

NZ Safety Tournament : Rules of Play

1. Play to start on the bell. After eight minutes, a warning bell/whistle will sound. Target is eight minutes game time and two minutes nipping time.
2. One deal each. (Four deals per game) or 121 points – whichever is first.
3. Cards to be spread out on table. One draw each. Lowest card wins the deal. (King high, Ace low.) Top and bottom cards of the spread cannot be selected.
4. When dealing – one up, all up. Any other card exposed – return to hand

If play has started, and a player finds they have too many cards, this can be corrected by the opposition drawing a card from the hand.
If the crib has the wrong number of cards, it must be corrected, and non-dealer pegs 2 points.
5. When cutting, bottom card must not be looked at. Should a card be exposed when cutting, the top card of the deck remaining is still the turn-up.
6. When a Jack is cut, the dealer takes two points.
7. Two points only for **15-2** with last card. Two points only for **31** – no **extra** point for last card.
8. When taking score – if incorrect points have been taken, only the front peg can be adjusted.
However, if front peg is removed (apart from correction) the remaining peg becomes the front peg.
9. (a) Failing to play card to make 31 or less – 2 point penalty, and un-played card becomes dead. (The card still registers in final count-up of hand.)

(b) Crossing lanes or removing opposition pegs results in automatic loss of game.

10. Cards to be counted face up on the table and pegged in turn. (Turn-up card is a communal card.)
 - (a) Any player who picks up the crib before it is counted, other than the dealer, incurs a loss of game for the offender.
 - (b) No player may pick up the crib before the count and pegging of all four hands. Only then can the dealer pick up the crib, to count it and peg accordingly.
 - (c) Any dispute, Cards and board must remain untouched until dispute resolved.
11. No fifth person allowed to stand behind players during play. Host Club supplies emergencies if teams have no one available.
12. No players to move until score cards have been nipped.

Sitting players use red pegs all day : Moving players use green pegs

Thirty six games will be played.

In the event of a draw, a count-back will be made based on the wins and draws on each card. The team with the least draws will be declared the winner. If the scores are still the same, a play-off will be held. Team captains and their partners will play-off. Best of 3.

The winning team will be presented with the NZ Safety Trophy.
A prize will be presented to the highest scoring pair.
Prize money to be split 70% to teams, 30% to pairs.

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