

PlayStates™

The World's Richest New Trading Game

How to PlayStates

Battle to become President of the United States of America

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Players

PlayStates is generally suitable for 1 – 6 Players aged 7 and up, and for adults of any age.

Contents

Only play with the deck of 55 PlayStates cards, leave the trade money to one side.

Set Up:

- Shuffle the deck
- In order to decide which player is the first caller, every player is dealt one card, and the player with the highest number of Electoral Votes wins the right to call first. If a draw occurs, those drawn players continue by selecting their next card until a player wins the right to call first.
- Re-shuffle the deck and deal cards for the first count.
- 2 Player Game: Deal 27 cards face down to each player.
- 3 Player Game: Deal 18 cards face down to each player.
- 4 Player Game: Deal 13 cards face down to each player.
- 5 Player Game: Deal 10 cards face down to each player.
- 6 Player Game: Deal 9 cards face down to each player.

Object of the Game:

- To be the first player to win 270 or more Electoral Votes and be elected President of the United States of America.

Game Play:

- The first count is played over a number of rounds.
- Every player is trying to win a maximum number of Electoral Votes by winning rounds with the highest statistic recorded on their State cards.
- All players select and read their top State card.
- The first caller nominates their State and best statistic from one of the ten categories listed on their top State card. (e.g. California, I nominate population)
- In turn, other players reveal their State and statistic from that category.
- The highest statistic in that nominated category wins the round unless another player has a Power card. A Power card either automatically wins or loses the round.
- The winning player collects the other player's losing State cards and counts and records votes.
- The winning player calls the next round.
- If after all cards are played, no player has Electoral Votes exceeding 270, the individual totals are recorded and the cards are re-shuffled and dealt again for a second count. A third count may occasionally be necessary.
- After all cards are re-shuffled, player left of original first caller, starts second count.

Winning the Game:

- As players win rounds, they keep a cumulative total of their Electoral Votes won.
- The first player to win 270 or more Electoral Votes wins the game.

Power Cards:

People's Power to Vote Card when played trumps all other played cards, and gives player an instant win. If player is also the caller, it is not necessary to nominate a category.

Corporations Card when played trumps all other played cards except the "People's Power to Vote Card". If player is also the caller, it is not necessary to nominate a category.

Resources Card when played results in an automatic loss of round, if player is also the caller, the call for that round is passed to the player on their left.

Natures Card when played results in an automatic loss of round, if player is also the caller, the call for that round is passed to the player on their left.

Drawn Number:

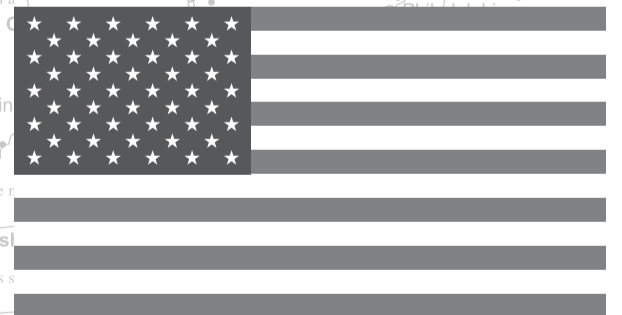
- If a player draws the same statistic number as the caller, or the caller's number is won by a draw between other players.
- The round has no winner; all cards remain in the centre as a bonus round.
- The player to the left of caller, calls the next round, best statistic wins. Winner picks up all cards including the bonus round, and wins two rounds.
- If a same statistic is called in a final round, the caller wins.

Definitions of terms used in the categories

1. Total Area = includes land and water of the state, calculated in square miles.
2. Highest Point = highest land point in the state measured in feet above sea level.
3. Lowest Point = lowest point in state measured in feet.
4. Extreme Temp = highest or lowest recorded extreme temperatures (Far.) in states history.
5. Population = estimated number of people recorded in the state.
6. Population Density = average number of people living in 1 (one) square mile.
7. Largest City = estimated number of people living in city.
8. Capital City = estimated number of people living in government state city.
9. GSP = Gross State Product = measure amount of given production of the state in a given year.
10. Medium Income = average annual income within the state.

Electoral State Vote System	
Electoral States Won	Votes
Alabama	9
Alaska	3
Arizona	10
Arkansas	6
California	55
Colorado	9
Connecticut	7
Delaware	3
Florida	27
Georgia	15
Hawai'i	4
Idaho	4
Illinois	27
Indiana	11
Iowa	7
Kansas	6
Kentucky	8
Louisiana	9
Maine	4
Maryland	10
Massachusetts	12
Michigan	17
Minnesota	10
Mississippi	6
Missouri	11
Montana	3
Nebraska	5
Nevada	5
New Hampshire	4
New Jersey	15
New Mexico	5
New York	31
North Carolina	15
North Dakota	3
Ohio	20
Oklahoma	7
Oregon	7
Pennsylvania	21
Rhode Island	4
South Carolina	8
South Dakota	3
Tennessee	11
Texas	34
Utah	5
Vermont	3
Virginia	13
Washington	11
West Virginia	5
Wisconsin	10
Wyoming	3
+ District of Columbia	3
Total Electoral Votes	538

History of Presidents of United States	
1. 1789 – 1797	George Washington
2. 1797 – 1801	John Adams
3. 1801 – 1809	Thomas Jefferson
4. 1809 – 1817	James Madison
5. 1817 – 1825	James Monroe
6. 1825 – 1829	John Quincy Adams
7. 1829 – 1837	Andrew Jackson
8. 1837 – 1841	Martin Van Buren
9. 1841	William Henry Harrison
10. 1841 – 1845	John Tyler
11. 1845 – 1849	James Polk
12. 1849 – 1850	Zackary Taylor
13. 1850 – 1853	Millard Fillmore
14. 1853 – 1857	Franklin Pierce
15. 1851 – 1861	James Buchanan
16. 1861 – 1865	Abraham Lincoln
17. 1865 – 1869	Andrew Johnson
18. 1869 – 1877	Ulysses S. Grant
19. 1877 – 1881	Rutherford B. Hayes
20. 1881	James Garfield
21. 1881 – 1885	Arthur Chester
22. 1885 - 1889	Grover Cleveland
23. 1889 – 1893	Benjamin Harrison
24. 1893 – 1897	Grover Cleveland
25. 1897 – 1901	William McKinley
26. 1901 - 1909	Theodore Roosevelt
27. 1909 – 1913	William H. Taft
28. 1913 – 1921	Woodrow Wilson
29. 1921 – 1923	Warren Harding
30. 1923 – 1929	Calvin Coolidge
31. 1929 – 1933	Herbert Hoover
32. 1933 – 1945	Franklin D. Roosevelt
33. 1945 – 1953	Harry Truman
34. 1953 – 1961	Dwight Eisenhower
35. 1961 – 1963	John F. Kennedy
36. 1963 – 1969	Lyndon Johnson
37. 1969 – 1974	Richard Nixon
38. 1974 – 1977	Gerald Ford
39. 1977 – 1981	Jimmy Carter
40. 1981 – 1989	Ronald Reagan
41. 1989 – 1993	George H.W. Bush
42. 1993 – 2001	William J. Clinton
43. 2001 – 2009	George W. Bush
44. 2009 – Present	Barack Obama



Quick Information: Currently there is 538 Electoral Votes available in the Presidential election held every four years. (100 Senators + 435 Representatives + 3 Votes for D.C. = 538 Electoral Votes) Consequently candidates must receive the majority of 270 Electoral Votes to become President and for Vice President.

United States Flag: The 50 stars in the top left corner represent the 50 States and the 13 stripes represent the 13 original colonies.

Good luck with your election campaign.
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