Shut the box

Ages 6 to 99   **1 – 4 players**   **10 mins**

Contents:

1 dice tray with 9 sliding number lids, 2 dice, 1 notepad

Object:

On each round: lower as many number lids as possible before it becomes impossible to lower any more.

After 10 rounds: be the player who has scored the fewest points.

Preparing to play:

At the start of a round, raise all of the number lids so that you can see the numbers.

How to play:

A game is played in 10 rounds. In each round, each player has one turn.

The players take turns and roll the dice until they cannot lower any more numbers.

The first player rolls both dice: the player then has several possible solutions and can lower one or more numbers as long as they add up to the amount showing on the two dice.

For example: you roll a 2 and a 5 with the dice.

So the total of the two dice comes to 7 and you can shut:

- Either the 7,
- Or the 2 and the 5,
- Or the 6 and the 1,
- Or the 3 and the 4,
- Or the 4, the 2 and the 1.

Next, you roll the two dice again and again, until you are blocked, that is, until no combination of numbers can be lowered to arrive at the total on the dice.

This ends your turn. Add up the total remaining numbers and note down your points.

For example: if you still have the 9, the 6 and the 2 up, you score 17 points.

It is then the next player's turn. The player raises all of the numbers and rolls the dice until becoming blocked. And so on...

At the end of 10 rounds, each player adds up all of the points scored in each round.

NB: If you succeed in lowering all of the number lids, then you are said to have "shut the box". In this case, you score no points, and all of the other players score 20 points.

Winning:

The winner is the player with the lowest total number of points at the end of 10 rounds.