Must I go around the board once before purchasing property?

No. You may begin purchasing property with the first available space you land on.

May I collect rent while in Jail?

You may collect rent and conduct business as usual while in Jail.

Do I get money for landing on Free Parking?

No. If you land on Free Parking, you receive no money, property or reward of any kind.

If I own all the properties of one color group, may I put three houses on only one property?

No. Remember to build evenly at all times. You may not put more than one house on any property of a color group until each property of that group has at least one house on it.

Must I wait until my turn to buy houses and hotels?

No. You may transact business - such as buying and selling houses - any time on your turn or between moves by other players.

May I mortgage a piece of property to buy other properties, houses or hotels?

Yes. You may mortgage property to buy houses, hotels or other properties of any color group.

Common points relating to mortgaging:

Even after one or more lots of a complete color group have been mortgaged, you may still collect double rent on the unmortgaged lots of that group. If you own all four railroads and mortgage one or more of them, you may still collect \$200 rent when an opponent lands on an unmortgaged railroad

Are deals allowed between players?

Yes. Unimproved properties, railroads, and utilities (but not buildings) may be sold to any player as a private transaction for any amount that the owner can get.

May I borrow money from another player?

No. You may borrow money only from the Bank.

Why does my set have only 32 houses?

To maintain a balance in the game, there have always been exactly 32 houses and 12 hotels in the Monopoly® game. If it were possible to improve all properties, it would be difficult to force opponents into bankruptcy.

May I make my own rules?

Some people play the Monopoly® game according to what are called "house rules." A common example is placing Luxury Tax money on Free Parking. The official Parker Brothers rules - which are followed in tournament play - do not allow such variations.

What if the Bank runs out of money?

Some players think the Bank is bankrupt if it runs out of money. The Bank never goes bankrupt. To continue playing, use slips of paper to keep track of each player's transactions - until the bank has enough paper money to operate again. The Banker may also issue "new" money slips of ordinary paper.

Which rules are the most overlooked?

Free Parking means free parking. You do not get any money for landing on Free Parking. Also, all payments required by Community Chest and Chance cards go to the Bank, not to the center of the board. Gasp!

Can I borrow money from another player?

No, sorry. You can only borrow money from the bank in the form of mortgages.

What happens if the Bank runs out of money?

The Bank never runs out of money. Even if you run out of official bills, you can use a form of running bank balance sheet to keep up with each player's interactions with the bank, use poker chips or checkers, or scan and print extra bills with your home all-in-one printer.

Is the amount of money a player has public knowledge?

No. You are free to hide your wealth from other players.

Do I have to build evenly?

Yes. You can never have more than a one-house difference between properties of the same color set.

When can I buy houses and hotels?

First, you must land on and buy all the properties in one color group. When that happens, and none of the properties is mortgaged, you can begin to add houses and hotels to the properties.

What happens if we run out of houses?

Monopoly comes with a limited number of houses and hotels. If a player wants to build a house and none is available, he must wait until one is available.

Are the properties a player owns public knowledge?

Yes. All properties must be face up (unless mortgaged) and visible to all players.

Can I collect rent from other players while I'm in Jail?

Yes. Rent collection continues while you are incarcerated.

I own all four railroads, but one is mortgaged—how much rent do I collect? On the railroad that is mortgaged, you collect no rent. However, you collect full rent on the other three railroads that are not mortgaged. They are not discounted because one is mortgaged.

When can I begin purchasing property?

When you land on a property that has not been purchased by another player and you have the necessary funds to make the purchase, you can buy the property.

How do I calculate how much I owe for Income Tax?

Any player who lands on Income Tax pays either \$200 or 10 percent of all his or her assets—cash, properties, houses, and hotels. If your assets are \$2000 or more, pay the \$200. If they are less than \$2000, do the 10 percent math. The income tax goes to the Bank.

When moving around the board because of a card, do I still collect \$200 if I pass Go? In most cases, yes, unless you draw the Chance or Community Chest card that reads, "GO TO JAIL: Go directly to Jail. Do not pass Go. Do not collect \$200."

Can you have a hotel on 2 of the red properties and no buildings on the other one?

No. You can't have more than a one house difference on any two properties of the same color.

When you're on a Utility, do you roll the dice again to see how much you pay?

Only if a chance or community chest card sends you there. The average roll is 7, so you have to pay 28 on average if the owner owns 1, and you have to pay 70 on average if the owner owns both.

You roll two fives, landing on the Go To Jail space. What happens?

You go to jail and end your turn. In Monopoly, going to jail isn't always bad, especially in the end game where not moving can mean avoiding paying rent.

What can you NOT do while in jail?

Draw a Chance card. You can't draw a Chance card because you're in jail, which means you can't land on a Chance space.

You are on the Chance square 4 spaces before Go. The chance card tells you to advance to the nearest Railroad. What happens?

You go to the railroad 5 spaces past Go, and you collect 200. Even if you forget to collect the 200, it's yours. You can't lose it if you forget.

If you forget to ask for rent, and the next player rolls the dice, can you still collect it? No. This is part of the official rules, but people always forget that rule. Players however need to play slowly enough to give you a chance to speak up.

If someone lands on a property and decides not to buy it, what happens?

It's auctioned. This rule works well with lots of people, but it doesn't work as well with only 2 or 3 players.

What happens if the Bank runs out of houses?

Nobody can buy any houses until one is sold. There are 32 houses and 12 hotels.

When you sell a house, how much money do you get back?

Half what you paid. When calculating total worth, the houses count as the full value, though.

If you roll two threes, landing on the Community Chest 2 spaces past Go (between the purple or brown properties, depending on the version), and the Community Chest card tells you to advance to Go, what happens?

You collect 400, and you go again. You get 200 for passing Go by dice roll, and you collect another 200 for landing on it from the Community Chest card. You go again because you rolled doubles.

How many players are needed to play Monopoly?

Two to eight. In order to play, you need members. It is only up to eight members because the tokens are limited.

How much will you pay to the bank when lifting a mortgage on your mortgaged properties?

Mortgage value plus 10% interest. You can lift the mortgage on the mortgaged property when you earn sufficient money. But if the property is still mortgaged, anybody who lands on it will not pay rent.

In the English edition of Monopoly, what is the equivalent of Boardwalk? Mayfair

How many Chance and Community Chest cards are there in total?

32 cards. These cards were placed at the center square of the board. Rich Uncle Pennybags was seen in these cards.

The Income Tax space comes four spaces after Go. How much you will pay when landing on this space?

10% or \$200. When you choose 10%, you will pay the 10% of your money and property value. If you choose 200 dollars, you will just pay \$200.

How many color-groups are there?

8. When you complete a color group, rent is doubled on unimproved lots.

How many properties are on the board? (Not Railroads/Utilities)

22. There are 22 colored properties, 4 railroads, 2 utilities, 3 Chance and Community Chest spaces, GO, Jail, Free Parking, Go to Jail, Income Tax and Luxury Tax for a total of 40 spaces.

How many houses and hotels come with a standard Monopoly game?

32 Houses, 12 Hotels. The houses are green and the hotels are red.

'Your Building and Loan Matures', how much do you collect from the bank?

\$150. This is the chance card with the people hugging

What is the only colored set whose individual properties all include the names of U.S. states?

Red. The Red properties include Kentucky Ave., Indiana Ave., and Illinois Ave.

According to statistical analyses based on thousands of rolls and trips around the board, what railroad is the most likely to be landed on?

B & O Railroad. Properties just before and after Free Parking are more likely than more distant properties to have players land on them. The red properties and B & O Railroad are the most landed on of all properties.

Other than dark blue (Park Place and Boardwalk), what is the only other colored set of properties for which a player can obtain a monopoly (all of the properties in that color set) on the first trip around the board (before passing Go) if he/she does not go to Jail? Orange. Interestingly, the orange set can be completed on one turn. A player can roll doubles to land on St. James Place, then roll a two to land on Tennessee Ave., then roll a 4 (3 & 1) to land on chance. If the chance card reads "Go back three spaces", then the player can purchase New York Ave. and complete the set.

What is the maximum number of times that a player can pass or land on Go in one turn?

4. Four times can be done in the following way. From Boardwalk roll an 8 (4 & 4) to pass Go and land on a chance card reading "Advance to Go", then roll a 2 to land on a Community Chest card reading "Advance to Go", then roll a 7 to land on a chance card reading "Take a ride on the Reading Railroad."

Other than the railroads, what is the maximum possible rent that can be obtained from a property on an unimproved lot (no houses or hotels)?

\$120. If a player owns Electric Company and Water Works, he/she will receive \$120 if a player rolls a 12 to land on one of them. Boardwalk's rent (without any houses) if Park Place is owned is \$100.

If a player owns a mortgaged Boardwalk, how much will it cost to unmortgage Boardwalk?

\$220. The mortgage value is always equal to half of the original market value (purchase price). To unmortgage a property, a player must pay the mortgage value + 10% of the mortgage value. For Boardwalk: (400/2) + .10(400/2) = \$220.

What is the maximum number of times that a player can land on Free Parking in one turn?

2. Free Parking can be landed on twice in one turn in the following way: roll doubles to land on Free Parking, roll a 2 to land on a chance card reading "Advance to St. Charles Place, then roll a 9 to land on Free Parking again.

Not including utilities and railroads, in what increment do rental values increase as one travels around the board starting from Go? Note, the rental values of Park Place and Boardwalk do not follow this pattern.

\$2. Mediterranean Ave.'s rental value is \$2, Baltic Ave.'s is \$4, Oriental and Vermont Ave.'s is \$6, Connecticut Ave.'s is \$8 and so on. This pattern continues through Pennsylvania Ave. Park Place's incremental increase is \$7 and Boardwalk's is \$15.

What is the greatest number of consecutive squares with a property on the game board?

7. The seven property stretch shortly after Free Parking consists of Indiana Ave., Illinois Ave., B&O Railroad, Atlantic Ave., Ventnor Ave., Water Works, and Marvin Gardens.

When auctioning properties, what is the correct format to conduct the auction? Start bidding at 10% of the property's price and continue upward in 10% increments until sold. It is very rare that a player should ever auction a property. It is always advantageous to have at least one property of every colored set so that if another player loses, you can block a monopoly from forming for the player that beat him/her.

How much does Baltic Avenue cost with 3 Houses on it?

\$180. Baltic Avenue is the second lowest valued property on the board. It is good because it collects people's GO money.

If you own Electric Company, and Water Works, how much rent would you charge another player for landing on one of these properties?

10 times amount on dice. If you only own one, you charge four times the amount shown on dice.

If you own three railroads, how much rent would you charge another player for landing on one of your railroads?

\$100. The rent is \$25 if you own 1 railroad. \$50 if you own 2, \$100 if you own 3, and \$200 if you own all 4.

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