

Euchre: the rules

Four players in two teams, partners opposite · 24 cards (9 to ace) · from euchreonline.app

The deal

Deal 5 cards each, in a round of 3 and a round of 2. Turn the next card face up: the up card. The last three cards are not used. The deal passes to the left each hand.

Making trump

- Round one: starting left of the dealer, each player may accept the up card's suit as trump ("order it up", the dealer's partner "assists", the dealer "picks it up") or pass.
- When the suit is accepted, the dealer takes the up card and discards one card face down.
- Round two: if all pass, the up card is turned down. Each player in turn may name any other suit as trump, or pass. If all pass again, the cards are thrown in and the next player deals.
- Stick the dealer (optional): the dealer must name a suit in round two.
- The team that chose trump are the makers; they need 3 of the 5 tricks.

The bowers

The jack of trump is the right bower, the highest card. The other jack of the same color is the left bower, second highest. It belongs to the trump suit for this hand. Trump order: right bower, left bower, A, K, Q, 10, 9. Other suits: A, K, Q, (J), 10, 9.

Going alone

The player who makes trump may go alone. Their partner sits out. If the dealer's partner goes alone, the dealer sits out and the up card is not taken.

Play

- The player to the dealer's left leads (the next active player if that player sits out).
- Follow suit if you can. If you can't, play any card, including a trump.
- The highest trump wins the trick, otherwise the highest card of the suit led. The winner leads next.

Scoring

Makers take 3 or 4 tricks	1 point
Makers take all 5 (march)	2 points

Lone hand takes 3 or 4	1 point
Lone hand takes all 5	4 points
Makers take 2 or fewer (euchred)	2 points to the defenders

First team to 10 points wins. Keep score with a 6 and a 4 from the unused cards.

British euchre

Add a joker (the Benny) as the highest trump. The dealer's partner can only accept the up card by going alone. If the Benny is turned up, the dealer names trump before looking. Defenders may go alone: a lone defender who euchres the makers scores 4. Game to 11.

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