose.
  
5. We move up to a Level-3 Counterstrike Bet of \$10 and lose.

6. Following a loss, we move up our Counterstrike Bet to Level-4 and win the bet.
7. The win of any Counterstrike Bet signals a move back to Strike Betting. When we return to Strike Betting we always return to the betting level one higher than the last losing bet, which in this case is a Level-3 Strike Bet. We wager \$15 and win.
8. Having won a Level-3 Strike Bet, we drop one level and make a Level-2 Strike Bet and win.

### **Trend Betting**

The third betting mode is ***Trend Betting***. This is the strategy designed to build profits safely during winning streaks.

We will only enter Trend Betting Mode after winning a Level-1 Power Bet. The win of this bet acts as the Pivot Bet to point us toward Trend Betting.

After winning a Level-1 Strike Bet we begin Trend Betting with a Level-1 Trend Bet. We will increase our bets so long as we win in this mode. With any loss we will return to Strike Betting making a Level-2 Strike Bet.

For \$5 Base Betting we will use the following Trend Bets:

#### **Trend Bets for \$5 Base Bets**

Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
\$ Bet	6	5	8	10	12	14	16

If you win all of these bets, start increasing the bets by increments of 3 following the win of \$16. Your next bet would be 19, then 22 and so on.

This is a very conservative betting series. When you are in a winning streak you should continue in this betting series as long as you continue to win each bet. With a single loss you will revert to Strike Betting at the Level higher than your last losing bet.

If you lose an \$8 Trend Bet, your next bet will be a Level-2 StrikeBet of \$10. If you lose a \$14 Trend Bet, your next bet will be a \$15 Strike Bet.

Let's continue the previous example which showed eight rounds of play entailing Strike Bets and Counterstrike Bets. We'll add some more rounds where a winning streak occurs and then ends, showing how Trend Bets perform.

The next table picks up where the table showing eight rounds of play using Strike and Counterstrike bets left off. Here, starting with round 9 we enter Trend Betting Mode and continue in this mode through round 12.

### **Series of Bets Showing Interplay of Strike Bets, Counterstrike Bets and Trend Bets**

<b>Round</b>	<b>Strategy Mode</b>	<b>Bet Level</b>	<b>Amount Bet</b>	<b>Bet Outcome W/L</b>	<b>Amount Won or Lost for Round</b>	<b>Cumulative Amount Won or Lost</b>
1	Strike	1	5	L	-5	-5
2	Strike	2	10	L	-10	-15
3	Counterstrike	1	3	L	-3	-18
4	Counterstrike	2	5	L	-5	-23
5	Counterstrike	3	10	L	-10	-33
6	Counterstrike	4	20	W	+20	-13
7	Strike	3	15	W	+15	+2
8	Strike	2	10	W	+10	+12
9	Strike	1	5	W	+5	+17
10	Trend	1	6	W	+5	+22
11	Trend	2	5	W	+5	+27
12	Trend	3	8	W	+8	+35
13	Trend	4	10	L	-10	+25
14	Strike	3	15	W	+15	+40

The first eight rounds of play match the rounds played in the earlier table showing how Strike Bets and Counterstrike Bets interact. In this table we were in Trend Betting Mode from rounds 10 to 12. Let's review rounds 9 through 14.

9. We won a Level-1 Strike bet in round 9. Anytime we win a Level-1 Strike Bet, we will start Trend Betting Mode.

10. We wager \$6 as our first Trend Bet and win. If we had lost this bet we would have immediately reverted to Strike Betting making a Level-2 bet. However, since we won the bet we will continue in Trend Betting Mode until we lose a bet.

11. Following a win we make a Level-2 Trend Bet of \$5 and win. We regress on this bet because testing has shown that this is the most profitable way to make Trend Bets.

12. Since we won our last bet, we continue in Trend Betting Mode and wager \$8 which wins.

13. With a win on the previous round we remain in Trend Betting Mode and bet \$10 which loses. Anytime we lose a Trend Bet is a Timing Signal to return to Strike Betting at the level higher than the amount we just lost.

14. With the loss of a \$10 Trend Bet, we resume Strike Betting, making a wager that is the next level higher than the lost Trend Bet. We make a Level-3 Strike Bet of \$15 and win.

These illustrations should have given you a sense of how Power Baccarat smoothly transitions from one betting mode to another. In the next chapter we'll show how the strategy performs in real baccarat play.

## Winning With Power Baccarat

In this chapter we are going to show how to combine Tracker Betting, which determines where you place each bet with Power Baccarat's mode-based betting system.

I am going to present several games played in real casinos using Power Baccarat. Each of these games was played using the following assumptions:

Base Bet Used - \$5

Bankroll - \$435

Target Win - \$40

Bet Selection: Tracker Betting

### Betting Series Used:

#### Strike Bets:

Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
\$ Bet	5	10	15	25	40	65	105	170

#### Counterstrike Bets:

Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
\$ Bet	3	5	10	20	40	80	160

#### Trend Bets:

Winning Level-1 Strike Bet	-----Trend Bets-----						
5	6	5	8	10	12	14	16

If you win all of these bets, start increasing the bets by increments of 3 following the win of \$16. Your next bet would be 19, then 22 and so on.

## Power Baccarat Game 1

### Key:

#### Bet Mode:

St = Strike Betting

C = Counterstrike Betting

Tr = Trend Betting

W= Winning Hand

L = Losing Hand

P = player

B = banker

T = tie

S = bet the same as the last outcome

O = bet the opposite of the last outcome

### Explanation of Game Format:

**Round** – number of round played

**Outcome** – the outcome of the round, where P means player hand won, B means banker hand won and T = tie.

**Bet Pattern** – the bet selection pattern used, where S means bet the same as the previous outcome and O means bet the opposite of the last outcome.

**Bet on** – where the bet is placed, where P means player and B means banker.

**Bet Mode** – the bet mode used where St= Strike Betting, C = Counterstrike Betting and Tr = Trend Betting.

**Bet Level** – the bet level used in the betting series used. For example, L-2 means a Level-2 bet.

**Amount Bet** – the amount wagered.

**W/L** – the outcome of the bet where W means the bet won and L means the bet lost.

**Running Total** – the net amount won for the game after each round of play.

### Game 1

Round	Outcome	Bet Pattern	Bet On	Bet Mode	Bet Level	Amount Bet	W/L	Running Total
1	P	S	P	St	1	5	W-5	+5
2	P	O	B	Tr	1	6	L-6	-1
3	P	S	P	St	2	10	W-10	+9
4	P	O	B	St	1	5	L-5	+4
5	P	S	P	St	2	10	W-10	+14
6	T	O	B	St	1	5	-	+14
7	B	O	B	St	1	5	W-5	+19
8	B	S	B	Tr	1	6	W-6	+25
9	T	O	P	Tr	2	5	-	+25
10	P	O	P	Tr	2	5	W-5	+30
11	P	S	P	Tr	3	8	W-8	+38
12	P	O	B	Tr	4	10	L-10	+28
13	P	S	P	St	3	15	W-15	+43

Here is a round by round review of Game 1

Round 1. We start the game without observing any previous outcomes. This is an acceptable procedure where you don't have any previous outcomes available. When you start a game in an online casino you won't have any previous outcomes available. We start the game using the S pattern and betting on P. You could have just as easily used the O pattern and bet on either P or B. At any rate our wager wins.

Round 2. With Tracker Betting we change betting patterns regardless of the outcome of our bet. In other words whether we win or lose a bet has no effect on our bet selection. We switch to betting O this round and since the previous outcome was P, we wager the opposite betting on B. In addition we change betting modes. The win of a Level-1 bet in Strike Betting mode always signals a switch to Trend Betting. We make a Level-1 Trend Bet of \$6 on B and lose.

Round 3. We change to the S betting pattern and bet on P. Since we lost the last wager in Trend Betting mode we switch back to Strike Betting making a bet one level higher than the last bet in this mode. We make a \$10 wager on P and win.

Round 4. We change to the O pattern and bet on B. Continuing in Strike Betting mode we drop our bet one level and make a Level-1 bet of \$5 on B. We lose the bet.

Round 5. We change to the S pattern and bet the same as the last decision, betting on P this round. We increase our Strike Bet one level and make a Level-2 bet of \$10 on P. We win the bet.

Round 6. We change to the O pattern and bet the opposite of the last decision, betting on B. We drop our Strike Bet one level, making a Level-1 bet of \$5 on B. This decision is a Tie.

Round 7. Following a tie we repeat the last bet, ignoring the Tie. We win \$5 when the decision is B.

Round 8. We change our betting pattern to S, betting that the outcome of the last round will repeat. The win of a Level-1 Strike Bet signals a move to Trend Betting and we make a Level-1 Trend Bet of \$6 on B and win.

Round 9. We change to the O betting pattern and a wager on P. We make a Level-2 Trend Bet of \$5 on P. The decision is a Tie.

Round 10. Following a tie we repeat the last bet. We win \$5 for the round.

Round 11. We switch to using the S pattern, betting on P. We move up to a Level-3 Trend bet of \$8, betting on P. We win.

Round 12. We change our betting pattern to O, betting on B. We make a Level-4 Trend

Bet of \$10 on B and lose.

Round 13. The loss of any Trend Bet acts as a Pivot Bet and we resume Strike Betting. We make a Level-3 Strike Bet of \$15, the level higher than our last losing Trend Bet of \$10. We win the bet. We decide to stop this game since our winnings are now +43, greater than our Win Target of \$40.

## Game 2

Sample Game 1 was fairly straightforward. We never had to adjust our bet selection method because of suffering two consecutive losing bets. In Game 2 we have to make this adjustment in round 9.

## Game 2

Round	Outcome	Bet Pattern	Bet On	Bet Mode	Bet Level	Amount Bet	W/L	Running Total
1	B	S	P	St	1	5	L-5	-5
2	P	O	P	St	2	10	W-10	+5
3	B	S	P	St	1	5	L-5	-0-
4	T	O	P	St	2	10	-	-0-
5	P	O	P	St	2	10	W-10	+10
6	P	S	P	St	1	5	W-5	+15
7	P	O	B	Tr	1	6	L-6	+9
8	B	S	P	St	2	10	L-10	-1
9	P	S*	B	C	1	3	L-3	-4
10	P	O	B	C	2	5	L-5	-9
11	B	O*	B	C	3	10	W-10	+1
12	B	S	P	St	3	15	L-15	-14
13	P	O	P	St	4	25	W-25	+11
14	P	S	P	St	3	15	W-15	+26
15	B	O	B	St	1	5	W-5	+31
16	B	S	B	Tr	1	6	W-6	+37
17	B	O	P	Tr	2	5	L-5	+32
18	B	S	B	St	3	10	W-10	+42

\* Following two consecutive losses we repeated the bet selection pattern used in round 8 in round 9.

A round by round review of Game 2 follows:

Round 1. Like the previous game we start this game without any observed decisions. We start with the S betting pattern, making a Level-1 Strike Bet of \$5 on B. We lose the bet.

Round 2. We change to the O betting pattern, betting on P. We raise our Strike Bet one level and make a Level-2 bet of \$10 on P. We win the bet.

Round 3. We change our bet selection pattern to S, betting on P. We make a Level-1 Strike Bet of \$5 and lose.

Round 4. We switch to an O bet selection pattern, betting on P. We make a Level-2 Strike Bet of \$10. The decision is a Tie.

Round 5. Following a Tie we leave the same bet in place. This round we win the \$10 bet.

Round 6. We change our betting pattern to S, betting on P. We make a Level-1 Strike Bet of \$5 and win.

Round 7. The win of a Level-1 Strike Bet signals a change to Trend Betting. We also change our betting pattern to O, betting on B. We make a Level-1 Trend Bet of \$6 on B and lose.

Round 8. We change our betting pattern to S, betting that the last decision of P will repeat. Following the loss of a Trend Bet we return to Strike Betting Mode at the level higher than the amount of the last bet lost. We make a Level-2 bet of \$10 on P and lose.

Round 9. After two consecutive losses we repeat the previous bet selection pattern. Using the S bet selection pattern we bet on B. Also two consecutive losses signals a move into Counterstrike betting. We wager \$3 on B and lose.

Round 10. We change our betting pattern to O and bet on B. We increase our bet to a Level-2 Counterstrike bet of \$5 and lose.

Round 11. Again we have had two consecutive losing bets. We repeat the last bet selection pattern of O, betting on B. We increase our Counterstrike bet to a Level 3 bet of \$10 and win.

Round 12. Following any Counterstrike win we resume Strike Betting at one level higher than our last losing Strike Bet. We change to an S betting pattern and make a Level-3 Strike Bet of \$15 on P. We lose the bet.

Round 13. We switch to making a bet using the O pattern, betting on P. We increase our Strike Bet to a Level-4 bet of \$25 and wager on P. We win the bet.

Round 14. Switching to the S pattern we drop our Strike Bet one level following a win. We make a Level-3 Strike Bet of \$15 on P and win.

Round 15. We change to the O betting pattern. Following two winning bets we drop to a Level-1 Strike Bet of \$5, betting on B. We win the bet.

Round 16. We change to the S betting pattern, wagering on B. Following the win of a Level-1 Strike Bet we change to Trend Betting and make a Level-1 Trend bet of \$6 and win.

Round 17. We switch to the O betting pattern and bet on P. We make a Level-2 Trend bet of \$5 and lose the bet.

Round 18. We change our betting pattern to S, wagering on B. Returning to Strike Betting, we make a Level-2 bet of \$10 and win. We notice that we have won +42 exceeding our target of \$40. We call the game over with a \$42 win.

### Game 3

In Game 3 our Tend Betting ready paid off. This game was short and very profitable.

### Game 3

Round	Outcome	Bet Pattern	Bet On	Bet Mode	Bet Level	Amount Bet	W/L	Running Total
1	B	S	B	St	1	5	W-5	+5
2	P	O	P	Tr	1	6	W-6	+11
3	P	S	P	Tr	2	5	W-5	+16
4	B	O	B	Tr	3	8	W-8	+24
5	P	S	B	Tr	4	10	L-10	+14
6	B	O	B	St	3	15	W-15	+29
7	B	S	B	St	2	10	W-10	+39
8	P	O	P	St	1	5	W-5	+34
9	P	S	P	Tr	1	6	W-6	+40
10	B	O	B	Tr	2	5	W-5	+45
11	B	S	B	Tr	3	8	W-8	+53
12	P	O	P	Tr	4	10	W-10	+63
13	P	S	P	Tr	5	12	W-12	+75
14	P	O	B	Tr	6	14	L-14	+61
15	P	S	P	St	3	15	W-15	+76

A round by round review of Game 3 follows:

Round 1. We start the game without observing any previous decisions. We started this game using the S pattern and betting on B. We start in Strike Betting mode, making a Level-1 bet of \$5 and win.

Round 2. We change betting patterns from S to O. The win of a Level-1 Strike Bet signals a change to Trend betting. We make a Level-1 Trend bet of \$6 on P and win.

Round 3. We switch the betting pattern to S, betting on P. We make a Level-2 Trend bet of \$5 and win.

Round 4. We change our betting pattern back to O, betting on B. We make a Level-3 Trend bet of \$8 and win.

Round 5. Using the S betting pattern we wager of B. We make a Level-4 Trend bet of \$10 and lose.

Round 6. Changing to the O betting pattern we bet on B. Following the loss of a \$10 Trend Bet we return to Strike Betting, making a Level-3 bet of \$15 and win.

Round 7. We change to the S betting pattern, making a wager on B. Following a win we drop our Strike Bet one level and make a Level-2 bet of \$10 which wins.

Round 8. We change back to the O betting pattern and bet on P. We drop back to a Level-1 Power Bet of \$5 and win.

Round 9. We revert to using the S betting pattern, wagering on P. The win of a Level-1 Strike Bet acts as a signal to change to Trend Betting. We make a Level-1 Trend Bet of \$6 and win.

Round 10. We change to the O betting pattern and wager on B this round. We move to a Level-2 Trend Bet of \$5 and win.

Round 11. We change to the S pattern bet selection and bet on B. We move up to a Level-3 Trend Bet of \$8 and win.

Round 12. We switch to O pattern betting and bet on P. We increase our Trend Bet one level making a Level-4 bet of \$10 which wins.

Round 13. We change to S pattern bet selection and bet on P. We increase our Trend Bet to \$12 and win.

Round 14. We change to O pattern betting, wagering on B for this round. We increase our Trend Bet to \$14 and lose the bet.

Round 15. We revert to S pattern betting, betting on P. With the loss of a Trend Bet we revert to Strike Betting making a wager higher than the one we just lost. We make a Level-3 Strike Bet of \$15 and lose. We decide to call the game completed with a win of \$76.

In Game 3 we continued to play even though we reached our Target Win in Round 9. If you are in a strong winning streak, as was the case here, you may decide to continue to play so long as the streak continues.

## Money Management Rules for Power Baccarat

Knowing where to make each bet, as determined by *Target Betting* and how much to bet each time, as determined by using the *Power Baccarat Betting Strategy* is still not enough to make us consistent winners using Power Baccarat. We have to add Money Management Rules to complete the strategy.

Before you start playing you have to have the correct bankroll for your level of play. I will have more to say on this in a later chapter, but for now we have to be concerned with matching your Base Bet to your Game Bankroll.

**Rule 1.** Determine the size of your *Base Bet* and your *Game Bankroll* before you start playing.

As you have seen in previous examples, your Base Bet will be the size of the smallest bet you make when making Strike Bets. Many times the size of your Base Bet may be determined by the size of minimum bets the casino will accept.

Many online casinos accept \$1 minimum bets for baccarat, and you can easily find online games where you can play making \$1 Base Bets.

Most land-based casinos have \$5 to \$10 minimum bets for Mini-Baccarat and may have \$25 to \$100 minimum wagers for the full-sized baccarat tables. Once again, you will have to make sure that you have a large enough Game Bankroll to handle the level of play you will be making.

**Rule 2.** Once you decide on your level of play, be sure your ***Total Bankroll*** is large enough.

Your ***Game Bankroll***, which is also called your ***Game Buy-in*** is the amount of money you must use for a single game.

Your ***Total Bankroll***, which is sometimes called your Baccarat Bankroll, your Lifetime Bankroll or your Permanent Bankroll is the total amount of money you need in order to have an adequate bankroll to play baccarat using Power Baccarat.

The table below shows the relationships between Base Bets, Game Bankroll and Total Bankrolls for different levels of play.

**Base Bets, Game Bankrolls and Total Bankroll**

<b>Base Bet</b>	<b>Game Bankroll</b>	<b>Total Bankroll</b>
<b>\$1</b>	\$87	\$174
<b>\$2</b>	\$174	\$348
<b>\$3</b>	\$261	\$522
<b>\$5</b>	\$435	\$870
<b>\$8</b>	\$575	\$1150
<b>\$10</b>	\$870	\$1740
<b>\$15</b>	\$1305	\$2610
<b>\$20</b>	\$1845	\$3690
<b>\$25</b>	\$2175	\$4350
<b>\$35</b>	\$3055	\$6110
<b>\$50</b>	\$4350	\$8700
<b>\$75</b>	\$6525	\$13050
<b>\$100</b>	\$8700	\$17400
<b>\$200</b>	\$17400	\$34,800
<b>\$300</b>	\$26,100	\$52,200
<b>\$400</b>	\$34,800	\$69,600
<b>\$500</b>	\$43,500	\$87,000

**Rule 3.** Learn the Betting Series for your level of play.

At each level of play you will need to know the bets required for Strike Betting, Counterstrike Betting and making Trend Bets.

**Rule 4.** Set a *Target Profit* for each level of play. I usually recommend a Target Profit equal to eight times the size of your Base Bet.

The following table shows suggested Betting Series for Strike and Counterstrike Bets as well as **Target Wins, Game Bankrolls and Total Bankrolls.**

## Power Baccarat Bets, Target Wins and Bankrolls

Base Bet	Strike Bets	Counter-Strike Bets	Target Win	Game Bankroll	Total Bankroll
<b>\$1</b>	1 2 3 5 8 13 20 35	1 1 2 4 8 16 32	\$8	\$87	\$174
<b>\$2</b>	2 4 6 10 16 26 40 70	1 2 4 8 16 32 64	\$16	\$174	\$348
<b>\$3</b>	3 6 9 15 24 39 60 105	1 2 4 8 16 32 64	\$24	\$261	\$522
<b>\$5</b>	5 10 15 25 40 65 105 170	3 5 10 20 40 80 160	\$40	\$435	\$870
<b>\$8</b>	8 12 20 32 52 85 140 225	3 5 10 20 40 80 160	\$64	\$575	\$1150
<b>\$10</b>	10 20 30 50 80 130 210 340	6 10 20 40 80 160 320	\$80	\$870	\$1740
<b>\$15</b>	15 30 45 75 120 195 315 510	5 10 20 40 80 160 320	\$120	\$1305	\$2610
<b>\$20</b>	20 40 65 105 170 275 445 725	5 20 40 80 160 320 640	\$160	\$1845	\$3690
<b>\$25</b>	25 50 75 125 200 325 525 850	5 25 50 100 200 400 800	\$200	\$2175	\$4350
<b>\$35</b>	35 70 105 175 280 455 735 1200	5 25 50 100 200 400 800	\$280	\$3055	\$6110
<b>\$50</b>	50 100 150 250 400 650 1050 1700	10 50 100 200 400 800 1600	\$400	\$4350	\$8700
<b>\$75</b>	75 150 225 375 600 975 1575 2550	25 75 150 300 600 1200 2400	\$600	\$6525	\$13050
<b>\$100</b>	100 200 300 500 800 1300 2100 3400	25 75 150 300 600 1200 2400	\$800	\$8700	\$17400
<b>\$200</b>	200 400 600 1000 1600 2600 4200 6800	50 200 400 800 1600 3200 6400	\$1600	\$17400	\$34,800
<b>\$300</b>	300 600 900 1500 2400 3900 6300 10200	100 300 600 1200 2400 4800 9600	\$2400	\$26,100	\$52,200
<b>\$400</b>	400 800 1200 2000 3200 5200 8400 13600	100 300 600 1200 2400 4800 9600	\$3200	\$34,800	\$69,600
<b>\$500</b>	500 1000 1500 2500 4000 6500 10500 17000	100 500 1000 2000 4000 8000 16000	\$4000	\$43,500	\$87,000

Setting and controlling the size of your bankroll as well as setting Loss Limits is so important that we will dedicate a whole chapter to it. You will also see an example of how we applied the Loss Limit concept to limit our losses in one of the example games we present.

**Rule 5.** You will always use a **Loss Limit** when you play. The easiest Loss Limit to use is one equal to the Game Bankroll.

If you use a Game Bankroll equal to your Loss Limit, you won't be tempted to ever lose more than your Loss Limit as you won't have a large enough Game Bankroll to make the bet.

You can use a larger Loss Limit if you like, but you cannot make up rules as you play. Always set your goals and limits before starting play and then stick with them. This is the key to your winning consistently with only a few small losses.

## How Much Can You Make With Power Baccarat?

There is no doubt that the Power Baccarat Strategy is very profitable. We have tested this strategy for 5,129 games played in both land-based and online casinos.

These games were played with various Base Bets, ranging from bets as low as \$1 in online casinos, to Base Bets of \$200 in land-based games. To facilitate comparability, I have converted all of the results of these games to the equivalent results of using \$5 Base Bets with \$434 Game Bankrolls.

If your goal is to replicate our results, you can do so using the following betting and bankroll assumptions:

Base Bet	\$5
Game Bankroll	\$435
Total Bankroll	\$870
Target Profit	\$40

### Betting Series:

#### Strike Bets for \$5 Base Bets

Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
\$ Bet	5	10	15	25	40	65	105	170

#### Counterstrike Bets for \$5 Base Bets

Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
\$ Bet	3	5	10	20	40	80	160

### Trend Bets

<b>Winning Level-1 Strike Bet</b>	-----Trend Bets-----						
5	6	5	8	10	12	14	16

If you win all of these bets, start increasing the bets by increments of 3 following the win of \$16. Your next bet would be 19, then 22 and so on.

Your results may not match our results with a small number of games. However, once you have played over 50 games, your averages should come closer to ours. If they are not, you need to examine your play very carefully as you may not be adhering to our rules.

The money management aspects are critical to your long-term success, and you should be very leery about changing any aspects of the strategy.

The following table presents the results of 5,129 games played using Power Baccarat, adjusted to \$5 Base Bets.

## Summary of Games Played Adjusted to \$5 Base Bets for Comparability

Total Games	5,129
Games Won	4,906
Games Lost	223
Win Rate	95.66%
Loss Rate	4.34%
Total Bets	113,507
Net Won	\$190,665
Average Winnings per bet	\$1.698
Total Won excluding losing games	\$193,341
Number of Winning Games	5,129
Average Winnings per winning game	\$37.70
Average Win for All Games	\$37.17
Average Loss per losing game	-12.00
Average Length of a Game (Rounds of Play)	22.13
Average Time Length of Game in Minutes:	
Land-based game (played at 90 rounds per hour)	14.75 minutes
Online Game (played at 360 bets per hour)	3.69 minutes

We won \$190,665, winning 4,906 games and losing only 223 games.

To put these numbers in perspective –

Our game win rate was 95.66%. Another way of saying this is that we had 22 winning games for every losing one.

These are important statistics and you should use them to measure your own performance.

Reviewing the results as shown in the table, we note that the length of the average game was 22.13 rounds of play. This includes all hands dealt, including ties where we neither won nor lost.

Once again, you should measure your results against our long-term play. If, for example, you find that your games are taking much longer on the average than 22 hands per game, you need to examine your play and make any corrections needed. There is no reason that your games should take much longer than 22 hands if you play for the Target Wins suggested for each level of play.

We won an average of \$37.17 per game played. This works out to an average win of \$1.698 per round.

Because this strategy is very reliable and produces consistent results, we can predict the amount you will win once we know the size of your Base Bet, the speed of your game and how long you will play.

As a general rule, you can expect to play about 30 hands per hour at regular baccarat, played on the big baccarat tables in land-based casinos.

At mini-baccarat tables, you can expect to play 90 hands per hour in land-based mini-baccarat games and 360 hands per hour in the online games.

The next table shows projected hourly win rates for land-based and online games.

**Power Baccarat Hourly Winnings  
for Land-Based and Online Casinos**

	-----Hourly Winnings-----	
<b>Base Bets</b>	<b>Land-based (90 per hour)</b>	<b>Online (360 per hour)</b>
\$1	NA	\$120.96
\$2	NA	\$241.92
\$3	NA	\$362.88
\$5	\$151.20	\$604.80
\$8	\$241.92	\$967.68
\$10	\$302.40	\$1209.60
\$15	\$453.60	\$1814.40
\$20	\$604.80	\$2419.20
\$25	\$756.00	\$3024.00
\$35	\$1058.40	\$4233.60
\$50	\$1512.00	\$6048.00
\$75	\$2268.00	NA
\$100	\$3024.00	NA
\$200	\$6048.00	NA
\$300	\$9072.00	NA
\$400	\$12,096.00	NA
\$500	\$15,120.00	NA

You can use this table to estimate how much you can expect to win at a certain level of play.

Let's assume that you intend to play mini-baccarat in a land-based casino, making \$5 Base Bets. The Column for land-based play shows the average hourly win for play in land-based games. As a \$5 player, you can expect to average about \$151.20 an hour at this level of play.

Let's take a look at online play for \$5 bettors You can expect to average winning about \$604.80 an hour online as a \$5 Base Bettor.

Now, let's look at this table a little differently. You've decided that you need to make \$3,000 a week and you are willing to play in a local casino about ten hours a week. You

want to know what level of play you will need as well as the bankroll needed for this level of play.

Take your weekly win goal of \$3,000 and divide it by 10 to calculate the hourly winning you will need to reach your goal of \$3,000 a week in profits for 10 hours of play.

The answer is \$300 an hour. The hourly win rate closest to this amount is \$302.40 an hour for \$10 bettors playing in a land-based game.

So, to win \$3,000 a week, playing in a local casino for about 10 hours, you will need to make \$10 Base Bets. To play at this level requires a total bankroll of only \$1,740.

If you don't have \$1,740 the easiest solution is to build your own bankroll using your baccarat winnings.

Playing online offers the most "bang for the buck."

You can start online with \$1 bets with only a \$87 buy-in, and expect to win \$121 an hour. After just one hour of play, you will have enough winnings to move up to making \$2 bets and pulling in \$242 an hour. At this rate you will quickly move up to making \$5 Base Bets online and pulling in \$605 an hour. You will quickly grow the \$1,740 bankroll needed to make \$10 bets.

You can pretty much set your own profit goals and then reach them by balancing the size of your bets, the speed of your play and the time you invest in the game.

## Reducing the Bankroll Needed to Play

You can reduce the bankroll requirements for Power Baccarat considerably by shortening the betting series used for Strike Bets and Counterstrike bets by eliminating the highest wagers.

If you do this, you will have a slightly higher loss rate. However, the risk of losing a few more games will be more than offset by the reduction in bankroll needed.

The next two tables summarize the betting requirements for the original Eight Strike Bet Series, used throughout this book and the shortened Seven Strike Bet Series you can use.

### Power Baccarat Base Bets, Betting Formulas, Target Wins, Game Bankrolls and Total Bankrolls Eight Strike-Bet Series

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<b>\$25</b>	25 50 75 125 200 325 525 650	5 25 50 100 200 400 800	\$200	\$2175	\$4350
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<b>\$300</b>	300 600 900 1500 2400 3900 6300 10200	100 300 600 1200 2400 4800 9600	\$2400	\$26,100	\$52,200
<b>\$400</b>	400 800 1200 2000 3200 5200 8400 13600	100 300 600 1200 2400 4800 9600	\$3200	\$34,800	\$69,600
<b>\$500</b>	500 1000 1500 2500 4000 6500 10500 17000	100 500 1000 2000 4000 8000 16000	\$4000	\$43,500	\$87,000

**Power Baccarat Base Bets, Betting Formulas,  
Target Wins, Game Bankrolls and Total Bankrolls  
Seven Strike-Bet Series**

<b>Base Bet</b>	<b>Strike Bets</b>	<b>Counter-Strike Bets</b>	<b>Target Win</b>	<b>Game Bankroll</b>	<b>Total Bankroll</b>
<b>\$1</b>	1 2 3 5 8 13 20	1 1 2 4 8 16	\$8	\$52	\$102
<b>\$2</b>	2 4 6 10 16 26 40	1 2 4 8 16 32	\$16	\$104	\$208
<b>\$3</b>	3 6 9 15 24 39 60	1 2 4 8 16 32	\$24	\$156	\$312
<b>\$5</b>	5 10 15 25 40 65 105	3 5 10 20 40 80	\$40	\$265	\$530
<b>\$8</b>	8 12 20 32 52 85 140	3 5 10 20 40 80	\$64	\$424	\$848
<b>\$10</b>	10 20 30 50 80 130 210	6 10 20 40 80 160	\$80	\$530	\$1060
<b>\$15</b>	15 30 45 75 120 195 315	5 10 20 40 80 160	\$120	\$795	\$1590
<b>\$20</b>	20 40 65 105 170 275 445	5 20 40 80 160 320	\$160	\$1120	\$2240
<b>\$25</b>	25 50 75 125 200 325 525	5 25 50 100 200 400	\$200	\$1325	\$2650
<b>\$35</b>	35 70 105 175 280 455 735	5 25 50 100 200 400	\$280	\$1855	\$3710
<b>\$50</b>	50 100 150 250 400 650 1050	10 50 100 200 400 800	\$400	\$2650	\$5300
<b>\$75</b>	75 150 225 375 600 975 1575	25 75 150 300 600 1200	\$600	\$3975	\$7950
<b>\$100</b>	100 200 300 500 800 1300 2100	25 75 150 300 600 1200	\$800	\$5300	\$10600
<b>\$200</b>	200 400 600 1000 1600 2600 4200	50 200 400 800 1600 3200	\$1600	\$10600	\$21,200
<b>\$300</b>	300 600 900 1500 2400 3900 6300	100 300 600 1200 2400 4800	\$2400	\$15900	\$31,800
<b>\$400</b>	400 800 1200 2000 3200 5200 8400	100 300 600 1200 2400 4800	\$3200	\$21,200	\$42,400
<b>\$500</b>	500 1000 1500 2500 4000 6500 10500	100 500 1000 2000 4000 8000	\$4000	\$26,500	\$53,000

## Skilful Play

There are a number of decisions you can make in becoming a successful Power Baccarat player. For example, you must decide where to play and whether you will tip or not.

You will also need to make decisions on setting up and using a casino credit line as well as having your play rated. How you handle these situations can have a great bearing on your long-term success as a winning gambler.

### Picking where you play

Your first choice in deciding to become a baccarat winner is deciding where to play. I rate casinos on several different aspects. My first concern is whether the casino offers games that I find playable.

Every casino sets minimum and maximum bets for its table games. Typical minimum and maximum bets for baccarat games offered by small casinos might be \$5 minimum bets and \$500 maximum bets. These limits will be acceptable for 90% of the players using the *Power Baccarat Strategy*. But a few players may require higher betting limits.

A more typical problem faces players in casinos which set minimum bets too high. Some East Coast casinos set their minimum baccarat bets at \$10.

Many casinos will change their minimum wagers depending on the time of day and day of the week. Minimum bets are raised in the evenings and on weekends. If you are an Atlantic City player looking for tables with lower minimum bets, you will find more baccarat tables with lower minimums if you play during the week instead of on weekends.

Besides table limits, I also consider the atmosphere of a casino. I absolutely refuse to play in casinos with rude dealers. I can tolerate slow dealers, dealers still in training and dealers who don't talk much. But I refuse to put up with dealers who make sarcastic remarks to other players or criticize my play. Life is too short. Change tables or, if necessary, change casinos.

Fortunately, casino employees are reasonable people and problematic dealers are not seen too often.

Some casinos have other annoying quirks. Can you tolerate a lot of smoke? Some casinos have poor ventilation systems so that a dull cloud of smoke seems to permeate the casino area. If this bothers you, don't play there.

Other casinos are dirty or have crowded, uncomfortable playing conditions. For several years there was a casino less than ten minutes from my house where I absolutely refused to play because the place resembled a dump (it has been updated and is now acceptable).

These are choices you must make. If you play in Las Vegas, you have just about every choice you can imagine available. If you want to play in a real players' joint, try Binion's Horseshoe downtown. Would you like some real elegance? You'll like the Venetian or Bellagio's.

One thing I don't do is discuss my system while I play. Some dealers will comment on it; most don't. You may get questions from other players. If you decide to discuss your system, keep it simple. You might state that you like to raise bets when you are winning, but sometimes you raise them after a loss as well.

If you start talking about the system, you will undoubtedly lose your concentration. In addition, it is almost a given that if you are trying to demonstrate the system to

someone, you are going to have a loss. Call it bad luck or bad karma, but you can believe that discussing the system while you are playing is not a good idea.

### **Tipping**

If you don't like to tip, most international play will suit you fine. Most casinos in Asia, Europe and Commonwealth countries like England, Australia and New Zealand forbid tipping the dealers.

In the U.S., you really have no choice but to tip. Many players refuse to tip, arguing that tips come right off their bottom line. I can't argue with the logic, but I will question the results of a no-tipping policy.

I personally have a great deal of respect for most casino personnel and especially dealers. I enjoy tipping them in exchange for good service, and once it is established that I am a "George" (slang for a good tipper), the level of service increases appreciably.

When I tip, I never just give the dealer the tip. I only tip by making bets for the dealer.

I tip by making a bet for the dealers if I have been winning. If I continue to win I will make another bet for the dealer about every twenty to thirty hands of play.

### **Act like a gambler**

Play like a loser. If you are in a prolonged winning streak, don't rub it in the casino's face by continuing to play at the same table. If you do, make sure that you consistently make the kinds of moves which will throw the pit off. But your best ploy is not to overstay your welcome, especially if you are winning a bundle.

If you have a nice win and a floor person comments on it, you can casually mention that you dropped a bundle at craps last night and you are still not close to even. But don't do this if you never play craps. Make your story plausible.

### **Hide Chips**

As a winning player, you will want to look for ways to disguise the amount you are winning. The easiest way to do this is to pocket chips.

This is harder to accomplish if you are playing alone, and is easiest to accomplish if you have a playing partner.

*How to Survive and Prosper as a Professional Gambler*, published by Silverthorne Publications, has some excellent suggestions on chip hiding routines. With a female accomplice, it is easy to slip chips to her and let her hide them in her purse.

Sometimes my wife carries a shopping bag with her, which is a great place to stash chips and offers additional cover to help us look like a pair of happy, typical tourists.

If you are a black chip player, you are better off hiding green chips, as the bosses are more concerned with watching your stack of black chips. If you commonly wager \$500 or more, then you can get away with hiding \$100 chips, but don't try to stash the \$500 chips as the bosses may catch on.

### **Play for Cash or on Credit?**

There are many advantages to establishing credit with several casinos. Once you have established credit, it is there any time you want to use it. You don't have to carry cash, arrange for wire transfers or try to talk casinos into cashing checks. You generally will not be able to even cash a cashier's check in a casino until it has been

verified. If you show up on a Saturday hoping to cash a cashier's check, you will be out of luck until your bank reopens on Monday and can verify the check.

Another advantage to establishing credit is that when you use casino credit, you get to sign markers at the table. You will look like a gambler, since most gamblers who play with black chips have casino credit lines.

I'll let you in on a dirty secret. Casinos are not in the business of loaning money to gamblers, at least not now. If you have a bad gambling habit and a weak bank account, your local friendly loan shark is more likely to accommodate you than your not-so-friendly casino.

When you establish a credit line, the casino is agreeing to advance you no more than the average balance in your checking account for the last six months.

Your creditworthiness has nothing to do with getting casino credit. These guys don't care whether you are employed, just filed for bankruptcy or are dodging your other creditors. Casino credit is based on how much bread you keep in your checking account.

Do you feel a little better about the high rollers signing the markers? They are signing magnetically coded checks which can be run through their checking accounts. Normally markers are not handled this way as the casino prefers to be paid by check, but if necessary, the casino markers can and will be deposited by the casino and will be presented for payment at your bank just like any other check you have written.

If you are a black chip player, casino credit is almost mandatory unless you want to carry a large amount of cash with you, which I don't recommend. If you know where you will be playing, you can arrange to have cash deposited with the casino cashier and sign markers against your own *front money* on deposit with the casino.

## **Rated Players**

Once you start playing with green or black chips, you are going to be asked by a floor person if you want to be rated. Many novice gamblers resent the intrusion of a floor person and answer evasively or even negatively. This is a big mistake. By rating your play, the casino is evaluating your ability to receive comps or freebies from the casino. Comps can really add to your bottom line and can be very profitable once you learn to play the comp game. Another reason to become rated is that being rated and receiving comps from the casino is what gamblers normally do. And you want to look like just another gambler.

Even if you are a low to mid-range player and want to get *full RFB*, which stands for Room, Food and Beverages comped, there are many casinos which will accommodate you.

Using casino comps, you can travel just about anywhere and get full VIP treatment. Many casinos will even pay your airfare. But you have to know how to work the system to maximize these benefits. I suggest that you learn how to get the maximum amount of comps and let a casino pay for all of your gambling excursions.

As a Power Baccarat player, you are in the perfect position to get and benefit from comps. No matter what your level of play, you can increase your enjoyment and profits by availing yourself of casino comps.

## **Learn to play another casino game**

I highly recommend that you learn to play at least one other table game besides baccarat. My number one choice of the game to learn is craps.

Craps is still a favorite game of many high rollers. Just by making pass line bets with double odds you can play almost even with the house. If you add a winning

strategy on top of learning craps, such as the unique betting system revealed in the *Power Craps Strategy*, then you are on the way to having a second casino game you can beat.

Craps, using the *Power Craps Strategy*, is an excellent game for using hit and run tactics. If you have been playing baccarat and are tired of concentrating on your wagers, craps may give you just the break you need. This can't hurt your reputation with the casino. Because many high rollers now favor craps, you will enhance your appearance as a high roller when you add this game to your repertoire. By mixing a little craps play in with your baccarat play, you will look more and more like another gambler to the casino bosses.

You may be surprised how well you do at craps. On a typical casino visit, I usually make almost as much money playing craps as I do playing baccarat. Silverthorne Publications is the premier publisher for winning craps systems. You can check out the **Power Craps Strategy** at [www.silverthornepublications.com/PowerCraps](http://www.silverthornepublications.com/PowerCraps)

**And so, you are almost ready to start beating the casinos, but . . .**

You are almost ready to take on the casinos. I have presented a complete strategy which has been proven to win against casino baccarat. Perhaps you have been practicing it. You have figured out how to put together your bankroll. However, the greatest battle still awaits you. The casinos have even more powerful weapons at their disposal than the house edge. They are masters at a whole number of psychological traps set to ensnare you, with the end goal of relieving you of as much of your money as they can in the shortest and most pleasant way possible. Let's take a look at the casino's battery of weapons and see what you can do about them.

## Discipline and Control

At this point, you should have a good understanding about how to use Power Baccarat to win money at baccarat. You should know when to bet, how much to wager, and when to quit. You know about how your bankroll determines the size of your wagers and about using game bankrolls. You should have some definite ideas about how you want to interact with casino personnel. You have learned some ways to improve playing conditions by interacting with and tipping the dealer. You also have been introduced to the idea of playing on casino credit and playing for comps.

Now you have to deal with the largest obstacle to your success. The greatest single threat to your success is not the casino personnel. It is not a bad run at the tables. It is not the risk of consecutive losses eating up your bankroll. It is not the wine, the women, and the atmosphere. The greatest single threat to your playing career will be you. Surprised? Read on.

### Self Control

Ultimately, success at casino gambling, business, romance or life, for that matter, largely depends on self-control. Winning at gambling is all about self-control. It is about controlling the amount of money used for gambling. It's about reducing losses. It's about limiting the amount of money used for any session of play. And ultimately, it's about walking out the door a winner.

Gamblers are a lot like fishermen. They like to talk about the one that got away. How many times have you been in a casino winning and ended up leaving a net loser? In the real world, the only wins that count are the ones you go home with.

Actually, it is no great feat to get ahead playing baccarat. Probably over 75% of all baccarat players are ahead sometime in their play. But do they walk out the door winners? No. Probably close to 95% of all baccarat players end up losing money. The typical casino hold is about 20% for a baccarat table. *Hold* is a term referring

to the amount the casino keeps as its win out of the money dropped at the table — e.g. the *drop*. If you buy in for a hundred dollars, and play for thirty minutes and leave with \$85, you have lost \$15 out of \$100. Your contribution to the drop was \$100 and your loss gave the casino a hold rate of 15%.

Winning at gambling is first about controlling yourself. It is about accepting responsibilities for your own actions. In the long run, you don't win because you were lucky, and you don't lose because you had a string of bad luck. Using the ***Power Baccarat Strategy*** will help you create your own luck. Used properly, you will be able to play at an advantage over the casino and be a net winner.

If you think about the times you were ahead in a casino and ended up giving it all back plus whatever additional cash you scrounged, who is to blame? The casino? The game? The house edge?

Don't get angry with me for pointing this out. What is wrong with setting aside your winnings when you are ahead? And what is wrong with limiting your losses when you hit a losing streak? And what is wrong with leaving a losing table?

I hope you answered "nothing." Doing these things requires self-control. They are easy to think about doing but may be much harder to actually accomplish. I am a former smoker. I always thought I could quit smoking when I wanted to. But I failed to quit a number of times. When I finally quit, I realized how difficult the process really was. It was easy to think about quitting smoking but doing it was quite challenging. Now that I have quit, I am out of the woods, right? Well, not quite. I believe that smoking is much like a drug addiction, and as a former addict, I am never cured. I am only one cigarette away from becoming a smoker again.

Control in a casino may require much the same discipline as that of a reformed smoker. Having a large monetary loss only requires a temporary loss of control.

Trust me, winning is habit forming. Losing, especially at a game like baccarat when you know you are using a winning strategy, is tough. Some professional gamblers, especially traditional blackjack card counters, will lose for months at a time. I am not sure that I could continue to play blackjack under those circumstances. The documented losing streaks for the *Power Baccarat Strategy* tend to be fairly short. If you play baccarat regularly using this strategy, it is highly unlikely that you will ever encounter two back-to-back losing casino visits. But it can happen.

Once you are in a losing streak, you will be hard pressed to continue with your set game plan. You will begin to question everything about the strategy. You may feel like the dealer has it in for you. You will start to think that no matter how you wager, your bets will lose. When your larger bets lose, you will begin to question the betting strategy.

Trends are a dominant factor in gambling. Every baccarat table has streaks. If you are in a winning streak, you may begin to feel omnipotent. However, when a losing streak hits, you may start to question every aspect of your playing strategy.

Perhaps the best thing you can do whenever you encounter losing tables is to first change tables. Your next option is to quit playing baccarat for a time. Depending on your feelings, you should either quit gambling altogether during your break, or if you are still in the mood to play, switch casino games. I have found on many occasions that a switch of games was exactly what I needed to improve my mood.

Many players seem to become chained to a particular table at some point in their play. This may be fine when the table is winning, but could spell disaster during a prolonged losing spell.

While losing is tough, winning may be even tougher for some people. Many players subconsciously feel that gambling winnings are "ill begotten gains." Many

times people raised with a strong work ethic cannot adjust to the reality that winning at gambling requires a great deal of effort too. Gambling winnings may not seem real or may even seem shameful. Many people feel guilty when they win. For these people, walking out with some of the casino's money doesn't feel right.

Gamblers never cease to amaze me. Gambling falls into some special category of human behavior that escapes the normal rules we usually live by. People change their behavior dramatically in casinos. Consummate misers can't wait to throw their money away in casinos. People who clip coupons every week to save ten bucks on groceries think nothing of dropping a hundred, five hundred or even a thousand in a casino.

Discipline is all about the ability to develop a winning plan. Control is about being able to follow it.

### **Ego Needs**

We all share a need for recognition. We like to talk about our triumphs. Once you become a successful, consistent winner at baccarat, you are going to feel the need to talk about it occasionally.

You need to curb the urge to discuss the fact that you are a winner, especially while you are in a casino. If you have a big win at the craps table, feel free to comment on your success. The casino is not concerned with craps winners, because they do not believe that anyone can gain an advantage over them in this game, at least not without cheating.

Obviously, you should never discuss your baccarat winnings with any casino employees. Your goal is to look as much like another losing gambler as possible. Casinos don't like winners, and you are much more likely to get the royal treatment if you look like another losing gambler.

Occasionally, outside of the casino, I have been asked about how my strategies work. When I first learned to beat the casinos, I was quite enthusiastic and wanted to share my enthusiasm with other people. The typical reaction when I have revealed that I have a winning baccarat system is total disbelief. I am simply not believed. My best advice is to act like the vast majority of casino patrons who don't have a clue as to how to win.

### **Play the Part**

I have given a number of suggestions about looking like a gambler. Everyone has his (or her) own style, and I am not suggesting that you disguise yourself physically or change your identity. However, individuals who look serious, never drink, never tip, or don't talk to dealers or floor personnel do not look like gamblers and will not get the full benefit of casino generosity, including comps.

I have tried to give you as much ammunition as I can, but you can add your own finishing touches. Using casino credit is a must if you are a black chip player. You simply don't want to walk around with ten thousand dollars or more on your person. Not only are you literally risking your life should a mugger decide to target you, but you could run afoul of U.S. laws if you leave the country with more than \$10,000 in cash on you and don't declare it. Using the casino's credit and signing markers will make you look much more like a gambler, and it actually is a very convenient way to play.

You should also play for comps. Once you are playing with black chips, you will have comps offered to you and you might as well enjoy them. Even mid-range gamblers and low rollers can avail themselves of substantial comps.

### **The Casino is Not Your Enemy**

The dealers, floor persons, cocktail waitresses, pit bosses, shift bosses and casino hosts are not your enemy. While pit bosses often scrutinize the play of high rollers, they are just doing their jobs. Many of the casino employees are actually rooting for

you to win. We have discussed how to get a dealer on your side by being friendly and using your tips advantageously. But your floor person is not against your winning. As long as you are not perceived as a threat to the casino's bankroll and are not engaged in behavior the casino objects to, e.g. card counting, you are free to win occasionally. Just don't rub it in their faces.

Floor persons are the primary decision-makers on the amount of comps you get, and I always chat with the nearest floor person. Starting a conversation is easy. Once you are a credit player, you will interact with the floor person as soon as you buy in, by signing a marker. After establishing some rapport with a floor person, I will occasionally ask him or her for advice on certain baccarat wagers. It is always better to down play just how knowledgeable you are. Most floor persons enjoy helping players and like to show off their own expertise.

In dealing with all casino personnel, your goal is to always be a polite, friendly person who likes the casino, enjoys talking to pit personnel, is impressed by the floor person's tremendous knowledge of baccarat, makes large wagers and doesn't quite know how to play baccarat correctly. This act will buy you a tremendous amount of unrestricted playing time, and your comp rate should go up exponentially. You are the perfect player from the casino's viewpoint, and the casino bosses will be willing to pay to ensure that you play in their casino.

### **Things to Avoid**

There are some things I just won't tolerate when I play baccarat. Top on my list of "the things I like least" are rude dealers. If a dealer starts making comments about my play, or is rude to other players, my advice is to just leave.

You don't need this kind of aggravation. If you have a bad feeling about the table, trust your instincts and leave.

I also refuse to play with rude players.

## **Drinking**

You've been waiting for this part, haven't you? I have yet to read a book on gambling where the author does not admonish the reader not to drink. Professional baccarat players, I guess, are too engrossed in observing the game to even lift a glass to their beleaguered lips. If they do manage a drink, it has to be Evian water. For the bosses and for most players, having a drink while you play is part of the fun. Gamblers do it for sure. And you want to look like a gambler, right?

I generally have a few drinks while I gamble. I also drink straight orange juice, coffee, iced tea and even ice water at the tables.

Drinking something alcoholic at the craps table is one more signal to the pit that you are not a threat. I generally go slow on the alcoholic drinks and time my drinks. In general, the fact that you are a baccarat player will go a long way towards enhancing your reputation as a gambler.

## **Superstitions**

Superstitions really have no effect on the outcome of cards or dice or little balls spinning around inside of larger wheels or do they? Most gamblers and many pit personnel are superstitious. Gambling itself seems to breed superstitions.

What happens is that we remember certain events that occurred prior to, or in connection with other events, and we assume that there is a causal relationship between two seemingly unrelated occurrences.

The dice game is rife with superstitions. Lady shooters are lucky, as are virgin shooters, who have never rolled the dice before. If a die or the dice fly off the table, many old pros call their odds, place and buy bets off on the next roll, as everyone knows that sevens come after the dice fall on the floor..

Poker players may wear their lucky hats, and where would a slots player be without her lucky charm bracelet?

Many casino bosses have lucky and unlucky dealers. A craps crew which loses too much money may find itself fired, or at least broken up and the members rotated into different crews. If a baccarat player is winning too much money, a boss may bring in a lucky dealer. In the good old days when Vegas was mobbed up, the lucky dealer may well have been dealing seconds, with a real reason behind the luck. In this day of corporation controlled casinos, a cheating dealer is unlikely, as a casino is not willing to risk its license over one winning player. However, many bosses believe certain dealers are lucky for the house, just as other dealers are unlucky. If a boss decides a dealer is unlucky, the hapless dealer is not likely to have a fruitful career with that casino.

Because gamblers and bosses are superstitious, it makes sense for you to at least appear to be superstitious too. If you lose, it is because the table is too cold, or in the alternative, if you win, you are on a hot streak. Hot and cold streaks do occur, and it doesn't hurt to play them up.

In addition to enhancing your conversation with bosses, you can use your superstitions to influence dealers as well. More than once I have told a dealer that I feel that the next wheel spin will be lucky and placed a larger bet when the floor person was watching.

Use superstitions to justify certain plays when you are talking to the bosses. Just don't get caught up in believing too many casino superstitions yourself. Your lucky hat is not likely to have been responsible for your last win, nor is a particular casino necessarily unlucky.

I will admit that I partially subscribe to the "unlucky casino syndrome." There are some casinos where I never seem to do well. I have no rational explanation for

this. However, since I tend to play in Las Vegas where dozens of casinos vie for my attention, I can easily avoid the casinos that are unlucky for me.

### **Moving Up Your Betting Levels**

If you devote much time to baccarat using the *Power Baccarat Strategy*, at some point you will want to increase the size of base bets — jumping from a betting series with a \$5 Base Bet to a higher level, for example. Many players find that an emotional adjustment is required to make these moves.

The size of the wagers required may intimidate them to the extent that they feel compelled to modify the bets used by Power Baccarat.

Of course, you must adhere to all of the requirements I have described before you decide to increase the size of your base wagers. You never want to over-bet your bankroll, and you should only increase the size of your wagers when your bankroll is large enough to justify it. If you are undercapitalized, then you clearly are out of your league to jump from green chip to black chip play.

However, once you have built the prerequisite bankroll, you should be able to increase the size of your wagers. To acclimate yourself to making larger wagers, try moving in steps. You might increase from being a \$5 Base Bet bettor to using \$10 wagers as your starting point.

Probably your biggest hurdle will be moving up to black \$100 chip play. You will receive a great deal more attention from the casino than when you were a red chip or green chip player. Most of the attention will be positive. When you play with black chips, you automatically join an exclusive club with significant casino comps to be made available. However, your play will also be under greater scrutiny, and this bothers many players.

In addition to being showered with comps, you will also find that black chip play has other privileges. It is usually much easier to find uncrowded tables as a black chip player.

I suggest that you start wagering at a comfortable level for you. Your comfort level may be as a \$3, \$5 or a \$10 player. Stay at this level until you have thoroughly mastered, not only the technical side of playing correctly, but the emotional side of dealing with players, bosses and dealers. When you are ready, both psychologically and with adequate bankroll, try moving up just one step and then playing at this level for awhile. Continue to hone your casino people skills at each new level and don't forget to look and act the part. Black chip players do act differently than nickel chip players.

### **The Casino As Your New Office**

Walking up to a baccarat tables the first time can be an intimidating experience. If you have not played much, you will not fully understand the roles of the dealer, the floor person, the pit boss, the other casino personnel, and the eye-in-the-sky cameras following your every move.

If you are unfamiliar with casino surroundings, you may want to progress into your new role as a winning baccarat player on a step-by-step basis.

You can first play using a lower level of play. This is an excellent approach, and you will win plenty of money using this approach. The best way to practice playing baccarat and using the *Power Baccarat Strategy* is to play online in “practice mode” where you can play at your own pace and refer to the *Power Baccarat Bet Controller*.

Once you feel very comfortable playing baccarat, you can gradually increase your betting level, using casino profits to build your bankroll. It may take a number of trips before you feel confident enough to move up to higher-level play.

Only after you have completely mastered the *Power Baccarat Strategy* should you consider moving up to black chip status. At this point, you should feel that the casino is your new office, and the casino personnel are your fellow workers.

Remember that the casino is not your enemy. The primary functions of modern casino personal, including bosses, are to make sure the casino patrons have a good enough experience that they will become repeat customers.

Once you become known in a casino, you will find yourself interacting with the casino personnel even more. Dealers will welcome you by name. Cocktail waitresses will remember your favorite drink. Bosses will invite you to coffee. A casino host will work with you to make sure that you get all of the comps to which you are entitled.

Once you sense that everyone in the casino is genuinely rooting for you to win, you will know that you have done your job well.

In order to reach this level, there is no substitute for putting in your hours. You will need to demonstrate that you are friendly, but reliable, honest and consistent in your fair treatment of all you encounter.

Too many players complain to bosses, dealers and anyone else who works in the casino. Grumpy players are all too common, and you want to make sure that you don't present this face to your "fellow workers." If you are tired or grumpy, don't play. It is important to take breaks frequently and use the time to relax. You should be at your peak emotionally when you play, and this includes having a positive mental attitude and interacting with players and casino personnel on a friendly and helpful basis.

Eventually the casino will recognize you as congenial, reliable and dependable. And, if you decide to make playing baccarat your new profession, your relationship with your new associates will serve as the foundation for your new business.

## Getting Casino Comps

Whether you chose to become a rated player at the casino table games, join a slot club or both, once you get into the system, you can start getting your share of comps. There are a number of tried and proven ways to multiply the number of comps you get. Here are some pointers.

### **Chose a primary casino and then play there.**

A basic premise of the whole comp system is to reward loyal players. Casinos offer comps to lure new players to their casino and to make sure that their current customers remain their customers. If you think you have it tough trying to use the comp system to your advantage, just think what the casinos are up against with new competition springing up every day.

If you are a whale, you can ignore my advice. Just plan on either bringing or setting up a credit line of \$100,000 or larger, and wherever you decide to land will be glad to comp you. If you are in the million-dollar plus range, the casino will not only comp you, but anyone else you chose to bring with you. They'll even charter a 737 and fly in as many of your friends as you want to bring along.

If you are not quite in this range, then it will pay to find a primary casino and reward it with your patronage. A player with as little as \$1,000 can get RFB treatment in some of the downtown casinos in Las Vegas. A player with a \$2,500 bankroll will have an even greater choice of hotel casinos. Move up to the \$5,000 to \$10,000 range, and a whole other batch of casinos become available.

But, in order to get noticed and adequately comped with a bankroll from \$1,000 to \$10,000, you have to be willing to reward a casino with your playing time.

A friend of mine visits Las Vegas about ten times a year. He usually takes \$5,000 to \$10,000 and manages to lose between half and three quarters of it per trip. I won't comment on his approach to gambling. Quite frankly, it stinks. Anyway, the subject is comps.

Believe it or not, he doesn't get any. He stays at a different casino every trip. I think he believes the constant changes might improve his luck. This is not necessarily bad, if he would play at the casino where he stays. He invariably changes casinos every hour or two and ends up playing in ten to twelve different establishments over the course of two or three days.

Because of the size of his buy-ins, he is constantly asked if he wants to be rated. He always declines. He confesses that he doesn't want the casinos to know how much he is losing. I think that he is trying to kid himself about his losses.

I have explained the comp system to him. As long as he is losing, he might as well have the casinos kick in \$750 to \$1,000 per trip. This money is there for the asking if he would only pick a primary casino and give it a reasonable amount of play.

I can't convince him to change his ways. But, maybe I can influence you.

There are many other benefits to playing more in a primary casino. The first benefit is the application of the old saw, "If you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours."

The casino will accelerate the rewards offered you the more you play. Some casinos formalize this process and actually accelerate the comps to slot club members as their total number of points increases. Many casinos offer more and more free rooms and entertainment the more you patronize them.

The key to maximizing your benefits from this whole process is to find a casino that matches your needs and then start playing there. If you have picked correctly, your loyalty will be well rewarded.

**Join a slot club and/or get a VIP card.**

The start of getting comps is to be into the casino comp system. If you bet \$25,000 a hand, the host will find you. If you bet \$5 to \$25 a pop, you have to get the casino's attention. And the easiest way to do this is with a little piece of plastic which looks just like a credit card.

Once you have a card, getting comped will become part of your routine. The first thing you will do as a machine player is to insert your club card in the card reader.

When you sit down at a craps, roulette or a baccarat table you will present your VIP card when you buy in.

Your card will go down with your cash at the baccarat table when you lay five hundred in front of the dealer and tell him, "Chips please."

Once you have the cards and use them, all of your play will count towards something.

**Get to know your casino host.**

The casino host or the slot host will be your key to getting the most comps in most casinos.

If you are a member of the casino's slot club, you will get nearly all of your comps by asking the casino slot host. Many times comps for food, rooms, shows and merchandise are built right into the slot club payoffs. If you have just joined a slot club, try giving them some play for an hour or two and then asking the slot host for a buffet comp.

My experience with comps from playing slots or video poker is that the slot hosts are much more likely to be generous with comps than the personnel at the slot club booths. If you want brochures on the slot clubs or general information on the slot club, talk to the clerks at the booth. If you want a particular comp, ask the slot host.

Casino hosts, catering to the table game players, are at the top of the casino pecking order for granting comps. Their top priority is to cultivate new customers and to keep the current customers happy.

The casino hostesses are the persons working for VIP Services who help you check in, arrange your limo service, make dinner and show reservations and so forth.

The hostesses will handle most of your scheduling and reservation needs. The casino hosts are the people you need to talk to to arrange RFB and airfare reimbursement.

You can meet a casino host a number of ways. One way is to call a casino before coming and ask to speak to a host. This is a good way to ask about the casino's comp policy and to tell the host that you are interested in playing there.

If you are playing with front money, you should meet your host after depositing your money with the cage but before you begin play.

If you are a cash player and make a large enough buy-in, you may have a chance to meet a host when the casino sets you up with a VIP card.

After you have played in a casino, you can make reservations through the casino host. Making a reservation through a host who knows you is a good way to get a room even if the front desk claims that no rooms are available. Casinos always

reserve a block of rooms for their best customers, and a casino host can get you a room when a reservation clerk can't.

I recommend taking a little time to develop a relationship with a host. Part of developing a relationship is consistency. If you make one casino your primary casino and visit several times a year, it will be easier to become known to a host than if he only sees you every other year.

If you are using a casino credit line, the host will introduce himself to you. With front money or cash, you will want to make a point of meeting the host.

Treat your host with respect and nurture the relationship. He can shower you with all kinds of freebies, including gifts, food, a free room and VIP treatment. And he is paid to do this. For your part, you have to convince your host that your action is sufficient to justify the comps you want. And being a nice person won't hurt either.

**Be a nice person.**

You can get enormous leverage out of maintaining friendly relationships with the people who work in casinos.

Start with the dealers and cocktail waitresses. These people have a couple of the hardest jobs in the casino and are at the bottom of the casino hierarchy. A smile and a reasonable tipping policy will do wonders to get these folks on your side. I believe that creating a positive atmosphere starts with how you act towards the casino personnel. A positive atmosphere is conducive to winning as well as to getting your fair share of comps.

You might look at it this way. If you are a grump, the dealer will probably reciprocate. This is contagious behavior, and soon the whole table will act the same way. The pit personnel not only will not be impressed with your play, the whole

scene at your table probably will put them off. Not only will your rating likely suffer, you won't have nearly as much fun.

You can't always control how dealers and other customers act. If I join a table where no one is talking, and the dealer barely grunts when spoken to, I will make my departure very quickly. Usually a few cheerful words followed by a toke for the dealer will turn the atmosphere around. However, if this fails, you can't be faulted for not trying. Life is too short to play under miserable conditions. It is always better to change tables than to continue to play with an out of sorts crew and crabby complaining customers. Under these conditions, you should just leave.

**Visit the casino at off times.**

I nearly always schedule my casino trips for the middle of the week. I will typically arrive on a Monday afternoon and stay until Thursday afternoon. The benefits of visiting during the week are many. If there are any drawbacks to avoiding the weekend crowds, I haven't found them.

I don't like waiting and I hate lines. By timing my visits to the middle of the week, I can usually walk into any coffee shop, make reservations for a gourmet restaurant just about any time I chose and get show tickets to the shows I want to see.

If you want to really reduce the size of the crowds, travel in the middle of the week during off-season. Las Vegas is slower during the middle of summer when it is hot and in the late fall and early winter when it's colder. The slowest time in Vegas is usually between Thanksgiving and Christmas. But watch out for conventions. If a large convention is in town, it may be impossible to get a room (unless you are a rated player or belong to a slot club).

If you like to visit Atlantic City, try visiting during the middle of the week in the dead of winter. You'll not only avoid the larger crowds, but you'll find that the minimum wagers on many tables have been reduced.

Visiting during an off time is also an excellent way to get noticed for purposes of getting rated and getting your comp career off to a roaring start.

With fewer players to contend with, a host or a floor person is easier to meet and to visit with. Also, during slow times, casinos tend to be more generous with comps. After all, they are more likely to have a slew of vacant rooms just waiting to be given away to qualified players on a Wednesday night in December.

### **Ask for comps.**

If you play \$10,000 a hand at baccarat, you do not have to ask for comps. The casino will shower you with them. If you are like the rest of us wagering anywhere from \$5 to several hundred a hand, you need to ask for comps.

Slot players have the more systematic approach as the card readers on the machines are tied into a centralized computer system, and comps are based on points. If you are a slots or video poker player, getting a comp is pretty straightforward with this system.

Table game players have to deal more with people. And unless you are a whale, a boss will almost never offer you a comp unless you have just won big in a smaller casino which watches every loss. Facing a player who might walk out with their money in hand, some casinos will start throwing comps at the player. But most of the time, even rated players can play and play and never be offered a comp unless they ask for it.

My advice? Always ask for the comp. I have given you several examples of how to do it.

### **Maximize your comps.**

Anyone who follows the steps I have described can get comps. Your first step is to pick your primary casino and give it most of your business. Before you pick your casino you want to make sure that the casino has a reasonable comp policy and that it has beatable games. You should also like the casino as you will be receiving a lot of invitations there once you get into their comp system.

After picking your primary casino, you need to join its slot club and get a VIP card. I usually do both. Some casinos, like Rio in Las Vegas, combine rating slot, video poker and table players on one card. Others track machine and table action separately. However, it usually pays to join the slot club, even if you are mostly a table game player.

In many ways, slot club players have an advantage over the table game players. Their rating is automatic, they don't have to get the attention of some boss. By joining the slot club, they start receiving mailing from the casino. I have received offers of free rooms from casinos where I had never played a slot machine, but had joined their slot club.

If you are just establishing your rating and want to get a room on a crowded weekend, your slot club membership can be invaluable. After the reservation clerk tells you there are no rooms available, tell her you are a member of the slot club or ask to speak to a slot host. Chances are, the casino will find a room for you.

Getting to know the casino personal is critical. The more the casino personnel know and like you, the more comps are likely to flow your way. This is even true for slot players with their automated rating system. A slot host can easily "bump up" your comp from a buffet for two to a coffee shop comp for two, even if your rating is not quite there.

With table players, interacting with the pit personnel is critical. A boss can make or break you in terms of your rating. If your average wager is \$25, your goal is to be rated as at least a \$50 to \$75 player. It is not enough to increase your wagers when the boss is looking, you need to be a nice person.

Playing with front money gives the casino a real shot at beating you. When you deposit the money in the cage, the casino knows that they have a shot at winning all of your front money. If you are willing to risk \$10,000, this will open the door to full RFB at most establishments.

When you play with front money, be sure to put it all in play. If you deposit \$10,000, draw markers for the full ten grand. This doesn't mean you should lose the money. If you look like a loser and the casino sees that you have put all of your front money into play, your rating will increase.

Remember to look like a loser. You can save your bragging for when you get home. Appear to lose, but lose gracefully. Dealers and bosses hear players gripe about losing every day. Look like a loser but don't complain.

If you run into a fantastic winning streak, don't worry about disguising the fact that you are a winner. The bosses will know that you are winning. If you try to hide enough chips to turn a big win into a loss, they'll know. When you have a big win, act like a winner. Go ahead and tip a little more. If you are playing craps, shouting is not out of line. I have had some of my best comps come out of big wins as casinos hate to see winners walk out the door with their money.

## **Summary of the Comps Game**

Once you know how to play the comps game, you will be able to milk the casinos for every dime your action entitles you to. I have given you some pointers on how to get a quarter's worth of comps for a dime's worth of action.

When you combine getting the maximum number of comps with Power Baccarat, you are in the best position to maximize your profits from casino gambling.

If you at least break even, then the comps you receive constitute a profit for your play. If you are able to win money at the casino games, then your profit will be even greater.

## Casino Etiquette

If you know how to dine in a fine restaurant without making a scene, or automatically open doors for others and say thanks when someone holds open a door for you, you will probably not have any trouble knowing how to conduct yourself in a casino. I normally don't think much about etiquette until I see some jerk raising hell with a dealer about his losses, or chewing out a cocktail waitress for taking too long with an order. Then I have to wonder how the concept of manners has escaped him completely.

I said *him*, because boorish, obnoxious behavior nearly always comes from males, with very few females managing to become the perfect asses that males seem to delight in being.

Casinos seem to attract a higher than normal number of persons with a need to blow off at some unfortunate casino employee. The times I have somehow gotten in the middle of these disputes, I nearly always take the side of the dealer or floor person, especially if a male patron is unjustifiably berating a female employee for no reason other than he has poor control over his gambling, managed to lose much more than that should have, and is now looking for a scapegoat.

For most persons who visit casinos, etiquette is simply a matter of common courtesy. It's okay to get a little wild in a casino. These are supposed to be places of fun, and drinking a little too much may be part of the entertainment. But for a successful Power Baccarat player, the rules are not quite the same. The casino is your place of employment and drinking should be limited. It goes without saying, courteous behavior should be practiced at all times.

At all casino table games, the rules of etiquette are pretty simple. Treat the dealers and other players with respect and avoid being loud, pushy or belligerent. If you

get into a disagreement with a dealer, stay calm and be gracious even if the dealer really is wrong. It does not make sense to win an argument over a single payoff.

Here are some guidelines for casino play.

1. When you have finished playing, you can ask the dealer to color you up before leaving the table.
2. Watch your own bets at all times. Baccarat bets are easy to track as you handle the bets yourself and place them directly in front of you.
3. Don't force your way into a crowded table. If the table is crowded ask the nearest player if he minds if you join them.
4. Don't slow down the game by constantly asking the dealer basic questions about how the game is played or how bets are made. There are hundreds of books on how to play baccarat including this one. You should learn the correct payoffs for the bets you will be making.
5. Try to be discrete about your wins and losses. No one really cares to know how much you are winning, and it doesn't do you any good to advertise that you are a consistent winner.
6. While playing, conduct yourself courteously at all times. If you drink, refrain from overdoing it and never get drunk. You will need to stay alert to correctly make the wagers required by Power Baccarat, and contrary to the opinion of some drunks, alcohol does not make you think clearer.
7. Toke the dealers. Dealers call tips "tokens" as in a token of appreciation. Many players don't realize that dealers are not paid much more than minimum wage. Baccarat dealers try very hard to please the public. Most dealers want the players

to win and have a good time. They know that if the players enjoy themselves and win, they will get toked. I always take the dealers. If I win more I will take them more, but even if I lose, I will make several bets for the dealer. This is not only the right thing to do but will pay you off in spades if you do it consistently. Even floor personnel know who the tippers are, and my experience has been that if you tip, you will be more than repaid by hard working dealers, who will watch out for your bets and by casino complimentarys, controlled by and large by pit personnel who rate your play.

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## Keeping Records

Along with all of the new habits I am asking you to form, I am going to add one more. I want you to start keeping written records of how you do playing baccarat. Actually, you want to keep a written record of all of your gambling, but since this book is about how to win at baccarat, we'll just focus on this game.

There are a couple of reasons you will want to keep records. One is to honestly measure how well (or how badly) you are doing. Most players wince at this suggestion. They know that they have been long-term losers.

I am going to ask you to be honest and start writing down how you actually do. You don't have to show this to anyone else. But, aren't you at least a little curious about your baccarat wins and losses?

Another reason I am suggesting that you start keeping written records is that you will eventually need them for income tax reporting. I'll tell you more about this later.

I have given you a couple of good reasons to start keeping written records of your gambling. They are –

First, to honestly measure how well (or badly) you are doing, and

Second, to have a record for income tax reporting.

How you set up your records is up to you. You may want to purchase a small notebook which fits in your pocket or purse. I like to keep records on individual sheets of standard size 8.5" x 11" accounting paper. I usually carry one sheet with me, neatly folded in my pocket. After each session of play, I will update the information I like to record on the piece of paper. Eventually, after I have returned home, the sheet will be filed in a loose-leaf notebook.

Whatever system you use is fine; just make sure that you use some kind of recording system.

Before I start a gambling excursion, I like to record some basic information about what I plan to do. This information will outline my strategy and would look like this:

Location	Las Vegas
Profit Goal	\$3,000
Baccarat Bankroll	\$4,350
Base Bet Size	\$25
Game Buy-in	\$2175
Days of Play	2 days
Number of Sessions	7-8 a day
Target Profit per Game	\$200
Loss Limit per Game	\$2175

The results of each session should be recorded as soon as possible after finishing play. The following information should be recorded:

Location: (City, casino, etc.)

Date and Time Played

Table Number.

Base Bet Size

Won (Lost): Amount that you won or lost for the session.

Total Won (Lost): A running total of the amount you have won or lost.

Your actual record might look like the record shown below:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Table No.</b>	<b>Base Bet Size</b>	<b>Amount Won (Lost)</b>	<b>Cumulative Won</b>
LV – Golden Nugget	12-9-08 10 to 11 AM	31	\$25	\$205	\$205
LV – Golden Nugget	12-9-08 11 to 11:30 AM	31	\$25	\$237	\$442
LV – Orleans	12-9-08 2:10 to 2:40 PM	27	\$25	\$189	\$631
LV – Orleans	12-9-08 3:30 to 4:10 PM	27	\$25	\$203	\$834
LV - Orleans	12-9-08 5-20 to 5:50 PM	27	\$5	\$194	\$1028

For US players the basic rules for gambling are that all gambling winnings should be reported on your tax returns as other income. Gambling losses are deductible only to the extent that you report gambling winnings and then only as an itemized deduction. Home ownership with the attendant home mortgage interest is usually the deductible expense which allows people to itemize their deductions. If you don't own a home, or if your home mortgage interest is too low, or you have paid off your mortgage, you may not have enough expenses to itemize deductions. This could mean that you end up reporting gambling winnings as income but are not allowed to deduct gambling losses.

As a practical matter, most folks ignore their gambling wins and losses when filling out their tax returns because all they have is losses, and they couldn't document them if their lives depended on it. Because of the skill you now have with Power Baccarat you are more likely than ever to have reportable gambling income.

The easiest way to meet the IRS guidelines for documentation is to keep a daily record of baccarat play, as well as invoices, receipts and other documentation from your trip. File this information in an envelope, a file folder or a notebook.

## Walking Out a Winner

The object of playing baccarat is to walk out of the casino with more money than you came in with. That's what this book has been about. If you want to have fun playing baccarat, that's great too. It's supposed to be fun. But, if you have consistently been losing to the casinos, then I question how much fun you have really been having.

There is no substitute for winning. Can I guarantee that you will always be a winner? No. But I will guarantee that your play will improve immensely and that you will have a better chance of winning than ever before if you follow the suggestions I have given you. Here is a brief rundown of what you should do to become a skilled baccarat winner:

1. You should first read this entire manual. If you don't understand parts of the strategy you can go back to them later.
2. Before trying to learn the strategy make sure that you understand how to play baccarat. You can sign on to an online casino such as Bovada ([www.bovada.lv](http://www.bovada.lv)) and play in practice mode to get a feel for the game. You don't have to know the rules about how each hand is played in order to play the game. All you really have to know is the hand with the highest total wins, unless there is a tie, in which case neither side wins.
3. Learn Tracker Betting first. This entails learning where to place your bets. To learn how to use this strategy, you should try it in practice mode. You can use the *Power Baccarat Bet Controller* as your bet tracker and record the placement of each bet in practice games. At this point, don't worry about the size of each bet. Just use a flat bet of \$5 and practice choosing where to place each bet.
4. After learning how to place your bets, you will learn the different betting strategies. You should review each of the example games in this book and make sure that you understand them
5. After learning how to using the betting system you will need to add the Money Management Rules to complete the strategy. Be sure that you understand the concepts of

Base Bets, Game Bankrolls, Total Bankroll, Loss Limits and Target Profits.

6. Be sure to review all of the example games in this book, making sure that you completely understand how to determine each bet and why we stopped play in each game.
7. Play baccarat for free in an online game. At first, don't try to apply the strategy. Just make flat bets such as \$5 bets.
8. Play a series of games in practice mode using the ***Power Baccarat Bet Controller***. This is the form used for all of the Example Games in this book. Using the ***Power Baccarat Bet Controller*** is explained in Appendix A.
9. Keep good records of your practice games. Be sure that you are consistently winning before starting to play for real money.
10. Get ready for real play. The easiest way to do this is to deposit money in the online casino where you have been practicing and start playing for real. You will have to adhere to our bankroll requirements. If you decide to start with \$1 bets, you will only need a \$87 buy-in. Since many online casinos offer 100% match bonuses, you can get started with as little as \$45 and use the casino's bonus of \$45 to complete your bankroll.

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Note about using Base Bets lower than \$5. If you play online using \$1 Base Bets, you will mostly likely be short changed on winning Banker bets. If the minimum chip is 25 cents, then a winning \$1 banker bet will only pay off \$0.75, (consisting of \$1 less the 25 cent commission.) In casinos using 25 cent chips as their minimum chips, you won't get fair payoffs on Banker bets unless you make wagers of at least \$5.

11. Be sure that you keep accurate records. I employ record keeping mainly to keep score. If I have a Profit Goal in mind, I want to know when I have reached it. I know for a fact that most gamblers underestimate the amount of their losses and overestimate how much

they are ahead. Record keeping will not only keep you honest, but it will also improve your winnings.

12. Set modest goals when you first start playing for real. It is always better to start playing with a lower bankroll so that if you do make mistakes your losses will be smaller. Only move up in play after you have built up the bankroll needed out of winnings. If your winnings are not growing, then you are not using the strategy correctly.

13. Finally, learn to play another casino game. I suggest craps for a real change. You'll get the chance to stand while you play and even cheer the shooter if you like. If cards are more your cup of tea, try blackjack. A much over-looked game is roulette. Try it. It is a great game. My point is that your casino experience will be much more enjoyable if you learn another game.

14. Play for blood. The best way to do this is to start out small and then increase the size of your wagers as your bankroll grows. While the casino may not pay much attention to your wins as a \$5 bettor, the casino bosses will definitely take notice when you start beating them making \$100 Base Bets.

I hope you enjoyed this book and picked up some useful pointers. It's tough to win at gambling. But the real trick is not to lose too much. If you keep your losses low, then when the large payoff comes (and it will if you are around long enough to enjoy it), you will end up a net winner.

I know how hard it is to use discipline in a casino environment. But once you leave the casino and arrive home with real winnings, you will see the value in the strategies. I wish you the very best in your gambling endeavors.

## Summary of Power Baccarat Strategy

The Power Baccarat Strategy divides baccarat into two issues which have to be resolved to win and then succeeds with each issue.

The first issue with baccarat is choosing where to bet. Power Baccarat uses Tracker Betting to pick where to place each bet.

The second issue is to determine the size of each bet. Here Power Baccarat uses three different Power Betting Series which are designed to match bets to current winnings and losing trends.

To master Power Baccarat you will need to master both aspects of the strategy: where to place each bet and how much to wager.

### Tracker Betting

Tracker Betting Consists of using a fixed bet selection system with a variable pattern added to it.

**Fixed Betting:** You will make bets based on the last outcome or decision. You will bet that the decision will repeat or be the Same as the last bet, or that the decision will chop or be the Opposite of the last decision.

Tie bets are ignored. If a tie bet occurs, you will pattern your bet on the outcome of the last bet before the tie.

Fixed Betting uses a pattern of alternating patterns of bet selection. Letting S represent betting the Same as the last outcome and O represent betting the Opposite of the last outcome the Fixed Betting Pattern becomes one of alternating patterns, such as S O S O and so on.

**Variable Betting:** The fixed betting pattern just described will continue so long as the

player does not have two consecutive losing bets. Whenever the player has two consecutive losses, he will repeat the last pattern for the next bet.

For example, assume the player loses on a wager made using the S pattern and then also loses the next wager using an O pattern. With two losses, he will repeat the last pattern of O and wager on O the next time.

This variable pattern will be used only after the player has two consecutive losing bets. With many games it isn't used at all, and in other games it may show up two or even three times.

The purpose of adding this variable bet is to break up potential long losing streaks by introducing a different pattern in bet selection.

### **Power Betting**

While Tracker Betting determines where you place each bet, Power Betting uses three different betting modes to determine how much you bet each time.

### **Strike Betting**

Strike Betting is the most prevalent betting mode. You will always start a new game in Strike Betting Mode.

Strike Betting consists of making bets using a betting series. You will stay in this betting mode until one of the events occur which signals a shift into a different betting mode.

Strike Betting uses a Betting Series, with a different betting series used for each level of betting. Dollar bettors will use a unique Strike Bet Betting Series for \$1 bets and \$5 bettors have their own unique betting series. Throughout this book we have used examples of betting using \$5 Base Bets. Strike Bets for \$5 Base Bets are shown below:

### Strike Bets for \$5 Base Bets

Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
\$ Bet	5	10	15	25	40	65	105	170

The rules for Strike Betting are:

1. Always begin a game making a Level-1 Strike Bet.
2. If a wager wins, drop the next bet one level.
3. If a wager loses, increase the next bet one level.
4. If you win two bets in a row or two out of three bets, you will drop back to a Level-1 Strike Bet.
5. If you win a Level-1 Bet, you will enter Trend Betting Mode.
6. If you lose two bets in a row, you will enter Counterstrike Betting Mode.

Strike Betting is a powerful winning system on its own. However, it is backed up by two other betting systems which have special jobs.

### Counterstrike Betting

Counterstrike Betting is designed to protect your bankroll. It comes into play only after you have lost two Strike Bets in a row. With the loss of two consecutive Strike Bets you will start making Counterstrike Bets. Like Strike Bets, Counterstrike Bets use their own Betting Series, with a different Betting Series used for each level of betting.

Counterstrike Betting's purpose is not to produce outright wins, but to reduce the risk of losing nine consecutive wagers.

In Counterstrike Betting Mode you are looking for only one win. With any win, you will return to Strike Betting for your next wager.

Here is the Counterstrike Betting Series for \$5 play:

### Counterstrike Betting Series for \$5 Base Bets

Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
\$ Bet	3	5	10	20	40	80	160

The rules for Counterstrike Betting are:

1. Always begin Counterstrike Betting with a Level-1 bet. If the bet wins, resume Strike Betting at the next higher bet level. If the bet loses increase the bet one level.
2. Continue making Counterstrike Bets until you have one winning bet. With any winning bet you will revert to Strike Betting at the next higher betting level for the next round of play.

Counterstrike Betting is a simple Martingale Betting Series. With any win in the series the amount of the Level-2 bet less the Level-1 bet is won.

### Trend Betting

Trend betting is used when you are on a winning streak. The signal to start Trend Betting is the win of a Level-1 Strike Bet. With the win of any Level-1 Strike Bet you will start Trend Betting on the next bet.

Trend betting can use a betting series or it can be custom designed by each player.

The general rules for Trend Betting are:

1. The first Trend Bet should be 25% to 60% higher than the Level-1 Strike Bet. For \$5 Base Bets the first Trend Bet could be for \$6, \$7 or \$8.

2. The second Trend Bet should regress to the level of a Level-1 Strike Bet. This rule is needed because so many trends are false trends where the second Trend Bet will lose.
3. From the third Trend Bet on we will increase each bet by a fixed amount. For \$5 betting we may increase each bet by \$2 or \$3.
4. With the loss of any trend bet, you will return to Strike Betting on the next round, wagering at the Strike Bet level greater than your last losing Trend Bet.

In the illustrations in this book, we used the following Trend Betting Series for \$5 bets:

**Trend Bets for \$5 Base Bets**

Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
\$ Bet	6	5	8	10	12	14	16

This is a conservative Trend Betting Series. Here may want to consider using one of the following Trend Betting Series

Slightly Aggressive	7 5 9 11 13 15 18 21 25 30
More Aggressive	8 5 10 13 15 18 22 26 30
Very Aggressive	8 5 11 14 18 23 28 35

## Summary of Power Baccarat Bets, Betting Series, Target Wins and Bankroll

The following table shows the standard Power Baccarat Strategy which uses eight Strike Bets and seven Counterstrike Bets.

### Power Baccarat Base Bets, Betting Formulas, Target Wins, Game Bankrolls and Total Bankrolls Eight Strike-Bet Series

Base Bet	Strike Bets	Counter-Strike Bets	Target Win	Game Bankroll	Total Bankroll
<b>\$1</b>	1 2 3 5 8 13 20 35	1 1 2 4 8 16 32	\$8	\$87	\$174
<b>\$2</b>	2 4 6 10 16 26 40 70	1 2 4 8 16 32 64	\$16	\$174	\$348
<b>\$3</b>	3 6 9 15 24 39 60 105	1 2 4 8 16 32 64	\$24	\$261	\$522
<b>\$5</b>	5 10 15 25 40 65 105 170	3 5 10 20 40 80 160	\$40	\$435	\$870
<b>\$8</b>	8 12 20 32 52 85 140 225	3 5 10 20 40 80 160	\$64	\$575	\$1150
<b>\$10</b>	10 20 30 50 80 130 210 340	6 10 20 40 80 160 320	\$80	\$870	\$1740
<b>\$15</b>	15 30 45 75 120 195 315 510	5 10 20 40 80 160 320	\$120	\$1305	\$2610
<b>\$20</b>	20 40 65 105 170 275 445 725	5 20 40 80 160 320 640	\$160	\$1845	\$3690
<b>\$25</b>	25 50 75 125 200 325 525 850	5 25 50 100 200 400 800	\$200	\$2175	\$4350
<b>\$35</b>	35 70 105 175 280 455 735 1200	5 25 50 100 200 400 800	\$280	\$3055	\$6110
<b>\$50</b>	50 100 150 250 400 650 1050 1700	10 50 100 200 400 800 1600	\$400	\$4350	\$8700
<b>\$75</b>	75 150 225 375 600 975 1575 2550	25 75 150 300 600 1200 2400	\$600	\$6525	\$13050
<b>\$100</b>	100 200 300 500 800 1300 2100 3400	25 75 150 300 600 1200 2400	\$800	\$8700	\$17400
<b>\$200</b>	200 400 600 1000 1600 2600 4200 6800	50 200 400 800 1600 3200 6400	\$1600	\$17400	\$34,800
<b>\$300</b>	300 600 900 1500 2400 3900 6300 10200	100 300 600 1200 2400 4800 9600	\$2400	\$26,100	\$52,200
<b>\$400</b>	400 800 1200 2000 3200 5200 8400 13600	100 300 600 1200 2400 4800 9600	\$3200	\$34,800	\$69,600
<b>\$500</b>	500 1000 1500 2500 4000 6500 10500 17000	100 500 1000 2000 4000 8000 16000	\$4000	\$43,500	\$87,000

### Alternative Betting Series

You can play and win with Power Baccarat with a smaller bankroll. You can reduce the number of Strike Bets from eight to seven and not reduce your odds of winning by much! For example, the Game Bankroll needed for \$5 betting using the original eight-bet system is \$435. However, it is reduced to just \$265 using the seven-bet system. You will want to try each system and see which works best for you!

**Power Baccarat Base Bets, Betting Formulas,  
Target Wins, Game Bankrolls and Total Bankrolls  
Seven Strike-Bet Series**

<b>Base Bet</b>	<b>Strike Bets</b>	<b>Counter-Strike Bets</b>	<b>Target Win</b>	<b>Game Bankroll</b>	<b>Total Bankroll</b>
<b>\$1</b>	1 2 3 5 8 13 20	1 1 2 4 8 16	\$8	\$52	\$102
<b>\$2</b>	2 4 6 10 16 26 40	1 2 4 8 16 32	\$16	\$104	\$208
<b>\$3</b>	3 6 9 15 24 39 60	1 2 4 8 16 32	\$24	\$156	\$312
<b>\$5</b>	5 10 15 25 40 65 105	3 5 10 20 40 80	\$40	\$265	\$530
<b>\$8</b>	8 12 20 32 52 85 140	3 5 10 20 40 80	\$64	\$424	\$848
<b>\$10</b>	10 20 30 50 80 130 210	6 10 20 40 80 160	\$80	\$530	\$1060
<b>\$15</b>	15 30 45 75 120 195 315	5 10 20 40 80 160	\$120	\$795	\$1590
<b>\$20</b>	20 40 65 105 170 275 445	5 20 40 80 160 320	\$160	\$1120	\$2240
<b>\$25</b>	25 50 75 125 200 325 525	5 25 50 100 200 400	\$200	\$1325	\$2650
<b>\$35</b>	35 70 105 175 280 455 735	5 25 50 100 200 400	\$280	\$1855	\$3710
<b>\$50</b>	50 100 150 250 400 650 1050	10 50 100 200 400 800	\$400	\$2650	\$5300
<b>\$75</b>	75 150 225 375 600 975 1575	25 75 150 300 600 1200	\$600	\$3975	\$7950
<b>\$100</b>	100 200 300 500 800 1300 2100	25 75 150 300 600 1200	\$800	\$5300	\$10600
<b>\$200</b>	200 400 600 1000 1600 2600 4200	50 200 400 800 1600 3200	\$1600	\$10600	\$21,200
<b>\$300</b>	300 600 900 1500 2400 3900 6300	100 300 600 1200 2400 4800	\$2400	\$15900	\$31,800
<b>\$400</b>	400 800 1200 2000 3200 5200 8400	100 300 600 1200 2400 4800	\$3200	\$21,200	\$42,400
<b>\$500</b>	500 1000 1500 2500 4000 6500 10500	100 500 1000 2000 4000 8000	\$4000	\$26,500	\$53,000

## Appendix A. The Power Bet Controller

### How to use the Power Bet Controller

You have seen numerous examples in this manual of games played using a tracking form. To turn the Tracking Form into The *Power Bet Controller* all you have to do is set up the Controller as follows:

1. Fill in your Base Bet, Game Bankroll, the Betting Series and Target Win amounts.
2. Record the Location, date and time of the game.

On the following pages we have:

1. A blank *Power Bet Controller*.
2. A Sample game played using the *Power Bet Controller*. This game was played using \$5 Base Bets, a \$265 Buy-in, and a \$40 Target Profit.

**Power Baccarat Strategy Location:** Texas Station, Las Vegas **Date:** 12/21/12 **Time:** 3:47 PM  
**Table No: 6 Base Bet: 5 Buy-in:** 265 **Target Profit:** 40 **Strike Bets:** 5 10 15 25 50 65 105  
**Counterstrike Bets:** 5 10 20 40 80 **Trend Bets:** 6 5 8 10 12 14 17 20 and +3

Round	Outcome	Bet Pattern	Bet On	Bet Mode	Bet Level	Amount Bet	W/L	Running Total
1	B	S	P	St	1	5	L-5	-5
2	P	O	P	St	2	10	W-10	+5
3	B	S	P	St	1	5	L-5	-0-
4	T	O	P	St	2	10	-	-0-
5	P	O	P	St	2	10	W-10	+10
6	P	S	P	St	1	5	W-5	+15
7	P	O	B	Tr	1	6	L-6	+9
8	B	S	P	St	2	10	L-10	-1
9	P	S	B	C	1	3	L-3	-4
10	P	O	B	C	2	5	L-5	-9
11	B	O	B	C	3	10	W-10	+1
12	B	S	P	St	3	15	L-15	-14
13	P	O	P	St	4	25	W-25	+11
14	P	S	P	St	3	15	W-15	+26
15	B	O	B	St	1	5	W-5	+31
16	B	S	B	Tr	1	6	W-6	+37
17	B	O	P	Tr	2	5	L-5	+32
18	B	S	B	St	3	10	W-10	+42

## Power Baccarat Controller

Power Baccarat Strategy Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Table No: \_\_\_ Base Bet: \_\_\_ Buy-in: \_\_\_ Target Profit: \_\_\_ Strike Bets: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Counterstrike Bets: \_\_\_\_\_ Trend Bets: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Appendix B. Power Baccarat Player Cards

Take the appropriate Power Baccarat Player Card with you when you play.

### \$1 Base Bets

#### Power Baccarat – Eight Bet Series

**Tracker Bets:** Based on Previous Outcome: S  
0 S. If lose two in row repeat last pattern

\$1 Bets Game Bankroll \$87 Target Win = 8

Strike Bets 1 2 3 5 8 13 20 35

Counterstrike Bets: 1 2 4 8 16 32

Trend Bets: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 then +2

### \$2 Base Bets

#### Power Baccarat – Eight Bet Series

**Tracker Bets:** Based on Previous Outcome: S  
0 S. If lose two in row repeat last pattern

\$2 Bets Game Bankroll \$174 Target Win = 16

Strike Bets 2 4 6 10 16 26 40 70

Counterstrike Bets: 1 2 4 8 16 32 64

Trend Bets: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 then +2

### \$3 Base Bets

#### Power Baccarat – Eight Bet Series

**Tracker Bets:** Based on Previous Outcome: S  
0 S. If lose two in row repeat last pattern

\$3 Bets Game Bankroll \$261 Target Win =24

Strike Bets 3 6 9 15 24 39 60 105

Counterstrike Bets: 1 2 4 8 16 32 64

Trend Bets: 4 3 5 7 9 11 13 and then +3

## \$5 Base Bets

### Power Baccarat – Eight Bet Series

**Tracker Bets:** Based on Previous Outcome: S  
0 S. If lose two in row repeat last pattern

\$5 Bets Game Bankroll \$435 Target Win =40  
Strike Bets 5 10 15 25 40 65 105 170  
Counterstrike Bets: 3 5 10 20 40 80 160  
Trend Bets: 6 5 8 10 12 14 and then +3

## \$8 Base Bets

### Power Baccarat – Eight Bet Series

**Tracker Bets:** Based on Previous Outcome: S  
0 S. If lose two in row repeat last pattern

\$8 Bets Game Bankroll \$575 Target Win =64  
Strike Bets 8 12 20 32 52 85 140 225  
Counterstrike Bets: 3 5 10 20 40 80 160  
Trend Bets: 10 8 12 14 16 18 and then +3

## \$10 Base Bets

### Power Baccarat – Eight Bet Series

**Tracker Bets:** Based on Previous Outcome: S 0  
S. If lose two in row repeat last pattern

\$10 Bets Game Bankroll \$870 Target Win -\$80  
Strike Bets 10 20 30 50 80 130 210 340  
Counterstrike Bets: 6 10 20 40 80 160 320  
Trend Bets: 12 10 16 20 24 28 and then +6

## \$15 Base Bets

### Power Baccarat – Eight Bet Series

**Tracker Bets:** Based on Previous Outcome: S 0  
S. If lose two in row repeat last pattern

\$15 Bets Game Bankroll \$1305 Target Win \$120  
Strike Bets 15 30 45 75 120 195 315 510  
Counterstrike Bets: 5 10 20 40 80 160 320  
Trend Bets: 18 15 24 30 36 42 and then +9

## \$20 Base Bets

### Power Baccarat – Eight Bet Series

**Tracker Bets:** Based on Previous Outcome: S 0  
S. If lose two in row repeat last pattern

\$20 Bets Game Bankroll \$1845 Target Win \$160  
Strike Bets 20 40 65 105 170 275 445 725  
Counterstrike Bets: 5 20 40 80 160 320 640  
Trend Bets: 24 20 32 40 48 56 and then +12

## \$25 Base Bets

### Power Baccarat – Eight Bet Series

**Tracker Bets:** Based on Previous Outcome: S 0  
S. If lose two in row repeat last pattern

\$25 Bets Game Bankroll \$2175 Target Win \$200  
Strike Bets 25 50 75 125 200 325 525 650  
Counterstrike Bets: 5 25 50 100 200 400 600  
Trend Bets: 30 25 40 50 60 70 80 and then +15

## \$35 Base Bets

### Power Baccarat – Eight Bet Series

**Tracker Bets:** Based on Previous Outcome: S O  
S. If lose two in row repeat last pattern

\$35 Bets Game Bankroll \$3055 Target Win \$280  
Strike Bets 35 70 105 175 280 455 735 1200  
Counterstrike Bets: 5 25 50 100 200 400 800  
Trend Bets: 42 35 56 70 84 100 and then +21

## \$50 Base Bets

### Power Baccarat – Eight Bet Series

**Tracker Bets:** Based on Previous Outcome: S O  
S. If lose two in row repeat last pattern

\$50 Bets Game Bankroll \$4350 Target Win \$400  
Strike Bets 50 100 150 250 400 650 1050 1700  
Counterstrike Bets: 10 50 100 200 400 800 1600  
Trend Bets: 60 50 80 100 120 140 and then +30

## \$75 Base Bets

### Power Baccarat – Eight Bet Series

**Tracker Bets:** Based on Previous Outcome: S O S.  
If lose two in row repeat last pattern

\$75 Bets Game Bankroll \$6525 Target Win \$600  
Strike Bets 75 150 225 375 600 975 1575 2550  
Counterstrike Bets: 25 75 150 300 600 1200 2400  
Trend Bets: 90 75 120 165 205 250 and then +45

## \$100 Base Bets

### Power Baccarat – Eight Bet Series

**Tracker Bets:** Based on Previous Outcome: S O S.  
If lose two in row repeat last pattern

\$100 Bets Game Bankroll \$8700 Target Win \$800  
Strike Bets 100 200 300 500 800 1300 2100 3400  
Counterstrike Bets: 25 75 150 300 600 1200 2400  
Trend Bets: 120 100 160 200 240 280 and then +60

## \$200 Base Bets

### Power Baccarat – Eight Bet Series

**Tracker Bets:** Based on Previous Outcome: S O S. If  
lose two in row repeat last pattern

\$200 Bets Game Bankroll \$17400 Target Win \$1600  
Strike Bets 200 400 600 1000 1600 2600 4200 6800  
Counterstrike Bets: 50 200 400 800 1600 3200 6400  
Trend Bets: 240 200 320 400 480 and then +120

## \$300 Base Bets

### Power Baccarat – Eight Bet Series

**Tracker Bets:** Based on Previous Outcome: S O S. If  
lose two in row repeat last pattern

\$300 Bets Game Bankroll \$26100 Target Win \$2400  
Strike Bets 300 600 900 1500 2400 3900 6300 10200  
Counterstrike Bets: 100 300 600 1200 2400 4800 9600  
Trend Bets: 360 300 480 660 840 1020 and then + 180

## \$500 Base Bets

### Power Baccarat – Eight Bet Series

**Tracker Bets:** Based on Previous Outcome: S O S. If lose two in row repeat last pattern

\$500 Bets Game Bankroll \$43500 Target Win \$4000

Strike Bets 500 1500 2500 4000 6500 10500 17000

Counterstrike Bets: 100 500 1000 2000 400 8000 16000

Trend Bets: 600 500 800 1000 1200 1400 and then +300