

Bastard Brag

4-8 players

52 cards

Difficulty: Medium

Duration: Medium

Make the best three-card Brag hand using personal and communal cards.

SETUP

- Everyone antes.
- Deal three cards to each player.
- Place three communal cards face down.

SCORING

- Prial (three of a kind) is the best hand.
- Running flush beats a run, which beats a flush.

Tip: Adapt your strategy as each communal card is revealed.

ON YOUR TURN

- Bet after receiving your hand.
- A communal card is revealed, followed by betting.
- Repeat until all communal cards are shown.

Bastard Brag is a British variant of Brag that adds communal cards and multiple betting rounds. It combines elements of Brag and poker to create a more strategic gambling game.

Objective

Win the pot by having the best three-card Brag hand, using a combination of personal and communal cards.

Setup

1. **Players:** 4 to 8 players.
2. **Deck:** A standard 52-card deck.
3. **Deal:** Each player antes. Three cards are dealt to each player, and communal cards are placed face down in the center.

Gameplay

1. **Step 1:** Players receive three cards face down. Three communal cards are placed face down in the center.
2. **Step 2:** A round of betting occurs based on the dealt hand.
3. **Step 3:** Communal cards are revealed one at a time, with a betting round after each reveal. Players may use communal cards to improve their hand.
4. **Step 4:** After all communal cards are revealed and final bets are placed, remaining players show their hands. The best three-card Brag hand wins.

Scoring

- Prial (three of a kind) is the highest hand.
- Running flush (straight flush) beats a run (straight).
- A flush beats a pair, and a high card is the lowest ranking hand.

Variations

- **Four Communal Cards:** An extra communal card is added for more betting rounds and hand possibilities.
- **Wild Cards:** Designate one rank (commonly deuces) as wild to increase the frequency of strong hands.

Tips and Strategies

- Pay attention to how communal cards change the possible best hands.
- Bet aggressively after a favorable communal card, as opponents may not have benefited equally.
- Remember that Brag hand rankings differ slightly from poker, so learn them before playing.

Tips & Strategy

Track how each communal card affects possible hands. Bet strongly when a communal card clearly helps your hand and likely hurts others.

The communal cards create shared information, so focus on reading opponents' betting patterns after each reveal to determine if they improved.