

# Briscola Chiamata

5 players

52 cards

Difficulty: Medium

Duration: Medium

**Caller's team: win over 60 of 120 points.**

## SETUP

- 5 players, 40-card deck.
- Deal 8 cards each.
- Bid, then caller names a card for secret partnership.

## SCORING

- Caller's team needs 61+ points to win.
- Winners score, losers get nothing.

*Tip: As the secret partner, help subtly without revealing yourself.*

## ON YOUR TURN

- Follow suit if possible.
- Highest trump or led-suit card wins.
- Secret partner revealed when called card is played.

Briscola Chiamata is the five-player version of Briscola where one player secretly calls a partner by naming a specific card, creating hidden alliances that are revealed through gameplay.

## Objective

The caller and their secret partner try to win more than half the card points. The other three players work together to stop them.

## Setup

1. **Players:** 5 players.
2. **Deck:** 40 cards (standard deck with 8s, 9s, and 10s removed).
3. **Deal:** Deal 8 cards to each player.

## Gameplay

1. **Step 1:** Players bid by naming a card point value. The highest bidder becomes the caller and names a specific card (e.g., Ace of Hearts). The holder of that card is the secret partner.
2. **Step 2:** The caller leads the first trick. Players must follow suit if possible.
3. **Step 3:** The named card's suit becomes the trump suit. The highest trump or highest card of the led suit wins.
4. **Step 4:** The secret partner is not revealed until the called card is played, creating tension and deduction.

## Scoring

- The deck contains 120 points total. The caller's team needs more than 60 to win.
- If the caller's team wins, both the caller and partner score points. If they lose, all three opponents score.

## Variations

- **Solo Bid:** The caller can choose to play alone without a partner for double points.
- **Briscola Chiamata al Due:** The caller names a card ranked 2 or higher for a riskier alliance.

## Tips and Strategies

- Call a card you do not hold but need for tricks.
- As the secret partner, play subtly to avoid revealing yourself too early.
- Opponents should watch for unusual plays that suggest a hidden alliance.

## Tips & Strategy

As the caller, name a card that complements your hand. As the secret partner, balance helping your ally with maintaining your cover.

The deduction element is key. Reading opponents' plays to identify the secret partner early gives the defending team a huge advantage.