

## Bingo Rules

Bingo, like many of the casino games profiled on our site, is, at its core, a game of chance. To sum it up as simply as possible, randomly selected numbers are drawn and called out and attentive players then match those numbers to those which appear on 5x5 matrices which are printed on unique cards which the players have purchased. The first player to form a specified pattern on their card from the numbers which have been called, calls out "Bingo!" and wins!

In the beginning of the game, each bingo player - there can be hundreds - is provided a card marked with a grid containing numbers. Each card is unique and, thus, each player's card and numbers are different. Bingo cards are usually purchased and the numbers on them are in a 5x5 grid corresponding to the five letters of B-I-N-G-O.

A typical bingo card then consists of 24 numbered spaces and one free space that can be marked right away. The numbers in column "B" are between 1 and 15; column "I", 16-30; column "N", 31-45; column "G" 46-60; and column "O", 61-75.

The organizer(s) announce the pattern to be formed on the card at the start of the game

and the "caller" then begins selecting numbers randomly (usually from a container of some sort - once selected, the number is put aside not to be used again). Players listen for the numbers called, searches his/her card for the called number, and if it's present, he/she marks it on the card. Basically, the only element of skill involved is the ability to search and mark one's card quickly enough to be ready for the next number and/or be the first to call out "Bingo!"

The caller continues to randomly pick and call numbers until a player forms the specified pattern and shouts out. Agreed-upon patterns can vary a great deal but some of the most popular are: one line/two lines (one or two lines on the grid completely marked with selected numbers) or Full House/Full Card/Blackout/Cover-all (attained when ALL the numbers on a card are covered). Organizers can become quite creative with the patterns required for different games - often requiring patterns in the shape of a letter, or particular design.

Most of the time players have the option of playing several cards at once and the prizes awarded to winners can vary from large jackpots to material objects.

