BALUT Balut is a type of street food, made from a duck egg and popular in the Philippines – this game was invented by an American soldier stationed there during WWII. DICE \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 5 PLAYERS \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 2+

Each game consists of 28 rounds, in which players try to score four separate times for each of the seven categories marked on their score sheet.

	1	2	3	4	SCORE	POINTS
FOURS						
FIVES						
SIXES						
STRAIGHT						
FULL HOUSE						
CHOICE						
BALUT						
TOTAL SCORE						
TOTAL POINTS						

If two people are playing, you can use the double-sided score sheet included with this game. If you're playing with more than two people, you can find Print & Play score sheets at ninjaprint.se/regler

In Balut, you need to differentiate between the *score* – the totals of the dice rolled – and *points*, which are the points you're awarded for good scores, and which let you win.

First, we'll look at the scores.

In each turn, a player has up to three rolls of the dice – setting aside any they wish to use for a category and rolling all those left over. You do not have to use all three rolls. All players must then fill in a score for a category after each turn. If you can't

fulfil any of the criteria for a category – like if you only have fours left, but don't roll any fours – you have to enter zero next to it on the score sheet. (This happens a lot, so don't be disheartened.) Categories can be filled in in any order.

SCORE					
FOURS	TOTAL OF ALL FOURS ROLLED				
FIVES	TOTAL OF ALL FIVES ROLLED				
SIXES	TOTAL OF ALL SIXES ROLLED				
STRAIGHT	·- :: (15) OR ·- :: (20)				
FULL HOUSE	:				
CHOICE	\$ \$ \$ \$				
BALUT	FIVE-OF-A-KIND. 20 PLUS THE TOTAL OF ALL FIVE DICE				

Now, we'll move on to the points.

After each player has had 28 turns and all the categories on their score sheets have been filled, the scores are added up. You then get points for good scores in your categories. The points awarded for each category score are as follows:

POINTS					
REQUIREMENT	EWARD				
FOURS SCORES MORE THAN 52	2 P				
FIVES SCORES MORE THAN 65	2 P				
SIXES SCORES MORE THAN 78	2 P				
ALL STRAIGHTS SCORED	4 P				
ALL FULL HOUSES SCORED	3 P				
CHOICES SCORES MORE THAN 100	2 P				
EACH BALUT SCORES	2 P				

Players then get (or lose) another set of points according to their total score, as shown in the following table:

BONUS					
TOTAL SCORE	BONUS				
0 - 299	-2 P				
300 - 349	-1 P				
350 - 399	0 P				
400 - 449	1 P				
450 - 499	2 P				
500 - 549	3 P				
550 - 599	4 P				
600 - 649	5 P				
650 - 812	6 P				

All points are then added up, and the player with the highest points total wins the game. 29 points is the maximum score possible in a game.