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Craps the Smart Way

Craps looks wild, but the smart way to play it is simple: a few good bets, sized the right way, and you stay away from the middle of the table. Here's the whole playbook, sugar.

THE SHORT ANSWER

Bet the Pass Line. Once a point is set, back it with the full 2× odds. Want more action? Add Come bets with odds, or place the 6 and 8 in $6 steps. Skip the center of the table. Pass Line with 2× odds has a 0.61% house edge on all the money you bet, about 61¢ for every $100.

How a round works

1. **Come-out roll**
   The puck says OFF. Put your bet on the Pass Line. The shooter rolls.

2. **7 or 11 wins, 2, 3 or 12 loses**
   A 7 or 11 is a "natural" and the Pass Line wins right away. A 2, 3 or 12 is "craps" and it loses. Either way, the next roll is a new come-out.

3. **Any other number becomes the point**
   A 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 or 10 becomes the point. The dealer flips the puck to ON and sets it on that number. This is when you add your odds.

4. **Point before 7 wins, 7 first loses**
   If the point rolls again before a 7, the Pass Line and its odds win. If a 7 rolls first ("seven out"), they lose and the dice pass to the next shooter.

Practice free
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Every bet, ranked from smart to sucker

Bet	Pays	House edge
A+ Odds behind Pass, Come or Don't Pass The only bet in the casino with no house edge. You can only make it after a point, behind a line bet.	True odds	**0%**
A Don't Pass / Don't Come Slightly better than Pass. You're betting against the shooter, which some players don't like.	1 to 1	**1.36%**
A Pass Line / Come The main bet of the game. Start here.	1 to 1	**1.41%**
A Place 6 or 8 Bet in $6 steps. Off on the come-out roll.	7 to 6	**1.52%**
B Place 5 or 9 Bet in $5 steps. OK, but Come bets with odds are better.	7 to 5	**4.00%**
C Field Looks like it covers lots of numbers, but 5, 6, 7 and 8 roll most often.	1 to 1 (2 and 12 pay 2 to 1)	**5.56%**
C Place 4 or 10 Bet in $5 steps. Pricey.	9 to 5	**6.67%**
D Big 6 or Big 8 Same win as Place 6 or 8, but pays less. Never use it.	1 to 1	**9.09%**
D Hard 6 or Hard 8 Fun, but expensive.	9 to 1	**9.09%**
F Hard 4 or Hard 10 A sucker bet.	7 to 1	**11.11%**
F Any Craps, Yo (11), Ace-Deuce (3) One-roll bets from the center of the table.	7 to 1 / 15 to 1 / 15 to 1	**11.11%**
F Aces (2) or Twelve Big payout, bigger edge.	30 to 1	**13.89%**
F Any 7 The worst bet on the table.	4 to 1	**16.67%**

Pass Line with full 2× odds costs 0.61% of all the money you bet; Don't Pass with full lay odds costs 0.45%. Field figure assumes 2 and 12 both pay 2 to 1.

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The right bet amounts

If a bet doesn't divide evenly, the casino rounds your win down. Use these steps.

Number	Place bet steps	Place pays	Odds pay	Odds steps	Lay pays	Lay steps
4 and 10	**$5**	9 to 5	2 to 1	**any $1**	1 to 2	**$2**
5 and 9	**$5**	7 to 5	3 to 2	**$2 (even amounts)**	2 to 3	**$3**
6 and 8	**$6**	7 to 6	6 to 5	**$5**	5 to 6	**$6**

Max odds at a 2× table

Your line bet	Max odds (any point)	Max lay vs 4/10	vs 5/9	vs 6/8
$5	**$10**	$20	$15	$12
$10	**$20**	$40	$30	$24
$15	**$30**	$60	$45	$36
$25	**$50**	$100	$75	$60

Why 7 runs the table



Simple game plans

$100 to $150

$5 Pass Line, then $10 odds once the point is set. That's $15 at risk on each point. Add one $5 Come bet with odds only after a win or two.

$200 to $300

$5 Pass Line + $10 odds, plus up to two $5 Come bets, each with $10 odds. You'll have $15 to $45 working, almost all of it on 0% to 1.41% bets.

$400 to $500

$10 Pass Line + $20 odds, plus up to two $10 Come bets with odds. Or $5 Pass + odds and place the 6 and 8 for $12 each.

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The mistakes that cost the most

- Skipping the odds. It's the one bet with no house edge, and it isn't even printed on the table.
- Placing the 6 or 8 for $5. It pays 7 to 6, so any amount that isn't a $6 step gets its win rounded down. Bet $6, $12, $18.
- Odds on the 5 or 9 in odd amounts. They pay 3 to 2, so make them even ($6, $10, not $5).
- Betting Big 6 or Big 8. It wins on the same rolls as Place 6 or 8 but pays even money instead of 7 to 6.
- Tossing chips on the center bets because they pay 15 or 30 to 1. Those bets carry 11% to 17% house edges.

Craps words

Come-out roll
The first roll of a new round, when there's no point. The puck says OFF.

Point
The 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 or 10 rolled on the come-out. The shooter needs to roll it again before a 7.

Seven out
A 7 before the point. Pass bets lose, and the dice go to the next shooter.

Odds
An extra bet behind your Pass, Come or Don't bet that pays true odds. At a 2× table it can be up to twice your line bet.

Come bet
Works just like a Pass Line bet, but you make it after the point is set. The next number rolled becomes its own point.

Place bet
A bet that a number rolls before a 7. You can take it down any time.

Hard way
Rolling 4, 6, 8 or 10 as a pair, like 3 and 3 for a hard 6.

> Craps should stay fun. Set your budget before you sit down. If gambling isn't fun anymore, free and confidential help is there 24/7: call or text 1-800-MY-RESET (1-800-697-3738) or visit 1800myreset.org.

Every house edge was worked out exactly from the 36 dice combinations. For entertainment and education.

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