



CARROM GUIDELINES

1. Objective

- **Goal:** Pot all your designated color coins (black or white) and the queen (red), covering the queen by potting one of your own coins after it is potted.

2. Setup

- **Players:** 1vs1 (two players).
- **Board:** Standard 29-inch Carrom board with 18 coins (9 white, 9 black) and 1 queen.
- **Striker:** A heavier piece used to strike the coins.

3. Starting the Game

- **Coin Toss:** Decides who breaks and which color (white or black) to play.
- **Break Shot:** The first player strikes the coins from the center circle.

4. Rules of Play

- **Turns:** Players alternate turns, striking their own color coins into pockets.
- **Striking:** Coins must be hit with the striker and must contact the player's own color.
- **Queen:** Must be potted and then covered by potting one of your coins on the same or next turn. If not covered, it's returned to the center.
- **Points:** Potting a white or black coin earns 1 point. Potting and covering the queen earns 3 points.

5. Fouls and Penalties

Fouls:

- Striking the opponent's coins.
- Potting the striker (scratch).
- Not striking within 30 seconds.

Penalties:

- **Free Shot:** The opponent gets a free shot for a foul.
- **Scratch:** If the striker is potted, the opponent gets a free



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6. Winning the Game

- **Victory:** A player wins by potting maximum coins and covering the queen.
- **Sudden Death:** If the queen isn't potted and covered, or the game is tied, a sudden-death round may be played.

7. Time Limits

- **Shot Time:** Players have 30 seconds per shot. Exceeding this forfeits the shot.
- **Match Time:** A total time limit (e.g., 30 minutes) may be imposed for longer matches.

8. Player Conduct

- **Sportsmanship:** Players must show respect for opponents, referees, and equipment.
- **Disqualification:** Disrespectful behaviour or cheating can lead to disqualification.
- **Referee's Decision:** The referee's decision is final on all matters.

9. Miscellaneous

- **Striker:** Must remain within the striking circle during play.
- **Equipment:** Handle the board and coins with care. Any damage may result in penalties.

10. Tournament Format

- **Structure:** The tournament can follow a knockout format.
- **Referees:** Qualified referees will manage the matches and resolve disputes.

