

# Hazari

2-4 players

52 cards

Difficulty: Medium

Duration: Long

## Be the first to reach 1000 points.

### SETUP

- Deal 13 cards per player (varies with player count).
- Declare a trump suit.
- Player to dealer's right leads first.

### SCORING

- Aces and 10s are 10 points; face cards are 5.
- Bonus 100 for A-K-Q-J of one suit in tricks.

*Tip: Declare trumps in your strongest suit and lead them early to drain opponents.*

### ON YOUR TURN

- Follow suit if able.
- Play a trump or discard if void.
- Highest trump or highest of led suit wins.

*Hazari (meaning 'thousand' in Hindi/Urdu) is a popular South Asian card game where players compete to be the first to reach 1000 points. It involves trick-taking with trumps and special bonus combinations.*

## Objective

Be the first player to accumulate 1000 points across multiple rounds by winning tricks and scoring bonus combinations.

## Setup

1. **Players:** 2 to 4 players.
2. **Deck:** Standard 52-card deck.
3. **Deal:** Deal 13 cards to each player (with 2 players, deal 13 each and set the rest aside; with 3, deal 17 each and set one aside; with 4, deal 13 each).

## Gameplay

1. **Step 1:** Before play begins, the dealer or a designated player names the trump suit based on their hand strength.
2. **Step 2:** The player to the dealer's right leads the first trick by playing any card.
3. **Step 3:** Players must follow suit if able. If not, they may play a trump card or discard any card. The highest trump or highest card of the led suit wins the trick.
4. **Step 4:** The trick winner leads the next trick. After all tricks are played, players count points from captured cards and bonus combinations.

## Scoring

- Aces are worth 10 points, Kings 5, Queens 5, Jacks 5, and 10s are worth 10 points. Other cards have no point value.
- Bonus points are awarded for special combinations: a run of Ace-King-Queen-Jack of one suit in your tricks earns 100 bonus points.

## Variations

- **No Trump Hazari:** Play without a trump suit for a pure trick-taking experience.
- **Double Hazari:** The target score is 2000 instead of 1000 for a longer game.

## Tips and Strategies

- Choose a trump suit where you hold several strong cards, especially the Ace and King.
- Lead with your trump cards early to pull opponents' trumps out and gain control.
- Try to capture tricks containing Aces and 10s for maximum point value.

### Tips & Strategy

Selecting the right trump suit is crucial. Aim to capture Aces and 10s while pulling opponents' trumps early to control the late game.

Trump selection shapes the entire round. A strong trump suit with length and high cards lets you control the flow of play and capture the most valuable tricks.