



CARROM RULES & REGULATIONS FOR 2024

These rules are taken from the International Carrom Federation

How to Play

In singles, your opponent sits across from you; in doubles, you play opposite your partner.

How to arrange the pieces on the board

Line up the double whites to aim 'dead-on' into a corner pocket.

Whoever plays first, or breaks, is always white. The object of the game is to sink all your pieces, using the heavier 'striker', in any of the pockets before your opponent. Your turn continues as long as you keep sinking your pieces - luck shots count, and all combinations are permitted.

When placing the striker on the board to shoot, the striker must touch both 'base lines, either covering the red circle completely, or not touching it at all. The striker may not touch the diagonal arrow line.

Shooting styles are very personal - whichever 'grip' works for you is fine as long as you 'flick' the striker and don't push it. Generally, it's best to orient your body in order to see the line of your aim while shooting comfortably; you may not move or leave your chair.

For forward shots, you can use your index finger, middle finger, or even the 'scissors' shot (right).

For 'back-shots' you may only use your thumb or the scissors technique.

No part of your body, except your hand, may cross the imaginary diagonal line (wrong in illustration) nor may your elbow protrude over the frame in front of you. Even your feet or knees may not leave your quadrant.

The red piece, or 'queen,' can be pocketed at any time after sinking your first piece but must be sunk before your last one. After pocketing the queen, you must sink one of your pieces, thereby 'covering' it, into any pocket in the next shot, or she is returned to the center spot.

Once the queen is covered, whoever clears their pieces first wins the 'board'.

The winner of a board collects one point for each of the opponent's pieces left at the finish and five points for the queen if covered by the winner (if covered by the loser, no-one gets those points). No more points are collected for the queen after your score reaches 25.

A game consists of 29 points or eight boards, whichever comes first.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES

- 1) Sinking the striker will cost you one piece and your turn. But, if you sink a piece in the same shot, then two come up and you shoot again.
- 2) After sinking the striker, your opponent places the due piece(s) within the center circle. If you haven't sunk one yet, you owe one.
- 3) If while shooting for the queen you also sink one of your pieces, the queen is automatically covered, no matter which went first.
- 4) If a piece jumps off the board, it is placed on the center spot. If pieces land on end or are overlapping, they are left that way.
- 5) If the center spot is partially covered when replacing the queen or a jumped piece, the piece should cover as much red as possible. If totally covered, the piece is placed opposite the next player behind the red spot.
- 6) If you sink your opponent's piece, you lose your turn. If you sink their last piece, you lose the board and three points.
- 7) If you sink your last piece before the queen, you lose the board, three points and one point for each of your opponent's pieces left.
- 8) If the Queen and the striker are pocketed together by a proper stroke, the queen shall be taken out for placing, an additional carrom man shall be taken out for placing by opponent and player shall continue his turn
- 9) While covering the queen, if a player pockets the striker along with his C/m, the C/m so pocketed plus one c/m as due will be taken out for placing by opponent, the player shall however continue his turn, if in subsequent turn no c/m is pocketed, the queen shall not be considered as covered and shall be taken out for placing.
- 10) If the player pots the last carrom man of the opponent then the game is over, and opposition will be awarded three points extra other than points of C/m on board.

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