

Hokm Game Information

Similar to Spade and Hearts, this game can be played by 4 people at a time with the option of the computer replacing any one or more of the players. Players are divided into two partnerships. Partners sit across from each other. At first, a card must be picked by each player. Whoever picks the highest order becomes the King.

The order of cards is as follows: Ace, King, Queen, Jack, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 (Highest to Lowest). In case two players choose the same value of cards, the suit determines the King in the following order of precedence: Spades, Hearts, Diamonds, and Clubs.

After the king is chosen by this method, 5 cards are dealt to him and all other players. Based on these cards, he has the option of picking a trump. After he has picked the trump, cards are again dealt in groups of four in a counter-clockwise manner. When all the cards are dealt, each player should hold 13 (52/4) cards. Each partnership must try to win 7 tricks. The first partnership that wins the game is allocated 1 point. If the king's team wins, the same person is again the king and the game starts again with dealing 5 cards to each player. If the opposite partnership wins, the next person in line (counter-clockwise) becomes the king and he has to decide the trump for the next game. The first partnership attaining 7 points is the winning partnership.

At the very beginning, the person creating the table can determine the number of 7 point rounds determining the complete number of games this number can be 1, 3, or 5. After the completion of each seven point game, a new 7 point game is started until this number is reached.

Special Point Scenario: If the king's team wins 7 tricks without the other team obtaining a single trick, then that team is awarded two points. If the opposite happens, i.e. the team without the King gains 7 tricks without the King's team obtaining a single trick then that team is awarded 3 points and the person sitting next to the King (counter-clockwise) becomes the new king.

Similar to sites like Yahoo or MSN games, the game has the ability to see on-line users, invite users, create tables, make tables private, watch games, chat, etc.

The game starts by the Hakem playing a card. This card could be anything, and unlike Hearts there is no restriction on the first card. The winning hand belongs to the team with the highest card played in the hand. Other players must play the same suit unless they have no card of that suit in which case they can play any card. If they play a trump, they win the hand unless another player of the opposing team plays a trump card of higher value. The round ends when any of the teams achieve winning 7 hands.

Have fun!