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BASIC GUIDE ON HOW TO PLAY "DOUBLE SIX " DOMINOES.

BASICS – the players

The game consists of 4 players, each having 7 dominoes to play. Players are positioned around a table with each player directly facing another. See figure to the right. You can decide to play a game of “Partners” (where players facing each other are partners) or ‘Cut throat” (each player plays for himself/herself). This decision should be made at the beginning of the game.

BASICS- the dominoes

There are 28 dominoes in a pack. Each domino has two faces – a blank side and the other filled with dots and is separated into two parts. The dots in each part represent a number and the numbers range from 0 to 6. Zero is also called a blank. See figure to the right.

There are seven (7) of each number (also called “piece”) including the double in a pack. Therefore, there are seven 1’s, 2's, 3’s …6’s.
If there are six pieces on the board (that have already been played) and you have the last piece, then you have the **hard end**.

**BASICS – the game**

It should also be decided before the start of the game if Double Six should pose all games or Winner's pose (the winner at the end of each game starts the next game with a double or suitable piece).

The dominoes MUST be **shuffled** at the beginning of each game. Shuffling is the process of turning each domino on the dotted face and mixing the pack with the hand.

**Figure 3**

**PLAYING THE GAME**

The highest double, **Double Six** is then used to start the **first** game. This is called the **Pose**. It is placed in the center of the table and the next player in an anti-clockwise direction will match an appropriate domino to an end. If a player does not have a matching domino in hand, then that player will miss that play, (**a pass**). It will then be the next player’s turn to play, maintaining the anti-clockwise motion.

Only one domino may be played at each turn except if only that player can play all remaining dominoes in the game (**bow**)

Dominoes are placed length-wise rather than at right angles, except in the case of a double. See figure 3.

Play continues until one player has used the entire dominoes in hand or until no one can play (**a blocked game**).

If the game is blocked, the player with the smallest number wins the game. If two players other than partners count the same amount it is considered **a derby** no points allocated for that game but the winner of the next game gets two points.

A round consists of 6 or 10 games. The first pair to win 6 or 10 games wins the round. If a pair wins 6 consecutive games then the other pair would have gotten **a six love**.
OBJECTIVES OF THE GAME

It should be the objective of every player to strategically play each domino to increase that player’s chances of winning, or in the event of a partnership, both players chances.

DOMINO TERMS

Pose - The first domino played to start a game
Pass - Players whose turn to play does not have any corresponding dominoes to play at any end on the table
Blocked Game - No player have any corresponding dominoes to play at any end on the table
Derby - Two or more players counting the same amount after a blocked game
Cut Throat - Each player plays and wins for himself/herself
Bow - When only one player can play the remaining 3 or 4 dominoes in a game
Hard End - When a player has the remaining dominoes to add up to 7
Six Love - The same partners winning 6 consecutive games

Other ways to play dominoes

Two persons can play a game by:
   Each person drawing 7 dominoes and leave the remaining 14 face down
   Each person drawing 14 dominoes
   Each person drawing 7 and playing two hands (pretending that there is a partner across from you)

Three persons can play a game by:
   Each person drawing 7 dominoes and leave the remaining 7 face down
   Each person drawing 9 dominoes and taking out the double blank or posing the double blank for every game.

There is another type of dominoes played called Doubles Domino or French. Details will follow later.