

Bid Euchre

Districts are encouraged to follow the technical information and guidelines as noted below. When changes are necessary at the District level, participants who qualify for Ontario 55+ Summer Games must be made aware that the following rules will be used at Ontario 55+ Summer Games.

A) FORMAT OF PLAY – DOUBLES

DIVISION	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
Open 55+	Two (2)

GOLD MEDAL DISTRICT WINNERS who qualify for Provincial Games but whose playing partner is unable to attend, may choose a new playing partner for the Provincial Games but must pick their new playing partner from individuals who competed in the District qualifier.

Any person not present at the scheduled commencement of play and throughout the competition is in default and is automatically disqualified from the competition. If there are extenuating circumstances, exceptions to this may be granted by the Event Convenor.

Competitors are obligated to complete the competition regardless of their record. If a competitor defaults part way through the competition, the results of that competitor will be removed from the standings. The organizers should have an extra team available to play as a “floater” team in case there is an uneven number of teams or in case a team defaults.

This team’s results will not count in the final standings.

B) ELIGIBILITY

EVENT	REQUIREMENTS
District Games	Any person 55+ living in Ontario
Ontario 55+ Summer Games (Provincial Championships)	Gold Medal Winners – District competition

NOTE: Previous Ontario 55+ Summer and Winter Games and Canada Games winners are still eligible to compete at the District and Ontario 55+ Summer Games level, but must qualify at the District level before going to the Summer Provincial Games.

C) TOURNAMENT SET-UP

1. In a tournament, a minimum of twelve (12) games per day will be played. A time limit of 20 minutes will be placed on each game with a five (5) minute break between games. A game consists of eight (8) hands in which each person deals twice.
2. Progressive Bid Euchre is to be played at OSGA Ontario 55+ Summer Games. District partners will play the first game together, and then split.
3. The event will be divided into at least 2 sessions per day. At the beginning of each session, District partners will start the session together. Care will be taken to have teams start in a different place each session to avoid playing the same opponents if possible.
4. Players will start the first game of a session with their partner. After each game, the winning team shall move: one player goes to a higher table, and one goes to a lower table. The losing team will stay at the table but will not play as partners.

***Note:** After the first game of the session only, the winning team will move two (2) tables and the losing team will move one (1) table. This is to prevent the losing team from having to play against each other in the second game.

D) Determining the Winners

1. The winning team in any game will be awarded **two (2)** tournament points. The losing team will receive **zero (0)**. In the case of a tie, **one (1)** tournament point will be awarded to both teams.
2. To determine winners, **partners' tournament** points will be **added together** at the end of day 1 (12 games) and again at the end of day 2 (24 games) to determine the highest score. Highest score will be declared the winner.
3. In the event of a tie, point differential will be used (+ or – for each game played). Highest score will be the winner.
4. If there is still a tie, there should be a playoff of 4 hands.

E) AWARDS

Gold (2)	One per team member
Silver (2)	One per team member
Bronze (2)	One per team member

F) RULE SOURCE

The original rule source is from *Hoyle's Rules of Games* by A. Morehead, Mott-Smith and P. Morehead, but these rules have to be recognized as a combination of Bid Euchre, Pepper and a host of other similar games as adapted for OSGA purposes. The basic concepts of play as set out in euchre also apply, with additional exceptions listed under "Tournament Set-Up" and "Bid Euchre (4-handed) Rules Summary."

G) EVENT REQUIREMENTS

- Equipment**
1. 20 regulation size card tables and chairs.
 2. 40 new decks of standard playing cards.
 3. Scorecards, pens, results Board.

Two decks of cards are used consisting of jacks, queens, kings and aces (32 cards total). Any suit will have two (2) right and two (2) left bowers, two (2) aces, two (2) kings, and two (2) queens. When a no trump hand is played, the order runs from ace, king, queen, and jack.

- Facilities**
- An air-conditioned, well illuminated room, large enough to accommodate 20 regulation size card tables.

H) OFFICIALS

The OSGA requires at minimum the following officials for Ontario 55+ Summer Games. For District Games, the following are recommended:

- One (1) Activity Convener
- One (1) Official Scorekeeper
- One (1) Timekeeper

Participation numbers and availability of volunteers may result in fewer officials being required. Districts should have the necessary officials to run the event successfully.

The host committee will ensure that all major officials have the required qualifications as specified by the OSGA prior to Ontario 55+ Summer Games. The host committee is also responsible for any other officials required to run this event.

BID EUCHRE (4 HANDED) RULES SUMMARY

1. Assistance may be given to individuals who have difficulty shuffling or dealing.
2. Each player keeps points on an official score card which must be initialed by an opposing player after each game.
3. Each player bids only once. After the deal is complete, the bid starts with the player to the left of the dealer with each player bidding in turn or passing until the final bid is complete. The successful bidder has the lead. Anyone making a bid out of turn will lose his/her bid for that hand and their partner cannot bid the same colour.
4. If a player says the same number of tricks in bidding as the previous player, he must up his bid by at least one or his partner may not bid in the same colour.
5. A bid must name the number of tricks to be taken and the suit or "no trump" as the case may be (e.g., three (3) hearts, five (5) no trump, etc.). A minimum bid of 2 must be made.
6. Players are encouraged to maintain the pace of bidding and play once it has started. Players who hesitate or delay the game may invite the intervention of the convenor who has the discretion to order a complete re-deal of the hand or for repeated hesitation by that player, may assess the player's team a five (5) point penalty.
7. When a player, plays a moonshot, the bidder must take all eight tricks and the player plays alone. In the case of a moonshot, no help is received from one's partner and the hand is played as dealt. However, when a call for two (2) hand is bid, the bidder first discards two (2) cards and receives two (2) cards from his/her partner. When a call for one (1) hand is bid, the bidder first discards one (1) card and receives one (1) card from his/her partner.
8. Scoring:
 - (i) A point is earned for each trick taken by either team
 - (ii) If successful, a call for two (2) hand is worth 12 points
 - (iii) If successful, a call for one (1) hand is worth 18 points
 - (iv) If successful, a moonshot is worth 24 points
9. To count, the team must take at least (more if possible) the points bid or in the case of call hands or moonshot, the bidder must take all eight tricks. The opponent receives one (1) point for each trick taken.
10. When a team fails to take the tricks bid, then the amount bid is subtracted from that team's score and in the case of a failed call two (2) hand, 12 points are subtracted, 18 points for a failed one (1) call hand and 24 for a failed moonshot. (A team may end up with a minus score).
11. Cards must be dealt one at a time, clockwise, beginning with the player to the left of the dealer. A flashed card requires a complete re-deal.
12. All hands must be played out, one card at a time, turned over and stacked once they are taken.
13. A player may correct a renege before the trick is gathered. If not corrected in time, if it is a non-bidding player that has reneged, the bidding team gets its bid without further play. If it is a bidding player that has reneged, the team loses its bid, and the hand is over.
14. If a player exposes a card from their hand, except in proper play, they must leave it face up on the table and must play it at the first legal opportunity.

