

# DICE TOWN

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for 2 to 5 players

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You're somewhere in the Wild Wild American West... Picture a gold mine and beautiful fields, perfect for raising cattle... a place that attracts pioneers like bears to honey. A small town has sprung up overnight in the middle of these promising lands. The question is, who's going to own the town when all is said and done? Well partner, if you haven't got lead in your feet and aren't afraid of taking a little lead in your body, this is your chance to stake your claim or leave the table!!!

## HOW TO WIN

Become the most influential hero in Dice Town, by accumulating gold, dollars, property claims and accessories...

## GAME SETUP

Set up the various game items as shown below:  
(For games with less than 5 players, all unused items are put back in the box)

- 1 Shuffle the General Store cards. Make a draw placed face down.
- 2 Shuffle the Property Claims cards. Make a draw placed face down, and then draw and turn over the first 3 cards.
- 3 Each player receives:
  - 1 cup
  - 5 poker dice
  - 8 - \$1 bills
- 4 Place the 30 gold Nuggets on the Gold Mine.
- 5 Place 3 x \$1 bills on the Bank.
- 6 The youngest player receives the Sheriff's Badge card and put it on the card stand.



## Game Material

- One Game board
- 19 General Store cards
- 25 Property Claim cards
- 5 Cups
- 25 Poker dice
- 43 \$1 bills
- 30 gold nuggets
- 1 Sheriff Badge card with a card stand.

## HOW THE GAME IS PLAYED

A game consists of a series of rounds during which each player will:

I – Put together a Poker Hand using their 5 Poker dice.

II – Then, depending on the nature of their hand, take control of various key places in Dice Town that will allow them to do corresponding actions.

### I - Putting together a 5 dice hand:



1 Simultaneously, the players each shake their 5 dice in their cup. The cups are flipped over towards the table keeping the dice hidden.



2 Then, the players each secretly look under their cup, keeping one (and only one) die under the cup, and taking the other dice into their hands.



3 The players then lift up their cups simultaneously, revealing the die they kept for all to see.



4 The same thing is done with the remaining dice starting with step 1, having placed the kept die aside, and adding a new die to it...



5 This process is continued, until each player has built in front of them a Poker hand of 5 dice.

### BUT IT IS POSSIBLE, BY SPENDING A FEW DOLLARS, TO BUILD A BETTER HAND:



1 Players may want to keep more than one of their dice during a roll. In the following example, the player wants to keep 4 dice, because he rolled a 4 of a kind in Queens...



2 A player leaves all the kept dice under the cup, and picks up the remaining ones. Here, he has kept 4 dice under the cup and picks up the remaining die.



3 When the player lifts up the cup to reveal the kept dice, \$1 per kept die is paid immediately for every die over the first one! (in this case \$3) Dollars Bills spent in this manner are placed on the Stagecoach.



Note: it is also allowed, after a roll, to not keep any die under a player's cup... This action also costs \$1, and it is placed on the Stagecoach.

### Often, players having paid for dice finish their Poker Hand before the other players:

- When this happens, the players who haven't finished up their Poker Hands, are entitled to one last roll with their remaining dice.
- They must keep the result, whether they like it or not.
- On the good side, they don't have to pay anything, even if they threw more than one die on this last roll.

## II - Making Actions

Once the players have shown their Poker Hands, the following actions, according to who won the various places, are resolved in the following order:

(Note: a same player may make more than one action during a same round. It is also possible, that a place is not attributed to anyone depending on the Poker Hands obtained. In case of a tie, the current Sheriff decides, see under 6.)



### 1) Gold Mine

The player who obtained the highest number of 9's exploits the Gold Mine. He earns 1 Nugget for each 9 in his Poker Hand.

*Each nugget awards 1 VP (Victory Point) at the end of the game.*

### 2) Bank

The player who has the highest number of 10's robs the bank, making off with all of the bills present there.

*Every 2 bills award 1 VP at the end of the game.*

### 3) Stagecoach

This place is attributed to no one. The Stagecoach arrives to restock the bank: the bills that are lying there are placed on the bank for the next round.

### 4) General Store

The player who has the highest number of J's goes to the General Store. The player draws as many cards as J's in the player's Poker Hand, keeping one and discarding the others face down to a discard on the side of the board.

(If there are not enough cards, reshuffle the discard pile and make a new draw).



*This card awards 4 VP to anyone holding it at the end of the game.*

*This card doubles the Nuggets when the Gold Mine is won.*



Important: For the first round, the Drugstore winner exceptionally make the action twice (draw, select a card, discard, and then draw again, select a new card, and discard again).

### 5) Saloon

The player who has the highest number of Q's wins the favor of the Girls, and takes advantage of their charms to steal from an opponent. Take as many cards\* as Q's in your Poker Hand, keeping one and giving back the others.

*Stealing cards allows you to weaken an adversary while earning points! Try to keep track of which players have the strongest cards.*

*\*Property Claim and/or General Store cards.*

### 6) Sheriff

The player who has the highest number of K's becomes the new Sheriff: the Badge card is taken and placed in front of that player. The Sheriff decides who wins for any ties. It's allowed to offer Nuggets, cards, and bills to the Sheriff to influence decisions.

*The player who is Sheriff at the end of the game is awarded 5 VP.*

### 7) Town Hall

The player who has the best Poker Hand\*\* gives the town and the Mayor a good reputation, advancing his political career. The happy mayor returns the favor in the form of new Property Claims. The player is automatically awarded the first Property Claim lying face up in the line (the bottom most one), plus a supplementary Claim (the one just above it) for each Ace in his Poker Hand (limited to 3 maximum, all the cards visible). Any remaining cards are slid towards the bottom, and the line is restocked with the top cards of the draw.

*The Property Claims award from 1 to 5 VP.*

*\*\*The winning order of Poker Hands can be found as a reminder on the back of the Property Claim cards.*

### 8) Doc Badluck

If a player didn't win anything during a round, he can go and visit Doc Badluck. In the event that several players were feeling sickly, the Sheriff decides in which order they'll make their visits.

Players visiting Doc Badluck choose one (and only one) of the following remedies, if they have at least one of the following die in their Poker Hand:

- 9 or 10 allows the players to equip themselves with barbed wire. Choose two Property Claims from your hand and place them face up in front of you. They can no longer be stolen by your opponents.
- J or Q allows you to draw the first card from the General Store pile.
- K allows you to set up a little sting operation. All the other players must give you \$2 each.
- Ace allows you to set up a big sting operation. All the other players must give you a Nugget each.

## Example of an end of round resolution

5 players obtain the following Poker Hands:

Player 1	Player 2	Player 3	Player 4	Player 5
999JK	10 10 10 KK	JJJJA	QQQAA	9QQJJ
				

- Gold Mine:** Player 1 has the most 9's. He goes to the mine and finds 3 Nuggets.
- Bank:** Player 2 has the most 10's. He holds up the bank and gets away with all the bills present there.
- General Store:** Player 3 has the most J's. She goes to the General Store, draws 4 cards, keeps one and discards the others.
- Saloon:** Player 4 has the most Q's. With the help of the Girls, he draws 3 cards from the hand of the player he chooses, keeping one, and returning the other two. (Note that as the player doesn't have the best Poker Hand, his two are of no use to him).
- Sheriff:** Player 2 also has the most K's. He becomes Sheriff and places the Badge in front of himself.
- Town Hall:** Player 3, with her 4 of a kind in J's, has the best Hand. The Mayor is pleased, who thanks her with the first Property Claim card in the line, plus another one because she has a total of one Ace in her winning Hand.
- Doc Badluck:** Player 5 didn't make an action, consequently, he heads off to see Doc Badluck. Thanks to his 9, he decides to take advantage of the barbed wire. He places in front of him two Property Claims each with a 5 value from his hand. They cannot be stolen from that point onward.

## END OF A GAME ROUND

Once all the actions have been resolved, the players pick up their five dice, and head to the next round...

And so it goes, again and again, until **one** of the following end game conditions have been obtained:

- There are no more Gold Nuggets in the Gold Mine.
- All of the Property Claims have found owners.

## END GAME AND VICTORY POINTS

The players count up their Victory Points (VP) in the following manner:


- 1 VP for each Nugget
- 1 VP for every \$2
- 5 VP for whoever is Sheriff at the end of the game
- The equipment cards issued by the General Store (which have a numerical value) award the indicated number of VP
- The Property Claims award the number of VP indicated.


The player with the highest total is declared the winner.

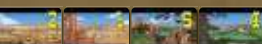
### Example

  
6 Nuggets, awarding 6 VP.

  
\$7 rounding down to 3 VP.

 Sheriff: 5 VP.

  
General Store Equipment Cards 3+5+2 = 10 VP

  
Property Claims 2+1+5+4 = 12 VP.

**This player has a 36 Victory Point total.**

## GENERAL STORE CARDS LIST

Once played, General Store cards are then discarded.



### Equipment Cards (6 cards)

These cards award from 1 to 8 points at the end of the game.



#### Dynamite (1 copy)

*Play this card when you exploit the Gold Mine.*  
You find twice as many Nuggets as you would normally.



#### The Girls (1 copy)

*Play this card when you steal from your adversaries at the Saloon.*  
You make the Saloon action twice in a row (either on the same player or two different players).



#### The Brute (2 copies)

*Play this card when you show your dice.*  
You may keep more than one die without having to pay anything!



#### Professional Cheater (2 copies)

*Play this card when you show your dice.*  
after you show the dice under the cup, you turn one of those dice to a result of your choice.



#### Corruption (1 copy)

*Play this card when you help out the Mayor (Town Hall).*  
After awarding the Property Claims normally acquired, he also awards the first card of the draw (without revealing it to the other players).



#### Unlimited Credit (1 copy)

*Play this card when you go to the General Store.*  
Make the General Store action twice during this round.



#### Nervous Joe (1 copy)

*Play this card immediately.*  
The player of your choice gives you \$4.



#### Marshall (1 copy)

*Play this card when the Sheriff action is resolved.*  
The old Sheriff remains Sheriff for the next round.



#### Even Split (1 copy)

*Play this card whenever an opponent holds up the bank.*  
The player must give you half of the sum stolen (rounded down).



#### Wanted (1 copy)

*Play this card when a player plays a General Store card.*  
The effect of the played card is nullified.



#### Doc Badluck's Elixir (1 copy)

*Play this card when the Doc Badluck action is resolved.*  
Make the Doc badluck action even if you won something during this round.

## FAQ

*If I have the most 10's and the bank is empty, and I wasn't able to do anything else during the round, can I go and see Doc Badluck?*

Yes, because you didn't earn anything during the round.

*If, during the round, I only won a General Store card that was stolen from me immediately in the Saloon. Can I go and see Doc Badluck?*

Alas, no, because you did earn something

during the round, even if it was stolen from you immediately afterward.

*What happens if several players have the best Poker Hand for the Town Hall, for example, 2 players with a 4 of a kind?*

Just like in Poker, the higher 4 of a kind beats a lower one: 9, 10, J, Q, K and A is the order from lowest to highest. A 4 of a kind in K's beats a 4 four of a kind in J's. For Full Houses, we compare the 3 of a kind first and then the pair. For example "J J J 9 9" beats "10 10 10 A A". The pairs are only compared if the 3 of a kind is identical. Also, a straight with an Ace is higher than a straight without one. And then

as always, in the case of a perfect tie, it's the Sheriff who decides who settles the dispute and picks a winner.

*Who wins if there is a tie at the end of the game?*

In the event of a tie, the player with the most Property Claim cards wins... If there's still a tie, let the Sheriff decide!

**During our games, Doc Badluck is never visited. Is that normal?**

Doc Badluck is only ever busy in games with 4 to 5 players. With fewer, we seldom see him, if ever. It's normal.