Instructions
1 or More Players

Yahtzee

Contents: 5 dice, dice cup, 10 bonus chips, score pad

Object
Roll dice for scoring combinations, and get the highest total score.

Game Summary
On each turn, roll the dice up to 3 times to get the highest scoring combination for one of 13 categories. After you finish rolling, you must place a score or a zero in one of the 13 category boxes on your score card. The game ends when all players have filled in their 13 boxes. Scores are totaled, including any bonus points. The player with the highest total wins.

How to Play
Each player takes a score card. To decide who goes first, each player in turn rolls all 5 dice. The player with the highest total goes first. Play then passes to the left.

TAKING A TURN
On your turn, you may roll the dice up to 3 times, although you may stop and score after your first or
second roll. To roll the
dice, place them in the dice
cup, shake them up, and roll
them out.

**First roll:** Roll all 5 dice.
Set any “keepers” aside. You
may stop and score now, or
roll again.

**Second roll:** Reroll ANY or
ALL dice you want – even
“keepers” from the previous
roll. You don’t need to
declare which combination
you’re rolling for; you may
change your mind after
any roll.

You may stop and score after
your second roll, or set aside
any “keepers” and roll a
third time.

**Third and final roll:** Reroll
ANY or ALL dice you want.
After your third roll, you
must fill in a box on your
score card with a score or a
zero. After you fill in a box,
your turn is over.

**SCORING**
When you are finished
rolling, decide which box
to fill in on your score card.
For each game, there is a
column of 13 boxes. You
must fill in a box on each
turn; if you can’t (or don’t
want to) enter a score, you
must enter a zero. Fill in
each box only once, in any
order, depending on your
best scoring option.

The score card is divided
into an Upper Section and
a Lower Section. Scoring
combinations for each
section are explained below.

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<td>Threes</td>
<td>Total of Threes only</td>
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<td>Fours</td>
<td>Total of Fours only</td>
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<td>Fives</td>
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<td>Sixes</td>
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To score in the Upper Section, add only the dice with the same number and enter the total in the appropriate box. For example, with the dice shown below you could score 9 in the Threes box, 2 in the Twos box or 4 in the Fours box.

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<td>Small Straight</td>
<td>30 points</td>
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<td>Large Straight</td>
<td>40 points</td>
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<tr>
<td>YAHTZEE (5 of a Kind)</td>
<td>50 points</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chance</td>
<td>Total of all 5 dice</td>
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3 of a Kind: Score in this box only if the dice include 3 or more of the same number. For example, with the dice shown below you could score 18 points in the 3 of a Kind box.

Other Scoring Options: You could instead score 18 in the Chance box, or you could score in the Upper Section: 15 in the Fives box, 2 in the Twos box or 1 in the Aces box.

Each of the Lower Section scoring combinations is explained in detail in the next column.
4 of a Kind: Score in this box only if the dice include 4 or more of the same number. For example, with the dice shown below you could score 14 points in the 4 of a Kind box.

Other Scoring Options: You could instead score 14 in the 3 of a Kind box or in the Chance box—or you could score in the Upper Section: 9 in the Threes box or 10 in the Fives box.

Small Straight: Score in this box only if the dice show any sequence of four numbers. Any Small Straight is worth 30 points. You could score 30 points in the Small Straight box with any of the three dice combinations shown below.

Full House: Score in this box only if the dice show three of one number and two of another. Any Full House is worth 25 points. For example, with the dice shown below you could score 25 points in the Full House box.

Other Scoring Options: You could instead score in the Chance box, or in the appropriate Upper Section box.
Large Straight: Score in this box only if the dice show any sequence of five numbers. Any Large Straight is worth 40 points. You could score 40 points in the Large Straight box with either of the two dice combinations shown below.

![Dice combinations for Large Straight](image)

Other Scoring Options: You could instead score in the Small Straight box, the Chance box, or the appropriate Upper Section box.

YAHTZEE: Score in this box only if the dice show five of the same number (5 of a kind). A YAHTZEE example is shown below.

![Dice for YAHTZEE example](image)

The first YAHTZEE you enter in the YAHTZEE box is worth 50 points. For each additional YAHTZEE you roll, you earn a bonus (see YAHTZEE BONUS, below!)

Chance: Score the total of any 5 dice in this box. This catch-all category comes in handy when you can't (or don't want to) score in another category, and don't want to enter a zero.

For example, you could score 22 points in the Chance box with the dice shown below.

![Dice for Chance example](image)

YAHTZEE BONUS: If you roll a YAHTZEE and have already filled in the YAHTZEE box with a 50, you get a 100-point bonus! Take one bonus chip, then
place a check mark (✔) in the YAHTZEE BONUS box on your score card. Then fill in one of the 13 boxes on your score card according to the JOKER RULES, described below.

As long as you’ve scored 50 in the YAHTZEE box, you get a YAHTZEE bonus for each additional YAHTZEE you roll – just squeeze in the check marks if necessary!

If you roll a YAHTZEE and have already entered zero in the YAHTZEE box, you do not earn a YAHTZEE bonus; however, you must fill in one of the 13 boxes on your score card according to the JOKER RULES below.

JOKER RULES: Score the total of all 5 dice in the appropriate Upper Section box. If this box has already been filled in, score as follows in any open Lower Section box:

- 3 of a Kind: Total of all 5 dice
- 4 of a Kind: Total of all 5 dice
- Full House: 25 points
- Small Straight: 30 points
- Large Straight: 40 points
- Chance: Total of all 5 dice

If the appropriate Upper Section box and all Lower Section boxes are filled in, you must enter a zero in any open Upper Section box.

For example, you roll 5 Fours. You’ve already entered zero in the YAHTZEE box, and have also scored in the Fours box in the Upper Section. The Joker rules allow you to score in any open box in the Lower Section. You decide to score 40 points in the Large Straight box.
ENDING A GAME
Once each player has filled in all 13 category boxes, the game ends. Each player now adds up his or her score as follows:

**Upper Section:** Add up the Upper Section scores and enter the total in the TOTAL SCORE box. Enter the 35-point bonus in the BONUS box if you scored 63 points or more. Then enter the total in the TOTAL box.

**Lower Section:** Add up the Lower Section scores, and enter the total in the TOTAL of Lower Section box. Add 100 points for each check mark in the YAHTZEE BONUS boxes (that is, one check mark for each bonus chip).

**Grand Total:** Add the Upper Section and Lower Section scores, and enter the total in this box. This is your score for the game.

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**How to Win**
After the scores are tallied, the player with the highest Grand Total wins the game!

**SOLO PLAY**
No competition around? Challenge yourself in solitaire play, and try to beat your previous scores!

**A TURN EXAMPLE**
You’re well into a 4-player game. Your dice rolls and scoring strategy are illustrated below.

![Dice Roll Scoring Chart]

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First Roll

You could roll again for Fours, 3 of a Kind or Large Straight. You've already scored your Small Straight, so it's risky; but the 2/3/4/5 gives you a good chance of rolling either an Ace or a Six in the next two rolls. You decide to set aside the Small Straight and reroll one die.

Second Roll

You roll a Two. You could reroll the die again for your Large Straight, or set aside the 2 Twos and roll for your Twos or for 3 of a Kind. You decide to set aside the twos and reroll the remaining 3 dice.

Third and Final Roll

You roll 1 Two and 2 Threes. You could score 6 points for Twos, 12 points for 3 of a Kind, or 25 points for Full House. You decide on the Full House because this combination can be tough to roll later in the game; also, you're ahead in the Upper Section, so you may not need 3 Twos for your 35-point bonus; and also, you're hoping that later you'll roll a higher-scoring 3 of a Kind!