

How to Play Yahtzee



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Chapter 1. What is Yahtzee?

Yahtzee is a luck based dice game for grandmas and families. However, that's what makes it so fun.

Yahtzee is named after the most difficult score to get in the game, a five-of-a-kind. The gameplay is simple: players roll five dice in order to get specific combinations from their rolls to fill out their scorecard. The player with the most points in their scorecard by the end, wins.

However, for those of you who have never played Yahtzee before, here are some instructions to get you started.

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Chapter 2. Necessary Items

The nice thing about Yahtzee is you don't need many items to play and the ones you do need are very typical household items or easily attainable and inexpensive.

In order to play Yahtzee, you will need:

- 5 six-sided dice
- 1 Yatzee score card per player (these can be found online for free)
- A minimum of 2 players

Chapter 3. Terms

In Yahtzee there are some very specific terms that you will need to know prior to playing and their point values.

Table 1. Yahtzee Terms

Term	Definition
Small straight (30 points)	4 out of 5 dice are in sequential order (i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4 or 2, 3, 4, 5)
Large straight (40 points)	All 5 dice are in sequential order (i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Full house (25 points)	3 of a kind and 2 of a kind
Yahtzee (50 points for 1st one, 100 points for every one after)	5 of a kind
Chance (points = the cumulative value of all 5 die)	This is a freebie slot, for this score you must add the total of your dice together and write the amount in this space.

Chapter 4. Gameplay

There are multiple ways to play Yatzee, some where you bet money, others where you don't. It will depend on how high stakes you want the game to be. However, below you will find Yatzee in it's most common and basic form.

Here are the basic rules of Yahtzee:

1. To determine who goes first: role one die per player.
2. The player with the highest role will go first.
3. The current player will role all five dice for their first role.
4. The player can save whichever dice they believe will help them fill out their scorecard and role the rest of the remaining dice.
5. Each player will have three roles to get a specific number value for a slot on the Yatzee scoreboard. However, they may choose to use fewer roles if they have already obtained a score for their scorecard.



Note:

If a player has no place to put the result of their role, they must cross out one of the slots on their Yatzee scorecard. This means that they can no longer try to fill that slot and they have scored zero points for that slot.



Note:

A player may also cross out a slot on their scorecard if they have gotten more than one Yahtzee. However, in this case, the player may wait until the end of the game to choose which slot they will cross out.

6. The player to the left of the last player roles their dice and performs the same steps as the previous player.
7. Play continues until all slots on each player's scorecard are filled or crossed out.
8. Each player should add up the values from on their scorecard.
9. The player with the highest score, wins.