

UNION PACIFIC TOURNAMENT 2018



The TGA has adopted the following rules and playing guidelines for Puffing Billy® tournament play of Union Pacific:

1. All general Puffing Billy ethical play and etiquette guidelines apply.
2. **NEW FINALS FORMAT FOR 2018:** There will be no semi-final round. All qualifiers will play in a *TWO-GAME* final, with seating order reversed for the second game. A player's score for each game will be the PERCENTAGE of their score compared to the winner's score (each winner will score 100 points). A player's overall score for the final is the total of their two game scores.
3. Standard set up will be used for all rounds.
4. During qualifying rounds, any player may insist on fully randomized seating order – call a conductor to assist. Otherwise all players sit where they wish around the table, BEFORE the first player has been determined.
5. During qualifying rounds, select the first player randomly. If players cannot agree on a method to randomize, call a conductor or volunteer.
6. A conductor will explain seating order for the final rounds.
7. During qualifying rounds ties are broken by reverse seating order (i.e. the player who went later wins the tie). It is good form to list the players on the score sheet in seating order, beginning with the first player. Give all tied players the same score and note "Tiebreaker" to show it was applied.
8. Money is completely open at all times. We recommend but do not require that you use the detailed score sheet provided to record each players' holdings and payouts for each round. This adds a few minutes to the game but ensures scoring can be reproduced and reduces the chance of banking errors. Any one player can insist that the sheet be used. If all agree to use paper money or chips, we highly recommend that two players work together to bank and verify all payments, slowly enough so that all players can follow each transaction.

Feedback is welcome on these or any other rules issues. Please speak to or email Jeff Jackson (Rules@traingamers.com) or anyone on the Rules Committee.