

MadMatix FAQ v1.0

1. How many players can play MadMatix?

MadMatix is designed for **2 to 8 players**. Whether you're playing a quick duel or a larger group game, the mechanics scale well to fit different player counts.

2. What is the objective of the game?

The goal is to **build the highest-scoring sequence** of Number Cards by playing smart and using Action Cards to outmaneuver your opponents. The player with the highest score at the end of the game wins!

3. How do I set up the game?

Separate the Number Cards and Action Cards into two decks. Shuffle each deck and deal **3 Number Cards and 3 Action Cards** to each player. Place the remaining cards in draw piles, and leave space for discard piles. Make sure every player has a space for their Sequence, where they'll place their Number Cards.

4. What do I do on my turn?

You have two options on your turn:

- **Play a Card:** Place a Number Card in your Sequence or someone else's, or use an Action Card to influence the game.
- **Draw a Card:** Pick a card from any deck (Number or Action).

After taking your action, announce the end of your turn by saying "Go" or "Done."

5. What are Number Cards?

Number Cards have a value and an Operator (e.g., [5+] or [3×]). You place these in your Sequence or another player's Sequence to build up (or bring down) their final score.

6. What are Action Cards?

Action Cards have special effects like causing players to skip turns, draw extra cards, or manipulate Sequences. Use these strategically to gain an advantage or disrupt your opponents' strategies.

7. How does scoring work?

- **Single Card:** The value on the card is your score (e.g., [5+] = 5).
 - **Multiple Cards:** Add, subtract, multiply, or divide from **left to right** in your Sequence.
Example: [6-] [4÷] [2+] = $(6 - 4) \div 2 = 1$.
 - **Empty Sequence:** If you don't have any cards in your Sequence, your score is 0.
 - **Divide by 0:** If a sequence divides by 0, that entire Sequence is immediately discarded!
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8. What happens if I have only one card left?

If you have just one card left in your hand, you must say **"Last Card"** before ending your turn. If you forget and are caught before the next player finishes their turn, you must either draw 1 card or skip your next turn as a penalty.

9. How does the game end?

The game ends when any player runs out of cards. At that point, everyone calculates their final score based on the Number Cards in their Sequence. The player with the highest score wins!

10. What should I do if a deck runs out of cards?

If a draw deck runs out, simply stop drawing from that deck. Don't reshuffle the discard pile to form a new deck. Action Cards that require players to draw from an empty deck (like "Slow" or "Delay") are ignored.

11. Do I have to follow the standard mathematical order of operations (PEMDAS)?

No! In MadMatix, the standard order of operations does not apply. You calculate your Sequence from **left to right**, regardless of the Operator.

12. Can I use a calculator?

Yes! You're welcome to use a calculator or ask someone to help if you're unsure about a calculation, especially when dealing with division or fractions.

13. How long does a game of MadMatix usually take?

A typical game lasts between **15 to 30 minutes**, depending on the number of players and how familiar they are with the game.

14. Is MadMatix suitable for kids?

Yes! MadMatix is great for players of all ages. It's easy to learn, and kids can improve their number skills while having fun.