

# HOW TO PLAY SPARKS

*Fascinating, Educational CODE GAME*

**NUMBER OF PLAYERS:** Two or more can play SPARKS as a regular Code Game. A non-playing "Instructor" or "referee" may also be used. One person may play SPARKS as a Solitaire Code Game.

**EQUIPMENT:** Plastic Code Pieces (Dots and Dashes), Morse Code Chart, International Code Chart.

**HOW TO START:** First, decide which code is to be used. Beginners should master one code before proceeding to play with the other. Place the Game Box containing the Plastic Code Pieces in the center of the table. Distribute Code Charts to the players (if you have more players than charts, 2 players may use the same chart). The "Instructor" (or one of the players) chooses a word, or sentence with short, simple words, to be coded and starts the playing by saying "Go!" The first player to correctly complete the word or sentence is judged winner of an inning.

**NOTE:** The letter "L" and numeral "0" must be made by partial overlapping of two dash

pieces to show such double dash. Also, a double space must be used between characters to differentiate from the space within a character, such as in the letters "C" and "O".

**SCORING:** The first player to receive 25 points wins the game. Innings are scored as follows:

1. First player completing given word or sentence receives 1 point for each word completed, plus a bonus of 5 points for finishing first.
2. Player finishing next receives 1 point for each word completed, plus a bonus of 2 points for finishing second.
3. All other players receive 1 point for each completed word.

**NOTE:** If only two are playing there is, of course, no bonus of 2 points for finishing second.

**PENALTIES:** After winner's coding has been checked for accuracy, any incorrectly coded words shall be penalized as follows:

(OVER)

Front

Low # 109

NO YEAR

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## PENALTIES (Continued)

1. No score for each word incorrectly coded.
2. If player finished first has more than one word incorrectly coded, the player finishing second shall be judged winner, and the first player reverts to second place. (If both have same

number of words incorrectly coded, player finishing first wins).

**PLAYING ALONE:** SPARKS can be lots of fun as a "solitaire game" by "playing against the clock". The more you play, the more skillful you become. When you can do coding without using the charts, you are rated a "master operator".

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