

TENNESSEE GAME RULES

“DOMINOES”

1. PLAYERS:

- a. The game may be played by two (2) players, one playing against the other or played by four (4) players. When there are four (4) players, they will play in partnerships of two (2) players each. These rules apply to both partnerships and singles or two (2) players.

2. BEGINNING OF EACH GAME:

- a. The dominoes are turned face down and shuffled. Each player will draw one domino and the one with the most dots will play first. The player to the right of this player will shuffle first. There after the shuffle rotates clockwise with the player to the left of the one who shuffles will play first. Each player will draw seven (7) dominoes.

3. FIRST PLAY:

- a. The first play may be any domino. The first double played will be the center or the only domino that may be played four (4) ways. All double must be placed crosswise. Other doubles may not be played four (4) ways.

4. OBJECT:

- a. The object of play is only secondary to get rid of the dominoes. Foremost is to score during play. After each play the total of the numbers on the open ends is noted, and when this is a multiple of five (5), the player who made it scores the total. For example, if the leader sets the 3-2, he scores 5. If the second hand places the 2-4, and the third player the 3-3 crosswise, the third player scores 10.

5. If unable to play, they must say, “**pass**”. When the game is blocked, the player or partnership having the lower number of dots gets the total number of dots on the other person's or partnerships dominoes rounded to the nearest 5. The same holds true, if one plays all of their dominoes. Those remaining in their opponent's hand.
6. The first person when playing singles or partnership to reach 250 points wins the individual game. **ONLY IN DOMINOES** you must win two (2) out of three (3) games played to advance to the next level of playing.
7. There will be no talking to your partner when playing partnership. There will be a 50-point penalty for telling your partner anything regarding the game.
8. If a player exposes a domino during play, a penalty of **50 points** will be imposed if the domino was exposed prior to his play. If exposed during his play, a penalty of 50 points will be imposed if not played at that time. No penalty if played when exposed.

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9. SCORING:

- a. When scoring, you must announce the amount that you have scored. If a person or partnership scores and does not announce it prior to the next play, the opposing person in singles or either of the players in partnership may announce the score and receive the score. The score must be announced by the player who is to play and do so prior to his play.