

Alexa Bid Euchre

The game is similar to Euchre as well as Pinochle. 32 cards are used - 2 Aces, 2 Kings, 2 Queens, 2 Jacks in each suit. All cards are dealt equally to the 4 players. Players play 4 at a table divided into 2 sets of partners. The person with the highest score at the end of the night wins. Partners change at the end of each set of dealing. Additional persons wishing to play can rotate out of the games and take 30 points on their score sheets. The first dealer keeps the score and adds each person's final score to their individual score sheets. The set is two times around the table with each person dealing twice. (8 deals). Then the winners (or losers) move and everyone trades partners.

The first person to the left of the dealer starts the bidding. (Play is clockwise). The possible bids are clubs, hearts, diamonds, spades or no trump. In a no trump bid, the Ace is the highest card, then K, Q, J. In a suit bid the Jack of trump is the highest card, (the right bower) the Jack in the same color (left bower) is the second highest card, then the Ace, King, Queen. For example; If you are bidding clubs, the Jack of Clubs is the right bower and the highest trump card, the Jack of Spades is the left bower and the 2nd highest trump card.

The first bidder can bid from one (1) to eight (8) in whatever suit they are bidding. The second bidder and each consecutive bidder must bid over the bids already made. For instance - if the highest bid is 3 hearts, then the bid must be at least 4 of some suit or 4 no trump. Each person has the opportunity to bid once with the dealer having the last opportunity. In the case of a loner bid (discussed below) the dealer does not have to go over the highest bid but can match the bid. An example of that would be - if the 3rd bidder bid a call 2 in hearts, the dealer could bid a call 2 in clubs - and it would be the dealer's bid that would take it.

The bidder has the lead. In leading, the 1st Ace or the 1st King or the 1st led of any two same cards, wins the trick unless trumped. You do not have to trump if trump isn't led, but you do have to follow suit.

There are 3 "loner" bids. The first is a call 2 bid. If you get the bid, then your partner gives you his two best cards in the suit that you called and you throw away your 2 losers. You then have to make all of the tricks by yourself. Your partner sits out. In the second loner bid, you call 1. This time your partner gives you only one of his best cards and you discard one card from your hand. Again, you must take all of the tricks alone. The highest loner bid is "shoot the moon". In this bid, you take all of the tricks alone with the cards you are dealt with no help from your partner. A call 2 bid gives your team 12 points, a call 1 bid is 18 points and a moon bid is 24 points. In every case, if you don't make your bid you and your partner goes down the number of points you would have made if you made the bid. The partner team who does not have the bid receives points for each trick they take.