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HOW TO PLAY SIC BO



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SIMPLIFYING SIC BO

THE OBJECT OF THE GAME

Sic Bo (originally pronounced See-Bo) is an ancient Chinese dice game played on a large table. It's a complex game of chance that requires no skill to win. To play, all you need to do is place your chips on a bet box on the table. Dice are shaken and if the outcome of the roll matches your bet, you win!

PARTS OF THE GAME

Before you play, it's good to know the elements of the game:



THE TABLE

The Sic Bo table features a variety of dice combinations that players can bet on. Every possible bet is illustrated along with their associated payout rate.



THE DICE

The game is played with three dice that are rolled each round.



THE SHAKER

Sic Bo often uses an electronic dice shaker to roll the dice.



THE DIGITAL BOARD

Some tables use an electronic board to display the outcomes of rounds as they're played.



THE DEALERS

Each Sic Bo table has one to two dealers who exchange chips, monitor the bets and keep the game moving.

PLAYSMART TIP

If your table has a digital board, it will let you look back at past rolls – but that won't help you predict the next one.

STEPS TO PLAY



1. MAKE A GAME PLAN

Set a play budget you can afford, and consider a win limit in case you win. It's better to make an early exit than to lose your stack.



2. BUYING CHIPS

Simply place your bills on the Sic Bo table and a dealer will pick them up and replace them with chips.



3. PLACE YOUR BETS

To make a bet, place your chips on any of the dice combinations outlined on the table.



4. WAIT FOR THE DICE TO BE ROLLED

The dealer will press the shaker button on the table to activate the dice roll.



5. COLLECT YOUR WINNINGS

If the dice roll matches one or more of your bets, a dealer will pay out your winnings. If the dice doesn't land in your favour, a dealer will collect your chips.



WAYS TO BET

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Some casinos may have different table layouts and payout rates, but will feature all the same types of bets.

There are six main categories of bets that players can make:

A SINGLE NUMBER BETS

These are bets on one specific number appearing on the next roll. The payout rate for Single bets depend on how many dice come up with your number. If it turns up once, you get paid 1 to 1, twice gets paid 2 to 1, and three times gets paid 3 to 1.

B TWO NUMBER COMBINATION BETS

Here you bet on the chance of two specific numbers appearing on the next roll. The payout rate on this type of bet is 6 to 1.

C THREE NUMBER TOTAL BETS

For these bets, players bet on the total sum of the numbers rolled on the three dice. The payout rates for Total bets vary, as different totals have different probabilities of being rolled.

D BIG AND SMALL BETS

Players can bet that the total sum of the next dice roll will be between 4 and 10 (a Small bet) or 11 and 17 (a Big bet). The payout rate on Big and Small bets is 1 to 1.

E PAIR OR DOUBLE BETS

A Double bet is a bet that a selected number will appear on two of the three dice. For example, betting a double on 2 would win if the dice landed on two 2s and a 6. The payout rate for these bets are 10 to 1.

F TRIPLE BETS

There are two types of Triple bets: specific triple and any triple. Betting on a specific triple means you'll win if all three dice land on the number you specified. The payout rate for this is 180 to 1.

Betting on any triple means you'll win if any number appears on all three dice. The payout rate is 30 to 1.

STRATEGIES

There's no skill or strategy required to play Sic Bo – it's all based on guessing and chance. But here are some frequently asked questions about Sic Bo strategies:

SHOULD I FOCUS ON HIGHER PAYOUTS?

It may seem tempting to place your bets on combinations with high payouts, but these bets have a lower chance of being rolled. Sticking with lower payout bets may increase the chance of a win, as well as your play time.

CAN THE TABLE GET HOT OR COLD?

Every roll of the dice is a new, random event which has no impact on the next roll, so it's impossible for a table to be hot or cold. Hot and cold streaks are nothing more than a random occurrence of back-to-back wins or losses in a relatively short period of time.

SHOULD I BET ACCORDING TO PAST OUTCOMES?

Some tables display the results of previous rolls using a digital board, but as a record only. Some players may use this to try to spot predictable patterns, but there aren't any - because every roll is a new, random event.

ARE SOME NUMBERS LUCKIER THAN OTHERS?

There's nothing wrong with playing your favourite numbers for fun. Just keep in mind that no number is more likely to come up than any other, so feel free to switch things up.

ETIQUETTE

Ready to play? Although they don't increase your odds of winning, good manners make for a good game:

- Sic Bo is a fast-paced game, so be sure to place bets in a timely manner.
- Keep drinks off the table.
- A string of losses can be frustrating. Be sure to keep your cool and never blame the dealer.
- Be aware of other players trying to place their chips. Give everyone the space they need to bet.

ODDS

The odds of winning at Sic Bo are based on the mathematical probability of rolling certain dice combinations.

The casino sets a payout rate for each combination, and the difference between the probability and payout rate creates the house edge – which is the mathematical advantage that the casino has in a game. Some bets in Sic Bo have a higher house edge than any other game.

Payouts are always printed on the table, so there's no need to memorize them. Consider them a general guide to which dice combinations are more or less likely to be rolled.

CAN I IMPROVE MY ODDS?

Sic Bo is a game of pure chance – there's no way to predict the outcome of a roll. Even when you bet on dice combinations that are more likely to come up, there's no guarantee that the dice will roll in your favour.

PLAYSMART TIP

Every roll is different. A win or loss on a previous roll won't affect what happens on future rolls.

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