

# Craps Bets

This is really where the **rules of craps** get interesting; unlike many casino games like roulette or baccarat, there are lots of different types of bets you can make in craps. Some of these have to be made after the pass bet has been made, while others can be staked regardless of whether or not a pass bet has been placed for this roll or not.

## Pass

The **pass bet** is won if you roll a seven or an 11 on the first roll. If you roll "craps" – a two, three, 11 or 12, the bet is lost. If any other number is rolled, this becomes the point number. If you manage to roll this number again before you roll a seven, then the pass bet is won.

## Taking the Odds

You can often take the odds in craps behind a pass bet. This means that you put additional money down on you winning the pass bet. The difference between this and an additional pass bet is that there is no house edge.

## Don't Pass

As we have said before, this is the direct opposite of the pass bet. It is won if the player rolls craps on the first roll, or if a seven is rolled in subsequent throws, as long as this is before the point number is rolled again. In essence, you are betting against the player's roll, so it can be an unpopular bet to place in a land-based setting, when you will be betting on the side of the house against fellow players.

## Laying the Odds

This is the opposite of taking the odds and backs a don't pass bet in the same way that odds back a pass bet. There is also no house edge on laying the odds. In essence, you are putting additional money behind a don't pass bet when you lay the odds.

## Come

The pass bet can only be made on the first roll of a player's turn. The come bet operates in exactly the same way but can be made on any other roll during that cycle. The ways to win are the same as with the pass bet, however, so you needn't learn anything new there.

## Don't Come

As you will be able to guess, this is the same as a don't pass bet, simply made at any point apart from the first roll of a player's turn. The don't come craps bet is the opposite of the come bet, as the name would suggest.

## Field

The field bet is another that allows for a number of different rolls as winning outcomes. In general, if the next roll comes up as a three, four, nine, 10 or 11, you win. If it is a two or a 12, you will often win double or triple your bet. All other results will lose.

## Place Bets

The numbers four, five, six, eight, nine and 10 are called "place numbers" in craps. You can wager that any of these numbers will be rolled before a seven is rolled next. There are different payouts for the different numbers that can be rolled.

## Hardway Bets

You have probably seen scenes on tv or in movies where players bet on a "hard eight" or some other hard number. These are bets on the next roll, where you stake that a specific number will come up, with the added caveat that the number must be made up of a pair. For example, an eight can be made five different ways, but a "hard eight" can only be a pair of fours.

