

Chinese Moon Festival Dice Game

This game of chance is commonly played in Xiamen, and some Chinese communities throughout Asia, during the Moon Festival. It is easy enough (just throw a dice, get a prize) so even the little ones can join in.

Prizes are at stake to add to the excitement.

Materials

- 6 pieces dice
- Wide-mouthed bowl
- Prizes, prizes, prizes.

Object of the Game:

To get as much prizes by throwing the dice and getting prescribed number combinations.

Procedure:

1. Place wide-mouthed bowl on a table. Gather everybody around the table. Appoint the first player.
2. First player throws all 6 dice into the bowl. Take note of the numbers face-up on the dice.
3. **Certain combination of numbers on the dice entitles the player to a prize.** See combinations and corresponding prizes below.
4. Pass the bowl to the next person. S/he will also throw the dice and get a prize according to combination of numbers on the dice. Etc. etc. until all the prizes run out.

Special rules:

- If any of the dice fall outside the bowl, you lose your turn for that round.
- If all the prizes for a given configuration have run out, then future appearances of that configuration win prizes by taking away prize from previous winner nearest you.
- "Ultimate throw" – The best combination is composed of either 6 fours, or 6 ones. If you get this combination, you win ALL prizes, even those already won. Some families just give the 1st prize to ensure everybody gets to take home a prize.
- Other rules you can make up as you go along as long as it is fair and everybody gets to have fun.

Prize to get	This combination is called	Numbers face up on dice
6th place	Xiucui	one 4, plus assorted numbers
5th place	Juren	two 4s, other assorted numbers
4th place	Tanhua	three 4s, other assorted numbers
3rd place	Jinshi	four of a same number, except 4
2nd place	Bangyan	1-2-3-4-5-6; OR three of a number and three of another number
1st place	Zhuang Yuan	four 4s OR five of any number
Gets ALL prizes (even those already won)	Ultimate Throw	six 1s OR six 4s