



drinking
buddies

The Drinking Man's Thinking Game.

GAME BOOKLET

TABLE OF CONTENTS

SETTING UP.....	1
THE BASICS.....	2
HOW TO WIN.....	3
GAMEPLAY.....	4
COUNTERING.....	5-6
GETTING STARTED.....	7
SAFETY.....	8
FAQ.....	9

SETTING UP

Welcome to Drinking Buddies: The Drinking Man's Thinking Game!

To get started, have each player fill five shot glasses with their beverage of choice and line their shots up in front of them from left to right to form a flight.

Next, thoroughly shuffle both card decks and deal players three Action cards and one Buddy card each. Then, place the decks face down in the center of the player circle.

Players should keep their Action cards hidden and place their Buddy cards down face up in front of their flights to start their respective Buddy card piles.

THE BASICS

Your Action cards give you the ability to do things like refill one of your shots or make an opponent drink one of theirs. They contain short, straightforward instructions, so when in doubt, just do exactly what it says on the card when you play it.

The top card in your Buddy card pile determines your Buddy color. Any players whose Buddy colors match your own are your Drinking Buddies—whenever you have to drink or get to refill a shot, so do your Drinking Buddies and vice-versa. Players' Buddies will change frequently throughout the game as new cards are added to your Buddy card piles, changing your Buddy colors.

HOW TO WIN

Whenever you're prompted to drink throughout the game, you'll empty one of the five shots in your flight. The game ends the first time any player has emptied all five of their shots, and the player with the most full shots left over at the end of the game wins. The idea is to play your cards strategically in order to take and maintain the lead and then end the game when the time is right.

In the event of a tie, Last Call is initiated in which the tied players count to three and then race to finish their remaining shots—the first player to finish their flight wins the game.

GAMEPLAY

Each turn, the active player will draw a new Buddy card from the deck and then perform the following actions:

1. Place the new card on top of an opponent's Buddy card pile or on top of their own
2. Play one of their Action cards

The actions can be performed in either order according to the player's preference.

At the end of each turn, players should draw from the Action card deck to replenish their hands as needed.

COUNTERING

A player may counter an Action card played against them if one of the cards in their hand matches the card in play. The two players will then counter back and forth until one of them runs out of that particular card. If the defending player loses the exchange, the action is carried out as originally intended. If the defending player wins, the action fails and the attacking player and their Buddies must drink one shot each as a penalty.

Note that, for cards specifying both a drink action and a refill action, both actions are negated in the event of a successful counter. Note also that you may only ever counter drinks directed at you by name—you may not counter drinks transferred to you through your Drinking Buddies or that result from social drink Action cards.

COUNTERING

If a card allows two opponents to be targeted at once and only one of the two defending players is able to counter it, that player and the attacking player will counter back and forth as in a standard one-on-one counter exchange, and the other defending player and their Buddies must drink a shot. If both defending players are able to counter, the action immediately fails, and the attacking player and their Buddies must each drink a penalty shot.

GETTING STARTED

Now that we've gotten the rules out of the way, you're ready to play! The player reading the rules on behalf of the group (that means you!) gets to take the first turn. In subsequent games, the previous game's winner gets to go first.

TIP: Try following along with the instructions on page 4 for your first couple of turns until you get the hang of it.

SAFETY

We hate that we even have to say this, but please don't ruin a night of good fun by being an irresponsible dumbass.

Know and respect your limits, don't drink and drive, and for the love of God, please don't play this game with shots of hard liquor.

Also, if you're under 21, don't drink, or just don't feel like drinking today, you can always play with a nonalcoholic beverage.

FAQ

Should I think of my Buddies as my teammates?

No, think of them as frenemies—you form connections with them in order to gain certain advantages, but at the end of the day, you're in it for yourself.

What if I run out of cups?

You can always hand-wash them (they're not dishwasher-safe), but if you'd rather just get new ones, you can purchase both disposable cups and reusable Drinking Buddies-branded shot glasses at wasted-minds.com/store. If all else fails, you can even use some classic plastic red party cups—just make sure to remove or stack your empties after you drink them so players can keep track of each other's shot totals.