

Shut the Box

Shut the Box is a gambling game that originated in northern France in the 12th century. As the name implies, it was played in a wooden box with markers labeled with numbers 1-12. It has been played for at least 200 years during the renaissance and there are many literary references to this game. It was popular among fishermen, sailors, and English pubs.

To play this game you need two players, markers labeled with numbers 1-12, and two dice. First you set up all the cards facing up and you roll a die or two dice. If you roll one die you turn over the marker corresponding the number on die. If you roll two dice, you can mark the two dices numbers corresponding markers separately or mark the total of the dices numbers. You continue this for a certain amount of turns until you run out. The total of the numbers left unturned are counted. The total is the player's score. The next player does the same and the person with the lowest score wins.