



## BUNCO Game Night

### There is so much fun in this silly dice game

This fun game can be played anywhere 12 people can sit at three tables. The game play can get a bit loud, so a quiet restaurant might not be the optimal location. We have always played in the evening on a weekend, but a game's night during the week is also fine. We invite the members of our club, their children (ages 10+), and their friends to play. This game is for multiples of 12 players. If you have the room, tables and chairs, invite 24 to play!

Adults pay 15€ to play, under 18 years old pay 10€.

For each game of 12 people you will need: 12 dice, three tables that can seat four people, 12 chairs, a small pad of paper and two pens per table, one fuzzy stuffed animal. 3-4 assorted small, but inexpensive prizes (under 5€ each).

It is the fun of the game and not the prizes that are important. Napkins and cups for the buffet. If you decide to have more than finger food, then you'll need plates and silverware. Double everything but the buffet a buffet & drinks table if you have 24 players.

The pre-event/activity preparation is quite easy and low-key. You'll need to find a location, purchase dice, prizes and a small fuzzy stuffed animals (we use fuzzy dice!). Send an invitation to your club members. Ask everyone to contribute to the finger food and drinks buffet. Familiarize yourself with the game of Bunco. Directions are online. It is very fast and easy to learn. Preparation time is less than 1-2 hours.

Only two volunteers are needed to run this event, but everyone always seems to lend a hand with set up and clean up. Setting up before the game at the venue is also easy. Put the chairs around the tables, put paper, pens and four dice on each table. Set up the buffet and drinks table

We usually plan on three hours for play with a short break for socializing before and during the game.

A word about the prizes: they are small, inexpensive and should not cost much. They can be recycled gifts you have gotten; they can be white elephant gifts; they can be funny gag gifts. Basically, whatever you find that is not expensive. The point is to have fun and not spend the proceeds on gifts. Few gifts are given, to be honest. The winner of the evening gets a prize, in usual play, she gets her entrance fee back. The loser of the evening gets a prize. In usual play, she gets 5€. The person with the most Buncos throughout the evening also gets a prize. We give prizes to everyone because we want the cash to go towards the fundraiser. If you are keen on real prizes, then a bottle of wine for the winner and whoever had the most Buncos is nice and a gag gift for the loser. Double the prizes if you have 24 people.

So far our prizes have not been sponsored. The host usually finds them. They can also be bought by the club or donated by the participants. On the invitation we ask for volunteers to

bring them. Most people have a gift drawer at home and are happy to re-gift things they have received. Otherwise, a portion of the proceeds can be used to purchase them.

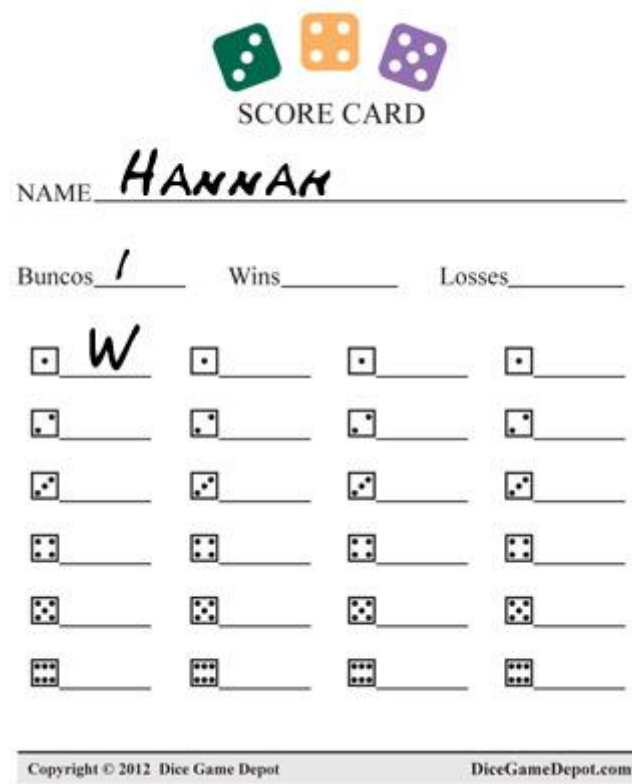
On game evening the hosts arrive 20-30 minutes ahead of guests and set up the tables. As guests arrive, money is collected, they socialize over drinks and food and teams are built. Teams change each round, so it is not important who plays with whom. About 15 minutes after the last person arrives, the game begins. Halfway through the evening, we take a break for more food & drink. After the last round, prizes are given out and clean up begins.

How to Play the Game:

<https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-d&q=how+to+play+bunco#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:2dbe1f80,vid:XhQnraJx9v8>  
<https://www.dicegamedepot.com/bunco-rules/>

The stuffed animal or fuzzy dice travels from player to player - whoever calls a BUNCO (not a baby bunco) for that round.

A variety of scorecards can be downloaded from the internet. Here is a sample if you'd like to make your own.



The image shows a score card for the game Bunco. At the top, there are three dice icons (green, orange, purple) and the text "SCORE CARD". Below this, the name "HANNAH" is written in a cursive font. The card has fields for "Buncos", "Wins", and "Losses". The "Buncos" field has the number "1" written in it. Below these fields is a grid of 24 small dice icons arranged in 6 rows and 4 columns. The first icon in the first row has a large "W" written next to it. At the bottom of the card, there is a copyright notice: "Copyright © 2012 Dice Game Depot" and the website "DiceGameDepot.com".

After the game is over about 20 minutes are needed for cleanup.

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**Have Fun!**