The reason why Player B still loses points to the Dealer, even though they are playing the same strategy is that if you go bust in one round, you automatically lose a point to the dealer, even if the Dealer later goes bust. This is called the ‘dealers advantage’

But we still have several more options for refining our strategy – that are not available to the dealer.

The first is because the dealer has to stand as soon as it reaches 17, whether or not it is holding a ‘soft ace’ – an ace still valued at 11.

But a player might choose to go venture slightly further on a soft ace, because a Player cannot go bust when drawing on a soft ace – though their hand total could go down.