First, all dominoes must be turned face down and mixed. Each player then draws five dominoes and stands them up on end in front of them so the backs of the dominoes face their opponents. Leftover dominoes become the “draw pile.” The player with the highest double domino in their hand (for example, 6/6) goes first, placing it face up on the table. (If no one has a double in their hand, all dominoes must be reshuffled and redrawn.) The player to the left goes next by trying to match one of their dominoes to an
open end of the domino on the table. Play continues clockwise. Only one domino can be played per turn, end to end. If a double is played crosswise, other dominoes can be played off its ends. (See example on Page 3.) You must play a domino if you are able to do so. If a player cannot add one of the dominoes in their hand to an open end of the dominoes in play, they must draw from the draw pile until they can do so. The first player to use all five of their dominoes wins the game, or, if no further plays can be made, the player with the fewest number of dots on the dominoes in their hand wins. Their score is the total number of dots on the other players’ remaining dominoes minus the number of dots on their own dominoes.
Games are played to 100.

Players match ends of the dominoes but may play to either end or to either side of a double.
Solitaire Dominoes
Number of Players: 1

Begin by placing all the dominoes face down and mixing them up. Pick three dominoes and put them in a row, face up, side by side (not end to end). If the dominoes on the ends (the first and third dominoes) share a common number (top OR bottom number), then remove the middle domino and put it aside. Put the remaining dominoes together and pick a new domino, placing it face up to the right of these dominoes. Continue removing dominoes that are in between two dominoes containing a common
number. If you place a domino down and there is no match (common number), keep placing dominoes down to the right of the row until there is a match. If you wind up with three dominoes in a row with common numbers, you can either remove all three or just the center domino. The goal is to go through all 28 dominoes until none remain in play.
The Star
Number of Players: 4

Shuffle the dominoes face down on the table. Each player draws seven dominoes. What you draw you keep until the game is finished. Players sit in a circle around the table. The player with the double-six domino goes first, placing it in the middle of the table. The player to the left goes next (play clockwise), placing a domino with a consistent number (6) on the edge of the center domino). If the player cannot make a move they must pass. This initial five-tile formation is called a “star.” Only after all four sides have been
covered and the star is completed can players lay other dominoes at the open ends. (See example below.) Players may choose to place doubles crosswise or in line. The player who runs out of dominoes first, wins. The winning player counts the total number of dots on the dominoes in the losing players’ hands and this becomes their score. The game is played to 100 points.
Shuffle the dominoes face down. Each player draws one domino to see who goes first. The player with the highest number of dots goes first. Next, reshuffle and draw dominoes depending on the number of players as noted below:

- **2 Players**: Draw 14 dominoes
- **3 Players**: Draw 9 dominoes
- **4 Players**: Draw 7 dominoes
Align the chosen dominoes in a row in front of you **FACE DOWN** (this is considered your hand), then choose in what order you wish to play your dominoes (for example, from left to right or right to left). Remember, the dominoes must remain face down! The first player then turns over their first domino and places it face up on the table. They then turn over the next domino in line to see if they can use it to build off either of the two ends on the first domino. If not, that domino gets moved to the back of the line in the player’s hand and turned face down. If it’s a double that’s returned to the end of the line it must remain face up. Play continues clockwise. The winner is the player who runs out of dominoes first. The game may
also end if there are no more moves possible for any of the players. In this case, the player with the fewest number of dots on their dominoes wins.
Lucky Draw
Number of Players: 3-4

First shuffle all the dominoes face down and pick your hand as noted below:

• **3 Players**: Draw 9 dominoes (note: whoever draws the double-six domino must draw the 28th domino, giving them a 10-domino hand)

• **4 Players**: Draw 7 dominoes

The player with the double-six domino goes first,
placing the domino face up on the table. The player to the left (play clockwise) tries to lay one of their dominoes to one of the open ends. All doubles can be played off all four edges. A player must pass if they cannot make a move. The winner is the player who runs out of dominoes first. They then count the total number of dots on the other players’ remaining dominoes for their points for that game. The game also may end if there are no more moves possible for any of the players. In this case, the player with the fewest dots on their dominoes wins. Their score is the total number of dots on the other players’ remaining dominoes minus the number of dots on their own dominoes. Games are played to 100.