

## = Mind of a Man =

Mind of a Man is a game show broadcast by Game Show Network , with DeRay Davis as host . On each episode , two female contestants attempt to figure out what men believe about marriage , dating , work , and other subjects . Similar to Family Feud , the questions have previously been answered by a survey of one hundred men . Over the course of four rounds , a celebrity panel consisting of two men and a woman helps the contestants by offering their opinions about the correct answers to the surveys . The winner advances to the bonus round , which features a top prize of \$ 10 @, @ 000 .

The series , green @- @ lit on August 16 , 2013 , began airing on January 8 , 2014 and concluded on May 14 , 2014 . Critical reception for the series was mixed , with one writer calling it " a lot of fun " while another arguing the premise to be " low @- @ minded . "

## = = Gameplay = =

In the first round , the contestants are asked to predict the most popular answer to each of three questions . Each question has three multiple choice options , and was asked to a group of 100 men . The panel is allowed to offer their opinion on the correct answer while the contestants submit their answers on their tablet computers . Each correct prediction is worth \$ 200 .

The second round plays almost exactly the same as the first round ; however , the questions were asked to men who belong to a specific group ( e.g. , married men , African @- @ American men , or men under the age of 25 ) . Each correct prediction is worth \$ 300 . The last question of Round 2 is designated as the " VIP " question , which is focused on one specific group of men and asked to a special guest related to the question . When the VIP question is about a specific man , before the question is asked , the panel is allowed 30 seconds to " interrogate " the VIP about their background , personal preferences , etc . , and then the question is played out as normal , with the VIP giving his answer verbally after the contestants give their prediction . Actor Ted Lange ( most well known for his role on The Love Boat ) appeared in some episodes as the show 's bartender and was often the man who was previously asked the VIP question .

In the third round ( entitled " The Male Order " ) , each contestant , starting with the current leader ( or the winner of a pre @- @ show coin toss , in case of a tie ) , is given one question , and may choose any panelist to assist them on the question . For the Male Order question , the contestant is asked to rank the three answers from most popular to least popular . Although the panelist will give their opinion as to the correct ranking , the contestant has the final decision . The contestant picks up \$ 100 for one answer correctly ranked , or \$ 500 for all three .

The fourth round is titled the " Men 's High Five " and is an open @- @ ended question asked to 200 men . The top five answers are placed on the board in a random order , and the panel again gives their opinion on what would be the most popular answer . If the score going into this question is tied , each contestant is allowed to select one answer , with the winner of the pre @- @ show coin toss deciding who makes the first selection . If one contestant has the lead , that contestant goes first and is given a selection ; her opponent is then allowed one provided the first contestant did not pick the most popular answer . If the most popular answer has not yet been revealed , the first contestant is given one more selection . The contestant who selects the highest @- @ ranked answer wins the game , keeps her money , and plays the bonus round .

## = = = Bonus Round = = =

For this round ( entitled the " \$ 10 @, @ 000 Tag Team Round " ) , the contestant chooses one panelist to assist her . The host reads a series of pairs of related items , and each member of the team , in turn , tries to determine which answer was more popular . If , between the contestant and the panelist , a total of seven correct answers are given within 30 seconds , the contestant 's winnings are increased to \$ 10 @, @ 000 ; if not , the contestant wins an additional \$ 300 for every correct answer given .

## == Production ==

The series originally appeared during GSN 's New York City upfront presentation on April 9 , 2013 . On August 16 , 2013 , GSN announced that the network had ordered forty episodes of Mind of a Man , and officially announced Davis as host on September 25 .

The series premiered January 8 , 2014 . The final episode aired on May 14 , 2014 ; while GSN did not renew the show for a second season , the series was pitched for syndication in the 2015 ? 16 season .

## == Reception ==

Mind of a Man garnered mixed reception from critics . Neil Genzlinger of The New York Times argued that the questions were " frivolous " and previewed the series as being " vacuous but often amusing . " The Washington Post 's Marc Silver called the series " low @-@ minded " and claimed that after watching an episode , his " mind need [ ed ] to go take a shower . " Acting rather neutral , Hank Stuever , also from The Washington Post , argued that the series ' title " sound [ s ] like the premise for an SNL sketch . " Carrie Grosvenor of About Entertainment , however , was pleased with the series , calling it " a lot of fun " and deeming Davis a " great host . "

## === Ratings ===

The series premiere on January 8 , 2014 , garnered average ratings , with the premiere episode earning 497 @,@ 000 total viewers and 112 @,@ 000 viewers among adults 18 ? 49 ; GSN debuted the series that night with four consecutive episodes , which averaged around 407 @,@ 000 viewers during the two @-@ hour programming stack .