

# **GAME RULES**



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48 Playing Pieces, Sturdy Plastic TOPPLE Tower, Stand & Base and Game Dice.

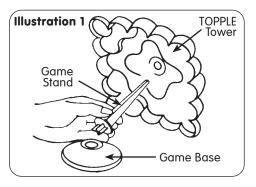
## **OBJECT OF THE GAME**

Score the most points by completing or adding to stacks or rows of playing pieces, while being careful not to topple any of the other pieces.

## PREPARATION

Set up the TOPPLE Board on a flat surface by placing the stand into the base and balancing the TOPPLE tower on top of the stand (see illustration 1).

- 1. Each player selects a colour and takes all the playing pieces of that colour.
- Each player rolls the dice. Highest roll goes first, then play continues to the left.
- 3. Make a score sheet listing the names of each player. Choose someone to keep score during the game.
- 4. Decide what the winning score will be. For example, 100 points.

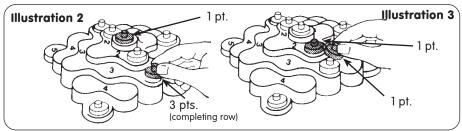


# HOW TO PLAY

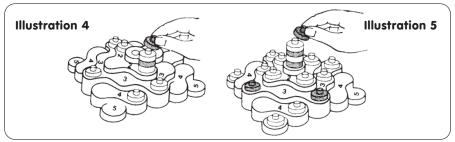
Players take turns rolling the dice and placing their pieces, one at a time, on the TOPPLE board. The number on the dice shows where on the board you may place a piece. For instance, if you roll a 2 you may place a piece on any of the four areas on level 2. If you roll a 1, you must place a piece on the center spot only. If you roll a 6, you may place a piece anywhere on the board.

## HOW TO SCORE

- If you place a piece that completes a row of five pieces in any direction (horizontally, vertically or diagonally), you score 3 points for completing the row plus 1 point for each playing piece of your colour that tops each other stack in that row (see illustration 2).
- 2. If you add a piece to a completed row of five, you score 1 point for each piece of your colour that tops each stack in that row (see illustration 3).
- 3. If you add a piece to a stack that already has three or more pieces high, you score 1 point for each piece of your colour in that stack (see illustration 4).



Player scores 3 points for completing row plus 1 point for each piece of his colour that tops each other stack in the row. This play scores a total of 4 points. Players adding to a completed row of five pieces scores 1 point for each of his playing pieces that tops each stack in the row. This play scores 2 points. **NOTE:** You can score multiple points if you place a piece that completes or adds to more than one row, or which stacks more than three high and completes or adds to a row. The piece that you play that is common to different rows or to a stack and a row, is counted for each row and/or stack. Illustration 5 shows how a player can score three ways.



Player scores 1 point for each piece of their colour in a stack three-or-more pieces high. This play scores 2 points.

Player scores 5 points on two rows and one stack.

#### TOPPLING

A topple occurs when a player causes one or more playing piece to fall off a stack or off the TOPPLE board. When this happens the round ends. The player who caused the topple loses 10 points. In addition, when a player causes a topple while placing a piece on the board, the player whose turn it was immediately before scores a 3-point bonus.

#### REMEMBER

- Players cannot touch the TOPPLE board or any of the pieces already placed on the board.
- If you accidentally knock the board, or table, and cause a topple, whether or not it's your turn, you lose 10 points.
- Look for multiple scoring possibilities!

#### WINNING THE GAME

A round ends when a topple has occurred or when all the pieces have been played. If a topple has not occurred during a round, the pieces are removed from the board and the scoring and play continue.

Even if a player reaches the required number of points during a round, the game is not over until all the pieces have been played or a topple has occurred. If more than one player reaches the required number of points at that time, the player with the highest total points wins.

#### **TWO-PLAYER VERSION**

Each player takes two colours and scores them separately. For example, if you have pink and yellow, and you play a pink piece to score, you get points for the pink pieces scored on that move. A player may choose which colour to play at any time.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE VERSION

Play the same way as the original instruction, but don't keep score. Players place their piece on the level indicated by the dice. Whoever causes a topple is out of the game.



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