



## TAVLA

Tavla (from Medieval Greek τάβλη or from Arabic "tawleh"), is a tables game in Turkey very similar to backgammon.

It is customary to name the dice rolls with their Persian number names, with local spellings: yek (1), dü (2), se (3), cehar (4), penç (5), şeş (6).

The board game which may be an ancestor of backgammon was played in Egypt around 1500 BC or by Romans around 8 AD. But before that, it was Sumerians or people of Shahr-e Sukhteh, 5000 years ago in southern Iran who played the very ancient forms. Then in the streets of Istanbul during Byzantine and Ottoman Era and the pages of The Canterbury Tales and elsewhere all around the planet... Tabulae, Nard, Nardschit, Tavla or backgammon is one of the oldest joy of people since the emergence of civilization.



# HOW TO PLAY BACKGAMMON

## BACKGAMMON RULES

**Basically here's how backgammon is played.  
Start from the basics, master it, and be all set for the  
advanced backgammon techniques.**

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- Each of the players has 15 checker chips to handle or manage •
- Each player acts as a manager or commander in chief of his "soldiers" or "men" •
- The board has triangular spaces or points on which to place the 15 checker chips •
  - At the center of the whole backgammon board is a bar.
  - It separates the backgammon board into left and right •
- Before the first player does anything, he needs to toss the die to come up with the number of spaces or points he can move his checker chips •
- Backgammon players need to manoeuvre their ships across the board to get to the other side first, which is a player's "home board" •
- After getting all the backgammon chips to the other side, a player must be able to bear them off before the enemy does. With this done, the player wins the backgammon game.

Checker chips' coolers indicate the direction they go •

- A backgammon player with the white checker chips will have to "lead his men" in a counter clockwise direction •
- So, if the point of origin is at the bottom left part of the backgammon board (white chips often start there), the manoeuvres must be counter clockwise across the board ending up at the top left portion of the backgammon board •

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**For black checker chips, the exact opposite is true.**

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- The point of origin is the top left corner of the backgammon board moving clockwise to the bottom left corner of the same •
- Players may move or maneuver the checker chips on any vacant space or point in the backgammon board •
- Checker chips can also be moved in spaces that are already homes to other ally checker chips, or even to enemy chips. Moving through a space or point that is home to an opponent checker can actually be hitting an enemy home •
- Hitting an enemy home is good. Checker chips hit is made take a rest for a while in the centre bar •
  - While taking rest, it is taken out of the way. If there are more enemy checker ships hit, the more enemy chips are taken out of the way and faster one's checker chips are transported cross to the home board

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**These are simplified rules of the backgammon game.  
The thing is to get one's checker chips to one's home board as soon as possible, and one way is to hit enemy chips.**

**TAVLA SNACKS****POPCORN**

FREE

**ROSE HARISSA NUTS N**

5

Almonds, cashews, peanuts

**SCOTCH EGG V**

5

Merguez zhoug yoghurt

**COLOSSAL OLIVES**

5

Lemon, oregano

**BURNT ENDS**

5

Barboun bbq sauce

**BOREK V | N**

8

Walnut, feta

**HUMMUS VG | N**

6

Crispy onion, pita

**SMOKED AUBERGINE V | N**

6

Almonds, pita

**FLATBREADS****THE SMOKEY V**

8

Charred aubergine, rose harissa

**CHOKER HOLD V**

8

Artichokes, spinach, kefalotyri cheese

**THE CODFATHER**

8

Whipped cod roe, black olives, burnt leek

**AbraKEBABra**

9

Pulled lamb, spicy tomato, garlic yoghurt

**SHELL SHOCKED**

9

Clams and mussels. Kasar cheese

**KAYSERI SPECIAL N**

9

Pastirma, kasar cheese, mushroom

**TRUFFLE HUNTER V**

14

Girolles, black truffle, Cacklebean yolk

**SWEET****TURKISH DELIGHT N**

3

Mastiha, pistachio

**LEMON CHARCOAL CAKE N | GF**

4

Almond

**KUNEFEE N**

9

Kataifi pastry, cheese, pistachio

**BROWNIE GF | N**

4

Dark chocolate, almonds

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V=VEGETARIAN | GF=GLUTEN FREE | VG=VEGAN | N=NUTS

## HOUSE COCKTAILS

Classics available upon request.

### BLOODY MERYEM

Ketel One Vodka, Casamigos Mezcal, lemon, tomato juice, Turkish spices, Nigella & sumac salt

### ANTEP CHAI

Cîroc Vodka, green matcha, pistachio syrup, lime, kefir milk, Green Chartreuse

### GREAT EASTERN ESPRESSO

Ketel One Vodka, Mr. Blacks, date spiced syrup, turkish espresso

### 23

Zacapa 23 Rum, Hibiscus Falernum, Dry Curacao, lime sherbet, Angostura bitters

### ZAR

Don Julio Blanco Tequila, Italicus, Xanté, cloudy apple, lime, sugar, coriander leaf

### DÜSHESH

Villa Ascenti Gin, Belsazar Riesling, lime sherbet, cardamom bitters, lemon sorbet, lemon thyme, bubbles

### TNT

Tanqueray No. TEN Gin, Belsazar Riesling, tonic cordial, grapefruit bitters, double dutch soda

### GÜL PEMBE

Belsazar Rosé aromatised wine, rose water, grapefruit bitters, double dutch slimline tonic

## ALCOHOL FREE LONG DRINKS

### LIMONATA

Apricot, Cardamon, Lemon, double dutch soda

## SOFT DRINKS

Coca Cola | Diet Coke | Lemonade | Ginger Beer | Ginger Ale  
Belu Still Water | Belu Mineral Sparkling Water

10

## BARREL-AGED COCKTAILS

### TAVLA OLD FASHIONED

Bulleit Bourbon & Rye whiskeys, maple syrup, whiskey barrel-aged bitters, orange oils

### MARZ

Belsazar Red & Rosé aromatised wines, Bulleit Rye, grapefruit bitters, orange oils

### TURBO NEGRONI

Tanquery no. TEN Gin, barberry, coffee washed Belsazar Red, Campari

### OG

Casamigos Blanco Tequila, cacao nib washed agave nectar, black walnut bitters, chipotle smoke, lime oils

## BEERS ON DRAFT

### ASAHI

### MEANTIME ANYTIME IPA

### MEANTIME PALE ALE

### PERONI

### GUINNESS

## BOTTLED BEERS

### YOSMA IPA

### BROOKLYN SPECIAL

### EFFECTS

### PERONI LIBERA

### SASSY CIDRE

### POMEGRANATE BASIL GAZOZ

Pomegranate, lime, basil, double dutch soda

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## WHITE

	125 ml	750 ml
<b>BORGIO SELENE CATARRAO   INZOLIA</b> V 2018 Sicily, Italy	5.50	25
<b>TINPOT HUT PINOT GRIS</b> 2018 Marlborough, New Zealand	8.20	40
<b>GREYWACKE SAUVIGNON BLANC</b> 2018 Marlborough, New Zealand	12	51
<b>RIPPON MATURE VINE RIESLING</b> 2018 Central Otago, New Zealand	14	72

## RED

	125 ml	750 ml
<b>BORGIO SELENE NERO D'AVOLA NERELLO MASCALESE</b> V 2018 Sicily, Italy	5.50	25
<b>ALTOS LAS HORMIGAS MALBEC</b> V 2018 Mendoza, Argentina	8.40	37
<b>CHATEAU MUSAR 'MUSAR JEUNE'</b> 2017 Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	9.40	43
<b>MARIETTA CELLARS OLD VINE CARIGNAN PETITE SIRAH   ZINFANDEL LOT 68</b> California, USA	12.80	56
<b>RIPPON 'MATURE VINE' PINOT NOIR</b> 2014 Central Otago, New Zealand	15.50	99

## BUBBLES

	125 ml	750 ml
<b>MALIBRÀN 'SOTTORIVA' COL FONDO PROSECCO TRADIZIONE, NV</b> V Veneto, Italy	8.20	41
Using the all-but-lost art of spontaneous refermentation, this unique Prosecco is unfiltered – making it slightly cloudy, but utterly moreish		
<b>PIPER-HEIDSIECK 'ESSENTIEL' CUVÉE RÉSERVÉE, NV</b> V Champagne, France	12.20	74

## ROSE

	125 ml	750 ml
<b>LONDON CRU ROSAVILLE RD</b> 2018 Sussex, England	8.50	46

## ORANGE WINE

	125 ml	750 ml
Orange winemaking is a very natural process that uses little to no additives, sometimes not even yeast. In essence, it's a white wine that's made like a red wine. Because of all this, they taste very different from regular white wines.		
<b>OGRADE SKERK</b> V 2017 Venezia Giulia, Italy	14	79

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4.7 %

### MEANTIME PALE ALE

4.3 %

### PERONI

5.1 %

### GUINNESS

4.2 %

## BOTTLED BEERS

### YOSMA IPA

5.2 %

### BROOKLYN SPECIAL

0.4 %

### EFFECTS

### PERONI LIBERA

0.0 %

### SASSY CIDRE

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5.50

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3.00

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