

Euchre Quick Reference

4 players | 2 teams | 24 cards | First to 10 points wins

THE DECK

24 cards: 9, 10, J, Q, K, A in all four suits.

Each player is dealt 5 cards.

The 21st card is turned face-up as the upcard.

BIDDING

Round 1: Left of dealer, each player orders up the upcard (making that suit trump) or passes. If ordered up: dealer picks it up, discards one.

Round 2 (if all pass): Each player may name any other suit as trump, or pass.

Stick the Dealer: dealer **MUST** call in round 2.

THE BOWERS

Right Bower: Jack of trump -- highest card in game.

Left Bower: Jack of same-COLOR suit -- 2nd highest.

Left Bower counts as TRUMP, not its printed suit.

Example -- Hearts is trump:

Right Bower = Jack of Hearts

Left Bower = Jack of Diamonds

FOLLOWING SUIT

You **MUST** follow the suit that was led if you can.

Left Bower follows trump, not its printed suit.

If you cannot follow suit, play any card.

Highest trump played wins the trick.

If no trump: highest card of led suit wins.

GOING ALONE

The maker may go alone -- partner sits this hand out.

- Take all 5 tricks alone = 4 points
- Take 3 or 4 tricks alone = 1 point
- Get euchred alone = defenders get 2 pts

SCORING

Makers take 3 or 4 tricks _____ 1 pt

Makers take all 5 (a march) _____ 2 pts

Maker goes alone, takes all 5 _____ 4 pts

Makers get euchred (fail to take 3 tricks):

Defending team scores 2 points.

First team to 10 points wins the game.

CARD RANK -- HIGHEST TO LOWEST

Trump suit:

- Right Bower (Jack of trump suit)
- Left Bower (Jack of same-color suit)
- Ace of trump
- King of trump
- Queen of trump
- 10 of trump
- 9 of trump

Non-trump suits (no bowers):

- Ace
- King
- Queen
- 10
- 9

MARTY -- YOUR AI COACH

Ask Marty anything mid-game at euchremate.com.

Trump, bowers, what to lead, why your partner

played that card -- plain language, every hand.

Free for all players.

COMMON MISTAKES

Forgetting the Left Bower is trump.

Not following suit when you can.

Going alone with only 2 guaranteed tricks.

Calling trump in round 2 with a weak hand.