

UNION PACIFIC TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

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

1. Standard set up will be used for all rounds.
2. A key rules clarification from 2003 still applies: Contrary to the original published rules, a player may only take a Union Pacific card in exchange for one of his own cards. A UP card may not be drawn during the re-supply phase. There is no way to get more than one UP card per turn.
3. 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.
4. During qualifying rounds, select the first player randomly.
5. During all rounds ties for any position will be broken by reverse seating order (i.e. the player who went later wins the tie). Give each player the same score on the score sheet but indicate the appropriate finish in the “Place” column, and write “Tiebreaker” so the official scorer will know it was applied.
6. It is good form to list the players on the score sheet in seating order, beginning with the first player, to avoid confusion.
7. Seating order at semi-final and/or final may be determined by the conductor, based on performance in earlier rounds.
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. 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.