**How to play Shut the Box**

**Equipment**

You will need two dice and the numbers 1 – 10 on individual pieces of paper.

**The Play**

A round of the game consists of each player taking one turn to try to ‘shut the box’. A turn consists of a player repeatedly throwing the dice until he or she cannot continue. Each throw of the dice is taken as follows:

* If 7, 8 and 9 are all covered, the player decides whether to throw one die or two.
* If any of these 3 numbers are still uncovered, the player must use both dice.

The player throws the die or dice and adds up the dots. The player must then cover available numbers that add up to the total thrown. So for instance, if the total is 8, the player may choose one of the following options:

* 8
* 7 & 1
* 6 & 2
* 5 & 3
* 5 & 2 & 1
* 4 & 3 & 1

Assuming that one of the options is available to be played, the player selects one, covers the selected number or numbers and proceeds to throw the dice again.

If none of the options are available because at least one number is already covered in each case, then the player's turn finishes and the player scores the sum of the numbers that are still uncovered. For example, if numbers 1, 5 and 9 are uncovered and the player throws a 4, options are 4 or 3 & 1, neither of which are available - so the turn finishes and the player's score is 15 (1 + 5 + 9).

If anyone succeeds in shutting the box i.e. turning over all the numbers, that player wins outright immediately. Otherwise, after each player has taken one turn, the winner of the round is the player with the lowest score.