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Evolution launches super-fast Speed Blackjack

Evolution Gaming, leading provider of Live Casino solutions, has today announced the launch of Speed Blackjack, a super-fast Live Blackjack variant that further extends Evolution's already extensive line-up of Live Blackjack tables.

Evolution's Speed Blackjack follows the same rules as its regular Live Blackjack but with a key difference – the dealing order when it is time for the player to make their decision. In the new Speed version, each player's first two cards are dealt as normal. Then when the dealing of those initial two cards is complete, all players are simultaneously offered the opportunity to Hit, Double Down or Split. The player who makes the fastest decision will get their next card dealt first. This dealing pattern continues until all players have made all of their decisions and all required additional cards have been dealt.

Todd Haushalter, Chief Product Officer at Evolution, explained: "For the last hundred years or so, Blackjack players have made decisions from the dealer's left to right, in order, and everyone has had to wait for the deciding player because that is how it's always been done in casinos. We asked ourselves, 'Why should players have to wait?'. With Speed Blackjack, players make their decision when they are ready and whoever is fastest gets the next hit card, giving the player more control. This has no impact on the maths of the game, it just reduces waiting time."

Haushalter added, "Compared to our standard Live Blackjack game, Speed Blackjack is about 30–40% faster. I must say, it feels really good as a player because it is the game you know and love, but you have more control and there's much less waiting time."

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