





PINOCHLE DICTIONARY






Pinochle deck/order - 48 cards, two each of 9 J Q **K 10 A** in    
counters



Order of play:





- deal (12 cards/player dealt in 3's)
- bid (or pass)
- call trump (winning bidder)
- exchange cards (winning bidder team)
- meld
- put the meld back in your hand
- play tricks (12 rounds)
- count counters
- scoring (sum of meld and counters for each team, or reconcile a set)



Meld - Specific combinations of cards with scoring value that are laid down by all players before play starts. Meld adds to your team's score.

	single/double
Run in trump	150/1500
9 of trump	10/20
Pinochle	40/ 300
Common marriage	20/40
Royal marriage	40/ 300
Extra Q or K of trump with a run	40
Round of J Q K or A's (sets around)	40/400 60/600 80/800 100/1000
Round of marriages (Round Robin)	240

Run - J Q K 10 A of trump (only), e.g.     

Pinochle - Queen of Spades, Jack of Diamonds,  

Round (sets around) - One card type (J Q K A - no 10!) of every suit,
e.g. round of Aces    

Common Marriage - Q K of any non-trump suit, e.g.  

Royal Marriage - Q K of trump

Trick - Four cards, one played by each player in turn. You must win the trick if you can by following suit or trumping a higher card than already played. All 12 tricks constitute a hand.

Counter - K 10 A of any suit, taken in a trick. Worth 10 points each. Total of 250 points in all the tricks (extra 10 for the last trick).

Score - Sum of your meld, your partner's meld, and counters taken in tricks by your team.

Bid - Guesstimate of your score at the end of a hand, **before** play starts. Winning bidder calls trump and gets to exchange 4 cards with their partner.

Going set - not making your bid at the end of a hand.

Not getting on - Not being able to make your bid after melding, given that there is a maximum of 250 points in tricks (i.e. your team's meld plus 250 is less than your bid).