

Main



Background

Main was among the most popular gambling games in England during the 16th century and remains popular in one form or another to modern times.

It can be played by any number of players and uses three dice.

Each player places a pre-determined amount of money (stake) into the pot.

Object

The player who gets closest to 31 points without going over wins.

Playing

Each player in turn rolls either two or three dice (their choice) The points on the dice are added together. Each roll adds points to the total.

The player continues to roll until he/she gets 31 points or gets close enough to want to stop. Players who go over 31 points immediately loose.

The player who get to exactly 31 points wins immediately. If this is not accomplished, play continues until all players have either stopped rolling and kept their score or have been eliminated by rolling over 31 points.

The player closes to 31 points wins the pot.

The next round begins as a new game.