



45s Tournament Nevins House Rules

Bracket Style, Round-Robin

First round begins at 6pm

Prizes

First Place Team: \$200 (\$100 each)

Second Place Team: Wine Gift Baskets

Objective: Partners try to win tricks and prevent their opponents from doing so. The first team to reach 120 points wins the game.

Scoring: Each trick counts for 5 points, and the highest trump in play is an additional 5. After the hand, each team counts what they have taken. If the bidder's team has taken at least the amount of their bid, they score all they have won. If this team fails, the amount of their bid is deducted from their score. The other team in either case always scores what it has won in tricks.

Winning the Game: The team to first reach a total of 120 points wins the game. If both teams reach 120 in the same hand, the bidding team wins the game.

Players: This game can be played with anywhere from 2 to 10 players, but in this version it's 2 vs. 2 (partners).

Cards: A regular deck of 52. The highest trump is the 5, then the Jack, then and Ace of Hearts (no matter what suit is trump). After that it goes Ace of suit, King, Queen, and then it black it goes 2 through 10 and in red 10 through 2 (both cases skipping the 5).

The Full rank in the trump suit is the following; From highest to lowest:

Hearts: 5, J, A, K, Q, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 4, 3, 2

Diamonds: 5, J, Ace of Hearts, A, K, Q, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 4, 3, 2

Clubs: 5, J, Ace of Hearts, A, K, Q, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Spades: 5, J, Ace of Hearts, A, K, Q, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

The Full rank in off suit is as follows: (the Ace of Hearts is not shown since it is always a trump and always the third highest card); From highest to lowest:

Hearts: K, Q, J, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2

Diamonds: K, Q, J, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, A

Clubs: K, Q, J, A, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Spades: K, Q, J, A, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Dealing: Each player is dealt 5 cards in batches of 3 then 2. After the initial 3 cards to each player, 3 are dealt to a kitty followed by 2 more to each player.

Bidding: The bidding starts with the player to the left of the deal and continues clockwise. Each player in turn may either bid or pass. Bids are made in multiples of 5 up to 30, with the minimum opening bid being 15. No suit is mentioned during the bidding process until all bids have been made. The highest bidder names the trump suit.

Drawing: Each player discards as many cards (up to 4) as he wishes from his hand. The dealer then restores each player's hand to 5 cards, starting with the player to his left. Cards are dealt all at once to each player (no 3-2 method).

Playing: The bidder makes the opening lead. The hand is played out in 5 tricks. If a trump is led and you have any trump cards, you must follow suit.* If an off-suit card is led, the off-suit must be played if in hand. A trick is won by the highest trump or the highest card of the suit led if no trump are played.

*Reneging exception: The three highest trumps (5, J, Ace of Hearts) have the privilege of reneging when a lower trump is led. For example, if the trump 6 is led, a player holding any of these three top trumps without lower trumps may throw off-suit instead of following suit (if he has lower trump also, then he must play a trump). But there is no reneging a higher trump. For example, if the trump Jack is played, the holder of the 5 may renege, but not the holder of the Ace of Hearts.