

# ©FORTY BELOW® – Official Rules

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- 100 cards as follows:
  - 4 cards of -10 value.
  - 96 cards (8 each) with values of -1 thru 10.

## OBJECT OF THE GAME

To be the player with the lowest score after 10 rounds of play.

## HOW TO PLAY

Shuffle cards well. Each player draws a card. The player that draws the highest card deals first and the player that draws the lowest card is the “Score Keeper” for that game.

Each player is dealt six cards face down. NO PEEKING! Each player then arranges their cards in two rows of three (shown below) and reveals (turns up) two cards of their choice.



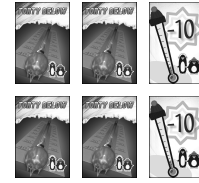
The person to the left of the dealer starts play by turning one card from the top of the deck, which becomes the “DISCARD PILE”. Players have three choices during their turn:

- Reveal one of their 6 cards that has not yet been revealed.
- Take the top card from the deck and either replace one of their 6 cards or discard that card.
- Take the top card from the discard pile and replace one of their 6 cards then discard the replaced card.

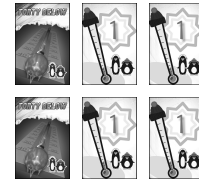
Play continues in this manner until one player turns their last card, which signifies the end of that round.

- ***Be careful not to turn or look at your last card until you are ready to “GO OUT”.***
- All other players are allowed one last turn to improve their hand. Then the score is tallied and recorded for that round.
- The deal progresses to the left after each round and play continues for a total of 10 rounds.

**CANCEL OUT** – If a player matches any two cards directly above and below each other (shown below) the cards cancel each other and result in a score of “0” for those two cards (YES - even if it’s the -10 cards)!



**FORTY BELOW** – If a player matches four cards in a block (shown below) they will be given a score of “-40” for those four cards.



## PENALTIES

If a player turns the last card and “GOES OUT”, but does not have the lowest score, they receive a penalty of 10 points for each player that has a score equal to or less than their score.

## SCORING

At the end of each round, “Score Keeper” asks each player to tally their score, and records it on the scorecard. Cards are tallied at face value except for cards which “CANCEL OUT” or are in a block of “FORTY BELOW”. Don’t forget to add any penalties! “Score Keeper” should announce all scores.

## WINNING THE GAME

After 10 rounds of play, the player with the lowest total score is the “WINNER”.

*Enjoy your FORTY BELOW® card game  
and may the best, or the luckiest player win!*

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