Cribbage Scoring Cheat Sheet

Deal 6 each, 2 to the crib. First to **121 points** wins. Aces = 1, face cards = 10.

Pegging (during play)

You make...	Points
Total of 15	2
Total of 31	2
Pair	2
Three of a kind	6
Four of a kind	12
Run of 3+	1 per card
Go	1
Last card (not 31)	1

The show (counting)

Combination	Points
Each 15	2
Each pair	2
Each run of 3+	1 per card
4-card flush in hand	4
5-card flush	5
Nobs (Jack matching starter)	1
His heels (Jack turned as starter)	2 to dealer

Crib flush counts only with all 5 cards.

Order of play

- **Deal:** low card deals first. Deal 6 each, and each player puts 2 face down in the dealer's crib.
- **Starter:** non-dealer cuts, dealer turns the top card. A Jack gives the dealer 2.
- **Pegging:** take turns playing and say the total out loud. Never go past 31.
- **Count:** non-dealer's hand first, then the dealer's hand, then the dealer's crib.
- **Winning:** first to 121 wins, even mid-hand. Loser under 91 = skunk (2 games). Under 61 = double skunk.

Practice hands (cover the score column and count)

Your hand	Starter	Score
5, 5, 5, Jack	5 of the Jack's suit	29
4, 5, 6, 6	5	24
3, 3, 4, 5	6	14
5, 10, Jack, Queen	King	12
Ace, 2, 3, 4	5	7
2, 4, 6, 8 (all hearts)	10 of hearts	5

Tip: 19 is an impossible score, so players say "19" for a hand worth nothing.

How the 29 hand counts

Hand: 5, 5, 5, Jack. Starter: the fourth 5, in the same suit as your Jack.

What you count	How	Points
Fifteens	Jack + each 5 (4 ways) and each set of three 5s (4 ways) = 8 fifteens	16
Pairs	Four 5s make 6 pairs	12
Nobs	Jack matches the starter's suit	1
Total		29

Counting order that never misses points

1. Fifteens first: say "15-2, 15-4..." as you go.
2. Then pairs.
3. Then runs. A pair inside a run doubles it (double run).
4. Then flush.
5. Then nobs.

Handy combinations

Cards	Points	Why
Double run of 3 (e.g. 7, 7, 8, 9)	8	Two runs of 3 + one pair
Double double run (e.g. 7, 7, 8, 8, 9)	16	Four runs of 3 + two pairs
Triple run (e.g. 7, 7, 7, 8, 9)	15	Three runs of 3 + three of a kind

Points shown for combinations don't include any 15s they also make.