

# Botifarra

4 players

52 cards

Difficulty: Medium

Duration: Medium

## Bidding team captures 37+ of 72 card points.

### SETUP

- 4 players in partnerships, 48 cards.
- Deal 12 each.
- Bid trump suit or botifarra (no trump, double stakes).

### SCORING

- A=11, 3=10, K=4, Q=3, J=2.
- Botifarra doubles the round's score.

*Tip: Only bid botifarra with a strong balanced hand full of Aces and 3s.*

### ON YOUR TURN

- Follow suit if possible, must trump if void.
- Highest trump or led-suit card wins.
- Count card points captured.

Botifarra is a Catalan partnership trick-taking game, the most popular card game in Catalonia. It uses 48 cards and features a bidding system where the winning bidder's team must capture the majority of card points.

## Objective

Win tricks containing the most card points. The bidding team must capture at least 37 of the 72 available points.

## Setup

1. **Players:** 4 players in two partnerships.
2. **Deck:** 48 cards (standard deck with 2s removed).
3. **Deal:** Deal 12 cards to each player.

## Gameplay

1. **Step 1:** Starting left of the dealer, players may bid 'botifarra' (no trump) or name a trump suit. Saying 'botifarra' doubles the stakes.
2. **Step 2:** The player to the dealer's right leads the first trick. Players must follow suit if possible.
3. **Step 3:** If trumps are active, players who cannot follow suit must play trump if able.
4. **Step 4:** Highest trump or highest card of led suit wins. Card points are counted after all 12 tricks.

## Scoring

- Ace = 11, 3 = 10, King = 4, Queen = 3, Jack = 2, other cards = 0.
- Total = 72 points per round. Bidding team needs 37+.
- Botifarra (no trump) doubles the score for the round.

## Variations

- **Contrabotifarra:** The opposing team can double again after a botifarra bid.
- **Delegated Botifarra:** The dealer can pass the bidding right to their partner.

## Tips and Strategies

- Bid botifarra with a balanced hand full of Aces and 3s.
- Communication between partners through card play is essential.
- Lead your strongest suit to establish tricks early.

## Tips & Strategy

A botifarra bid is powerful but risky. Only declare it with a strong balanced hand. Partnership communication through play is vital.

The 3 ranking as the second-highest card (worth 10 points) is unusual and catches newcomers off guard. Adapt your play to this ranking.