

BADUGI

1. The game Badugi must be played according to the following rules:
 - A. The dealer must deal sequentially to each player four (4) cards face down.
 - B. Player to the immediate left of the player with the button opens the betting.
 - C. After the initial betting round, the players must either retain their pat hands or discard. The player may discard up to four (4) cards that are placed in the discard pile.
 - D. A player who discards is dealt a new card face downward for each card discarded. Player's newly dealt cards are received at the same time as cards are discarded.
 - E. There is the second betting round following this first round of draws.
 - F. After the second betting round, the players must either retain their pat hands or discard. The player may discard up to four (4) cards that are placed in the discard pile (any player electing not to draw in any round of draws still has the right to draw in subsequent rounds).
 - G. There is a third betting round following this second round of draws.
 - H. After the third betting round, the players must either retain their pat hand or discard. The player may discard up to four (4) cards that are placed in the discard pile.
 - I. There is a fourth betting round following this third round of draws, followed by showdown.
 - J. In Badugi the objective is to have the lowest four, unsuited, unpaired cards. Paired cards, and cards of the same suit are discounted in part.
 - (i) In the event that a player has paired cards, one of those cards is discounted, and the player can only make a three (or fewer) card hand.
 - (ii) In the event that a player has two cards of the same suit, the higher card is discarded and the player makes a three card (or fewer) hand.

K. Hand Rankings, Badugi only:

(i) Best hand is Ace, deuce, three, four or four different suits. The next best hand would be A, 2, 3, 5 of four suits.

(ii) The worst hand would be K, K, K, K as the kings all pair each other, the player is playing just a one card hand, King the highest card in the deck for Badugi.

(iii) Any four card, unsuited, unpaired hand beats any three card hand,

(a) Ten, Jack, Queen, King of four suits beats Ace, Deuce, Three, of three suits, with that player's fourth card pairing another, or matching it in suit.

(iv) If players have the same number of cards playing in their hands at the end of the draws, then the winner is determined by the high card, with the lowest high card winning the hand. If the high cards match then the next highest card determines the winner, and so on.

