

Manille

4 players

32 cards

Difficulty: Medium

Duration: Medium

With your partner, win tricks containing more than half the 60 available card points.

SETUP

- Use a 32-card deck (7 through Ace).
- Deal 8 cards each to 4 players in two partnerships.
- The last card dealt to the dealer determines the trump suit.

SCORING

- 10 (Manille) = 5 pts, Ace = 4, King = 3, Queen = 2, Jack = 1.
- 9, 8, 7 have no point value.
- Team needs 31+ of 60 total points to win the round.

Tip: Remember the 10 outranks the Ace; use it to capture high-value tricks.

ON YOUR TURN

- Follow suit if possible; if not, you must trump.
- If the trick has a trump, you must overtrump if possible.
- Highest trump or highest led-suit card wins the trick.

Manille is a trick-taking game popular in France and Spain where the 10 is the highest-ranking card in each suit, followed by the Ace. This unusual hierarchy gives the game its distinctive character and demands careful card management.

Objective

Working with your partner, win tricks containing the most valuable cards. The team that scores more than half the total card points wins the round.

Setup

1. **Players:** 4 players in two partnerships.
2. **Deck:** 32-card deck (7 through Ace in each suit).
3. **Deal:** 8 cards each, using the entire deck.
4. **Trump:** The last card dealt to the dealer is shown to all and determines the trump suit.

Card Rankings and Values

1. **10 (Manille):** Highest card, worth 5 points.
2. **Ace (Manillon):** Second highest, worth 4 points.
3. **King:** Worth 3 points.
4. **Queen:** Worth 2 points.
5. **Jack:** Worth 1 point.
6. **9, 8, 7:** No point value.
7. **Total:** 60 points available (plus bonuses). Need 31+ to win.

Gameplay

1. **Leading:** Player right of dealer leads first.
2. **Following Suit:** You must follow suit if possible. If unable, you must trump if you can.
3. **Overtrumping:** If the trick already contains a trump, you must play a higher trump if possible.
4. **Winning Tricks:** Highest trump wins, or highest card of the led suit.

Tips and Strategies

- The 10 is the most powerful card — use it wisely to capture high-value tricks.
- Coordinate with your partner through your leads and signals.
- Remember that the 10 beats the Ace, which surprises newcomers but is the defining feature of Manille.

Tips & Strategy

The 10 (Manille) and Ace (Manillon) together are worth 9 of the 15 points in each suit. Controlling these two cards in the trump suit is usually decisive.

Since the 10 outranks the Ace, standard trick-taking intuitions must be adjusted. Leading a 10 is like leading an Ace in other games — it demands respect.