

# Punto Banco

If you've always wanted to be James Bond then this is the game for you! In the old Bond movies, Punto Banco was 007's game of choice, although he played a slightly different version of the game.

The idea of the game is simple. There are two hands of cards dealt - one for the Punto and one for the Banco. All you have to do is decide which you think will have a total closest to nine.

Picture cards count as ten, aces as one but when it comes to the count only the last figure matters.

Each hand will consist of a minimum of two cards and a maximum of three but what the first two cards are dictates whether or not a third is drawn.

D = Draw S = Stand		Punto Given										
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	NO CARD
Banco's Point	3	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	S	D	D
	4	S	S	D	D	D	D	D	D	S	S	D
	5	S	S	S	S	D	D	D	D	S	S	D
	6	S	S	S	S	S	S	D	D	S	S	S
Banco						Punto						
0, 1 or 2 - draws						0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 - draws						
3, 4, 5 or 6 - (see table)						6 or 7 stands						
7 - stands						8 or 9 - no further draw						
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### For example:

If the Banco's cards are a **seven, four** and a **Jack** then the total would be **twenty-one**, but only the **one** counts.

If the Punto's cards are a **King**, a **Queen** and a **five** then the total would be **twenty-five** and once again, only the **five** would count.

So for this example, the Punto wins **five** points to **one**.

Banco Pays 19 – 20

Punto Pays 1 – 1

Egalite 8 – 1

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