

# “Canadian” Style Cribbage

Through-out history the game we love to play called “Cribbage” has seen many variations. Recently, one very popular variation is what has been affectionately labeled as “Canadian Doubles Cribbage”. And for those of us who have played it, we seem to rave about it and prefer to play it versus the traditional style of “Doubles Cribbage”. This may be in part because it’s one of the newest variations of a traditional classic.

Here’s how to play;

- 1) The Dealer shuffles like normal and then offers the cut of the deck to the pone on their right.
- 2) The Dealer deals 10 cards each to the Pone on their left and to themselves.
  - A) The cards are dealt traditionally just like any other variation, one at a time.
- 3) The Pone and the Dealer then look over their 10 cards and make 2 complete hands (4 cards each), leaving 2 cards for discard to the Dealers crib.
- 4) The Pone then keeps one hand for them and gives the remaining 4 card hand to their Partner and throws the 2 discards to the crib.
- 5) The Dealer now does the same.
- 6) At this point the game plays as normal “Doubles Cribbage”.

So other than the 10 cards to just 2 people this version is just like regular “Doubles Cribbage” and only the beginning of the game is what has changed.

One common reason why folks like this variation is that it gives them a chance to see a bunch more cards than they normally would. This also gives them a chance to make the best hand not only for their partner, but also for themselves.

So, cheers to our friends from the north....Eh!!!