

"Ends" is a popular betting game for 2-11 players (best for 5+ players), meant for observers of curling games, especially during bonspiels.

Rules: Before each end of a game, each player puts an ante into the betting pot; this can be a dollar, a coin, a piece of candy, etc. Pull as many cards from the deck as there are players, starting with the lowest card (the 'O' or 'blank end' card, then the 1 of each color, 2 of each color, and so forth). Shuffle these, and let each player pick one card and place it face up in front of them; this is the score they are betting on. When the end is complete, whoever has the card which matches the score wins the pot (i.e. if the yellow team scored two points, the player with the 2 of yellow card wins); the 'O' card wins for either a blank end, or for a score higher than any other cards in play.

Variation: additional cards than the number of players may be added to the shuffle; if any of the extra cards not picked wins, the pot rolls over, and another ante is added to the pot for the next end.