

Brag

2 giocatori

52 carte

Difficoltà: Media

Durata: Media

Avere la mano più alta o convincere tutti gli altri a ritirarsi.

PREPARAZIONE

- Distribuisci 3 carte a ciascun giocatore.
- I giocatori piazzano una puntata iniziale.

PUNTEGGIO

- Prial > Scala a colore > Scala > Colore > Coppia > Carta alta.
- Il giocatore con la mano più alta vince il piatto.

Consiglio: Giocare alla cieca può intimidire gli avversari ma è una scommessa rischiosa.

AL TUO TURNO

- Scegli se guardare le carte o giocare alla cieca.
- Punta, chiama o ritirati a turno.
- Giocare alla cieca costa metà della puntata normale.

Brag è un classico gioco di carte britannico che precede il Poker moderno. I giocatori mirano ad avere la mano più alta o a bluffare convincendo gli avversari a ritirarsi.

Obiettivo

Avere la mano più alta o convincere tutti gli altri giocatori a ritirarsi.

Preparazione

Si usa un mazzo standard da 52 carte. Distribuisci 3 carte a ciascun giocatore. I giocatori piazzano una puntata iniziale nel piatto.

1. **Players:** Brag can be played with three to six players.
2. **Deck:** Use a standard 52-card deck with no jokers.
3. **Chips:** Each player starts with an agreed-upon number of chips, used for betting during the game.
4. **Dealer:** Determine the first dealer either by mutual agreement or by drawing cards. The dealer rotates clockwise after each hand.

Basi del gioco

Ogni giocatore può guardare le proprie carte o giocare 'alla cieca' (senza guardare). I giocatori a turno possono puntare, chiamare o ritirarsi. Giocare alla cieca costa la metà della puntata normale.

1. **Dealing:** The dealer shuffles the deck and deals three cards face-down to each player, starting with the player to their left and proceeding clockwise. Players may look at their cards but should keep them hidden from their opponents.
2. **Betting Rounds:** After dealing, there is a single continuous betting round. Players do not exchange or draw new cards. The player to the left of the dealer starts the betting, and betting proceeds clockwise around the table. Players can fold (discard their hand and forfeit any chips bet) or bet/raise (place chips into the pot at least matching the current bet). There is no checking in Brag — you must bet to stay in. **Blind play:** A player may choose to play blind (without looking at their cards), in which case they only need to bet half the normal amount.
3. **Showdown:** If more than one player remains after the final betting round, those players reveal their hands, and the player with the highest-ranking hand wins the pot. If all but one player folds during a betting round, the remaining player wins the pot without revealing their hand.
4. **Bluffing:** Bluffing is a key element of Brag. Players may bet or raise to convince opponents that they have a strong hand when, in fact, they do not. Successful bluffing can lead opponents to fold stronger hands, allowing the bluffer to win the pot with a weaker hand.

Gerarchie delle mani

Prial (tre uguali) > Scala a colore > Scala > Colore > Coppia > Carta alta. I Tre, sette e Assi hanno valori speciali in alcune varianti.

1. **Prial (Three of a Kind):** Three cards of the same rank.
Note: three 3s is the highest prial, beating three Aces.
2. **Running Flush:** Three consecutive cards of the same suit. Note: A-2-3 is the highest running flush.
3. **Run:** Three consecutive cards not necessarily of the same suit.
4. **Flush:** Three cards of the same suit but not in consecutive order.
5. **Pair:** Two cards of the same rank.
6. **High Card:** If none of the above combinations are present, the hand's ranking is determined by its highest card.

Regole e varianti speciali

In 3-card Brag si giocano 3 carte. In 9-card Brag si distribuiscono 9 carte e i giocatori scelgono 3 per ogni mano.

1. **Ante:** Some variations of Brag require players to contribute a small ante before each hand begins.
2. **Wild Cards:** In some versions of Brag, certain cards may be designated as wild cards, allowing them to substitute for any other card to form a winning hand.
3. **Betting Limits:** Brag can be played with fixed betting limits or no limits at all, depending on the preferences of the players.
4. **Blind Bets:** In some variations, players may be required to make blind bets before receiving their cards, adding an element of risk and uncertainty to the game.
5. **Community Cards:** Similar to poker, some versions of Brag may include community cards that are shared among all players and used to form the best possible hand.

Consigli per il successo

Il bluff è fondamentale. Osserva gli avversari per individuare i loro segnali.

- Observe opponents' betting patterns and reactions to determine when they may be bluffing.
- Use strategic betting to control the pace of the game and extract maximum value from strong hands.
- Be aware of the hand rankings and adjust your strategy accordingly based on the strength of your hand relative to opponents.

Varianti

Le varianti includono 5-card Brag, 7-card Brag e varianti con Jolly.

- **Five-Card Brag:** A variation of the game where players are dealt five cards instead of three, increasing the complexity of hand rankings and strategies.

Consigli e strategia

Padroneggia il bluff. Osserva gli avversari per individuare i loro pattern di puntata.

Il timing del bluff e la lettura degli avversari sono fondamentali.