

**Fort Bend County Fair
2023 Domino Tournament**

Date: October 1 2023

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Silver Spur Fair Club

Number of Players Per Table: 4

Maximum Players Per Tournament: 40

Type of Dominoes Used: Double 6

Type of Game: Straight Dominos - Scoring Game

Entry Fee: \$10 per person (*Fee includes club membership for 2023*)

Players: Four will be playing the game, Players and partners will be determined by a drawing. Matching numbers will determine partners. Partners will sit opposite of each other. Winner determined by best of 3 games. The losing team of the game will rotate seats.

The Shuffle: To begin the dominoes are placed face down and “shuffled.” Players draw one domino. The player drawing the highest double or if no double, the highest domino plays first. Re-shuffle and then begin drawing the first hand.

Drawing: Each player then draws seven dominoes for his/her hand.

Begin Play: The player who drew the highest double or the highest domino plays first, playing any domino they wish from his hand.

Object of the game: Scoring points by laying the dominoes end to end (the touching ends must match: i.e., one’s touch one’s, two’s touch two’s, etc.). If the dots on the exposed ends total any multiple of five the player is awarded that number of points. All sides of the first double (the spinner) may be used one piece to each side and later one to each end. All other doubles are played at right angles to the line and the total points on both ends are counted. Dominoing occurs when one player goes out by playing all of his dominoes. The sum of the spots of all opposing players is computed and added to the dominoing player’s score (rounded to the nearest five). In partnership play the spots of the partner of the one who “DOMINOED” are not counted.

Blocking the Game: If in the course of the game it is impossible for any of the players to play, the game is “Blocked.” The partners having the least spots in their combined hands scores the total of the spots in the opponents’ hands (rounded to the nearest five). The score of 250 points is usually considered a game. The first partnership to score this amount wins the game. Shuffle and begin a new game. The player who won plays first.

Prize: Once tournament play is complete, a winning team will be awarded a cash and other prizes and the team will be offered free entry into the 2024 tournament.

General Rules to Observe.

#1 No Talking across the table: no talking while hand is being played. 1st offense a warning will be given. 2nd offense a 50-point penalty given to the other team.

#2 Exposed domino: when a domino is exposed (shown) that domino will remain face up until it's that player's turn and then will be played if that domino is playable. No points will be earned when that domino is played.

#3 Playing out of turn: the same will apply as an exposed domino

#4 Playing a domino that does not fit: if a player plays a domino that doesn't fit and the other team catches the mistake it is the same as an exposed domino. If no player catches the mistake play will go on

#5 Playing on the wrong spinner: if a domino is played on the wrong spinner and the other team catches the mistake it is the same as an exposed domino. If no player catches the mistake, then that double becomes the spinner

#6 Passing when you have a playable domino: passing with a playable domino in your hand is a 50-point penalty and point will be given to the other team

#7 The game ends at 250 points: The game ends at 250 points or more (example: if a team only needs 5 points to go out and he/she makes 10 points then the score is 255 points) the game ends there no points from the other team is earned.