

Lansquenet

2-10 players

52 cards

Difficulty: Easy

Duration: Short

Bet that the Player card is matched before the Banker card.

SETUP

- Choose a Banker.
- Deal one Banker card and one Player card face up.
- Players place their bets.

SCORING

- Players receive even money on a win.
- The Banker collects all bets on a Banker match.

Tip: Set a firm loss limit, as outcomes are entirely random.

ON YOUR TURN

- The Banker turns cards one at a time.
- A match to the Player card means players win.
- A match to the Banker card means the Banker wins.

Lansquenet is a historical banking card game of German and French origin. It is a simple game of pure chance where players bet against the Banker on the turn of cards.

Objective

As a player, bet that your card will be matched from the deck before the Banker's card is matched.

Setup

1. **Players:** 2 to 10 players.
2. **Deck:** A standard 52-card deck.
3. **Deal:** One player becomes the Banker. The Banker deals one card face up for themselves and one card face up for the players.

Gameplay

1. **Step 1:** The Banker deals a card for the Banker's position and a card for the Player's position.
2. **Step 2:** Players place bets on the Player card.
3. **Step 3:** The Banker turns cards from the deck one at a time. If a card matches the Player's card rank, the Banker pays all bets.
4. **Step 4:** If a card matches the Banker's card rank, the Banker collects all bets. If neither is matched, the turned card becomes a new betting option for subsequent players.

Scoring

- The Banker pays even money when the Player card is matched first.
- The Banker collects all wagers when the Banker card is matched first.

Variations

- **Multiple Player Cards:** Additional player cards are dealt, giving more betting positions.
- **Rotating Banker:** The Banker role passes after a set number of rounds or when the Banker loses.

Tips and Strategies

- There is no skill involved; the game is entirely determined by the order of the deck.
- Manage your bankroll carefully since outcomes are purely random.
- Enjoy the game for its social and historical atmosphere rather than trying to gain an edge.

Tips & Strategy

Since the game is pure chance, focus on bankroll management. Set a loss limit before you start playing.

No strategic decisions exist in Lansquenet. The only choice is how much to wager, so disciplined bankroll management is the closest thing to a strategy.