

# Mini Punto Banco

The aim of the game:

Try to guess who wins - punto or banco.

How can you tell who wins?

The player whose hand total is closest to 9 wins. (In case of a tie the croupier returns your bet.)

Eager to play? What do you do?

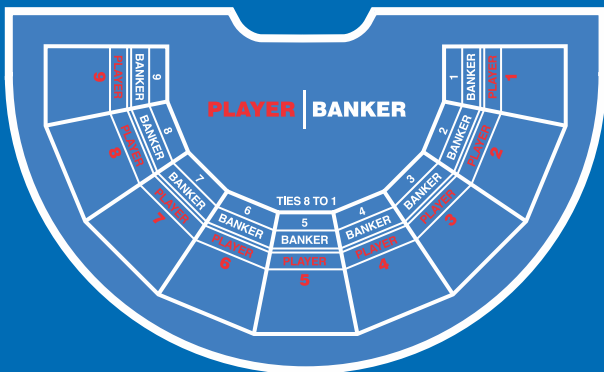
Place your bet – banknotes, chips or plaques on the spot where it says *punto* or on the one marked *banco*. If you choose *punto*, you bet *punto* will win and *banco* will lose. If you place the bet on *banco* however, you expect *banco* to win.

How can you tell your card total?

2 or 3 cards are drawn for *punto* and the same for *banco*. If the total is a two-digit number (e.g. 18), the first digit is not counted. The total is thus 8, not 18.

What value do single cards have? Aces are counted as 1, face cards equal 0 and other cards hold their face value.





As (is worth 1)



Face cards and 10 (are worth 0)



All the other cards (hold their face value, e. g. 2, 3...)



Total 10 (is worth 0)

When to draw the 3rd card?

You can play the Mini version without knowing when to draw the 3rd card, as the croupier will draw it for you according to the rules, which allows you to learn them as you play. A little board on the table featuring the rules will help you during the game. Anyway, here are the rules regarding when to draw the 3rd card:

When to draw the 3rd card on punto:

When the two-card total on punto is:	Then punto:
0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5	draws the 3rd card
6 or 7	does not draw the 3rd card
8 or 9	turns over the cards and prevents banco from drawing the 3rd card (abbatte)

When to draw the 3rd card on banco:

When the two-card total on banco is:	Banco draws the 3rd card, if the 2nd card on punto was:	Banco does not draw the 3rd card, if the 2nd card on punto was:
0, 1 or 2	banco always draws the 3rd card	
3	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 0	8
4	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	1, 8, 9, 0
5	4, 5, 6, 7	1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 0
6	6, 7	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 0
7	does not draw the 3rd card	
8 or 9	banco turns over the cards and prevents punto from drawing the 3rd card (abbatte)	