40 CARD BINGO



For Up to 40 Players

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40 Bingo Cards, Plastic Call Numbers, Markers, Dispenser, and Checking Chart.

OBJECT

To cover a row of numbers on a card in any of three directions — horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

BEFORE PLAY

Prepare the Bingo dispenser: Put all the numbered discs into the dispenser and shake to mix. Choose a Caller to distribute Bingo cards and markers to each player. (Players decide whether each will play one, or more than one, card.) Each player covers the free space on his/her card with a marker.

PLAY

The Caller shakes a numbered disc from the dispenser and calls out the letter and number printed on it. For example: If the disc is N 41, he calls, "N, forty-one." He places the disc on the corresponding space on the checking chart. Any player having 41 (under N) on his card, covers that number with a marker. Play continues in this manner until someone calls "BINGO" to signal that he/she has covered a complete row of five numbers (horizontally, vertically or diagonally).

TERMINATION OF PLAY

Players leave all markers in place until the person calling "BINGO" checks his card. To check his card, the player reads back to the Caller the numbers he has covered, and the Caller checks them against the checking chart. If the player's card is correct, he is the winner. If the Caller finds an error on the player's card, the player forfeits his five numbers and the game continues until another player calls "BINGO". If two players call "BINGO" at the same time and both are found to be correct, each may release a disc from the dispenser. The higher number wins.

At the end of each game, players decide whether to choose new cards or to keep the ones they have. A new Caller may be chosen by any method agreeable to the group.

OPTIONAL

BINGO also may be played by scoring points. The winner scores the amount of the highest number in the row which won the game for him. If a player should fill two rows of five, at the same time, his score is the total of both high numbers. The first player to score a total of 500 points is the winner.