



## THE EIGHT BETS IN SIC BO AND ORDER OF THE DICE



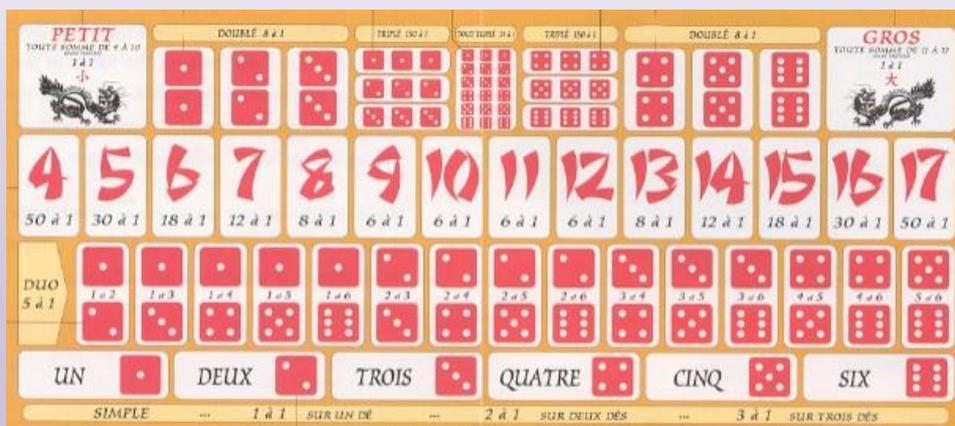
## WHAT IS SIC BO?

Sic Bo is a Chinese game played in both land based casinos and in online casinos. When playing Sic Bo, it is necessary for a player to follow certain rules in order to be a part of the game and make the right bets. The roll of the dice is controlled by a random number generator to ensure that no foul play is involved and that the outcomes of the dice rolls are completely random. Here you will come to know of guidelines to play Sic Bo and few tips to make your play more enjoyable and take you to a winning situation.



## THE BETTING OPTIONS

[The betting options](#) available at Sic Bo are formed by the various combinations obtained with three dice. These wagers and their payouts are reproduced on the gaming table. Players may wager on as many combinations as desired per game. The dice are shaken by dealer, by means of a vibrating platform under a round shape glass cover. After all bets have been made, the dealer activates the dice shaker. The outcome of each of the three dice appears on the display. At the same time, the spaces corresponding to the winning combinations light up on the table. The dealer then removes all losing bets from the table, and proceeds to pay all winners.



## THE EIGHT DIFFERENT BETS

### THREE OF A KIND

You can bet on one number, which must appear on all three dice. This is called a Three of a Kind. Obviously, you have the least chances of hitting a winning bet, as there are 216 (6 X 6 X 6) dice combinations and only one of them can give you a 1,1,1 or 2,2,2 or 3,3,3 or 4,4,4 or 5,5,5 or 6,6,6. If you do win however, it pays 150 to 1. Considering your winning chances to be 1 out of 216, this gives the casino a huge advantage.

### TWO OF A KIND

You can bet on one number, which must appear on two of the three dice. This is called a Two of a Kind, such as a 1,1 or 2,2 or 3,3 or 4,4 or 5,5, or 6,6. This pays 8 to 1, although your chance of winning is 5.82%, as there are 12 ways of making such a combination.

### ANY THREE OF A KIND

You can bet that the same number from 1 to 6 will appear on all three dice, such as either a 1,1,1 or 2,2,2 or 3,3,3 or 4,4,4 or 5,5,5 or 6,6,6. This is called Any Three of a Kind and it pays 24 to 1. You have 6 times more chances to win relative to the Three of a Kind. The probability is still 6 out of 216 or about 2.78%.

### BIG BET

There is an area called Big, and it also pays even money, where you bet that the sum of the three dice will be equal to 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, or 17 excluding a Three of a Kind. That's why the 18 (3 sixes) is not a winning bet, neither are the hard ways 12 and 15, which again provides the casino edge.

### SMALL BET

There is an area called Small that pays even money, where you bet that the sum of the three dice will be equal to 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10 excluding a Three of a Kind. That's why the 3 (3 ones) is not a winning bet, neither are the hard ways 6 and 9, which provides the casino edge.

### DUO BET

You can bet on two different numbers, which must appear on at least two of the three dice. This bet is called Duo, and it pays 5 to 1. The dice combinations you can bet on are: 1,2 or 1,3 or 1,4 or 1,5 or 1,6 or 2,3 or 2,4 or 2,5 or 2,6 or 3,4 or 3,5 or 3,6 or 4,5 or 4,6 or 5,6, as long as the two numbers are not the same.

### SIMPLE BET

The simple bet is one where you bet on a single number that must appear on one, two or all three dice. This is shown in the layout as the dice face 1, or 2, or 3, or 4, or 5, or 6. The payout table of this bet depends on the following:

- If the number you chose appears on one of the three dice, you are paid even;
- If the number you chose appears on two of the three dice, you are paid 2 to 1;
- If the number you chose appears on three of the three dice, you are paid 3 to 1.

## WIDE BET

On the Sic Bo layout, there is a wide area with the numbers 4 to 17 written on them. Those numbers correspond to the sum of the three dice. So, you bet on a number from 4 to 17, which are the sum of all 3 dice and the payout table is as follows:

- If the sum is 4, winning bets are paid 50 to 1
- If the sum is 5, winning bets are paid 30 to 1
- If the sum is 6, winning bets are paid 18 to 1
- If the sum is 7, winning bets are paid 12 to 1
- If the sum is 8, winning bets are paid 8 to 1
- If the sum is 9, winning bets are paid 6 to 1
- If the sum is 10, winning bets are paid 6 to 1
- If the sum is 11, winning bets are paid 6 to 1
- If the sum is 12, winning bets are paid 6 to 1
- If the sum is 13, winning bets are paid 8 to 1
- If the sum is 14, winning bets are paid 12 to 1
- If the sum is 15, winning bets are paid 18 to 1
- If the sum is 16, winning bets are paid 30 to 1
- If the sum is 17, winning bets are paid 50 to 1

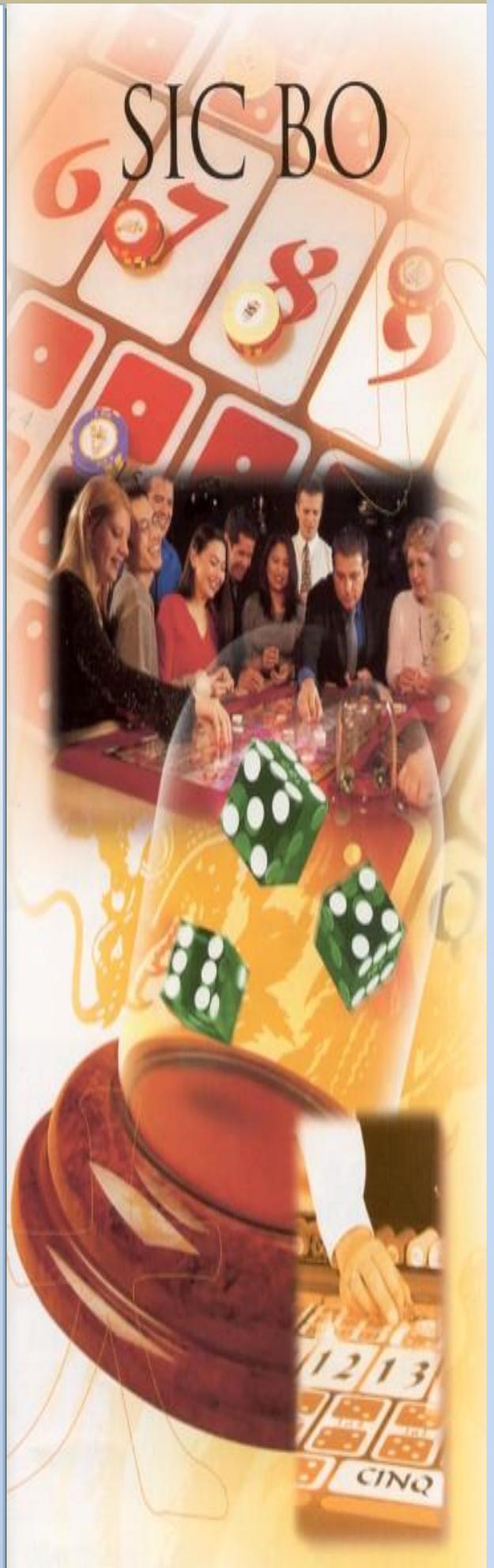
You can see the symmetrical [pattern](#) of payouts, depending on the dice combinations and their probability of appearance, always with an edge on the casino side, of course.



## RULES OF PLAYING SIC BO ONLINE

The Sic Bo board is laid out in a combination of dice like pictures which represent the combination of what the dice will turn up when they are rolled. In order to begin the game, a player will have to abide by the following rules.

- Before the game begins, bets are placed by placing tokens on the appropriate chip size before the roll of the dice.
- There are 2 main types of bets, the small bet where the three dice total between 4 and 10 and the big bet where the dice total is between 11 and 17, however there is no win if a triple is rolled.
- There are also other types of bets where one can be on a specific triple or double and on any triple. Bets can also be placed on a single dice, double dice or triple dice outcome. Since each bet has its significant place on the table, this will also indicate the odds for winning the bet.
- Once a player is ready to start, a bet must be placed by clicking the dice on the board which show him the odds. A player is allowed to place more than one bet at a time and these bets can be increased or decreased depending on the player's bank roll.
- The player then selects any of the dice combinations revealed which shows what coin size is in use. The game begins when the dice are set into motion. The dice will roll around in a cage for some time before coming to rest showing the outcome of the three dice.
- Once the dice come to rest the roll cage is opened and the numbers are displayed. Simultaneously the corresponding winning numbers light up the board.
- Since this is a game of chance and there is no sure way to predict the roll of the dice it will be simple to initially bet in small sums till you are able to get the feel of the game and go in for the bigger bets.



## TIPS FOR PLAYING SIC BO

Since Sic Bo is a game of chance, players will have to adopt strategies that match their temperament and risk taking ability. Here are few tips for you to remember.

- Adopt a low risk strategy, where you can maximize your odds and the house has a low edge.
- Small Big and combination bets are the best for such players. You may however want to raise your stakes still farther. Whatever may be your inclination, study the house edge, before placing a bet.
- It is worth remembering that though odds may seem attractive, for most bets the house advantage is high. The problem with house edge is that it is not standardized and may vary among casinos.
- This is however purely a game of chance and so everything depends upon sticking with the best odds and where the house has the lowest advantage.

More than the money that you can earn, it is the fun aspect of the game which makes Sic Bo popular.

