

MEXICAN TRAIN

Equipment: Double twelve (12) dominoes (may be colored).

Preformed roundhouse may be used as starting place for play.

To Start:

1. With 2-4 players, each draws 12 dominoes. With 5-6 players, each draws 10 dominoes. With 7 or more players, each draws 8 dominoes.
2. Each round starts with a double domino. Round One, with the double twelve (12), round two - double eleven (11), etc. down to final round with double blank. Play goes clockwise.
(For Samboree tournament, unless stated by the game official, there will be four (4) rounds played, starting with the double (12).) The player having the starting double plays it in the center to start the group train. **(In the Samboree tournament the starting double will be in place.)** If no one has the starting double, players draw from the bone pile in turn until a player gets the starting double. The player who went out on the preceding round starts the drawing.
3. Each player in turn has the option of placing a tile on the group train or starting the Mexican Train by playing a tile with the number to match the starting doubles.
4. Dominoes are played on trains (group or Mexican Train) by matching numbers or colors. Whenever a player has no playable domino in hand, he/she draws one tile from bone pile. If still no play, player places marker (game piece-coin or train) on own train. This allows other players to play on his/her individual train or even start that train. The marker remains until he/she makes a subsequent play on his/her own train.
5. When a person plays a double, (s)he must "satisfy" the double by playing the next matching tile. If (s)he cannot, (s)he must draw. If this does not give him/her the right tile, (s)he must put a marker on his/her train if (s)he does not already have one. This signals that anyone may play on this train. No other train may be played on, however, until the double has been honored. Each player must play from his bone pile or draw one tile. If (s)he cannot satisfy the double, (s)he must put up his/her marker. When the double has been honored play continues as usual.
6. When a player is down to one domino in hand, (s)he **MUST** tap on table to so signify.
7. Each round ends with the first player to play his/her final domino. Other players count the total dots of their remaining dominoes for scoring.
8. Lowest score at end of final round wins.
9. Playoffs: The winner from each table will then play a playoff game with the winners from other tables to determine the first and second place tournament winners. The game official will announce the starting double and number of rounds to be played at the beginning of the playoff round.