

# Pagan Jeopardy Rules

## Game Play

Three to five teams of any number of contestants on each team (There will be a \$2.00 charge for each team member over one person), compete in three rounds: the Jeopardy! Round, the Double Jeopardy! Round and the Final Jeopardy! Round.

## Jeopardy! Round

Six categories are announced, each with a column of five trivia clues (phrased in answer form), each one incrementally valued more than the previous, ostensibly by difficulty. Category names range from standard subjects such as "Pagan History," "Ritual" and "Gods and Goddesses" to pun-laden titles and wordplay categories.

The value of each clue within categories Will increase each round:

\$100	\$200
\$200	\$400
\$300	\$600
\$400	\$800
\$500	\$1,000

The team at the left-most podium, chosen by a card draw, begins the game by selecting a category and dollar value. Contestants are free to choose any unselected clue, although gameplay usually progresses one category at a time from least to most-valuable clues.

The host then reads the clue after which any of the teams may ring in using a bell (**each team must supply their own bell**). The first contestant to successfully ring in following the host's reading of the clue must then respond generally in the form of a question (see Phrasing below).

A correct response earns the dollar value of the clue and the opportunity to select the next clue from the board. An incorrect response or a failure to respond within a 5-second time limit deducts the dollar value of the clue from the contestant's score and gives any remaining opponent(s) the opportunity to ring in and respond. If none of the contestants give a correct response, the host reads the correct response and the contestant who has most recently given a correct response to a previous clue chooses the next clue.

## **Daily Doubles**

One clue hidden on the Jeopardy! Round game board and two clues hidden in the Double Jeopardy! round are designated a "Daily Double". Only the contestant who selects a Daily Double may respond to its clue. The contestant may wager any part or all of their current score on the clue, with a minimum wager of \$5. If the contestant has a negative score or their score is less than the highest-value clue in the current round (currently \$1,000 in the Jeopardy! Round and \$2,000 in the Double Jeopardy! Round), the contestant may wager up to that amount. Contestants may also indicate that they wish to make it a "True Daily Double", meaning that they are risking all the money that they have accumulated up to that point.

## **Ringling in**

Contestants must wait until the host finishes reading the clue before ringing in. Ringing in before the clue is read knocks the team out for one answer.

## **Phrasing and judging**

All responses must be phrased in the form of a question. During the Jeopardy! Round, contestants are not penalized for forgetting to phrase a response in the form of a question, although the host will remind them to properly phrase their responses to future clues. During the Double Jeopardy! Round, adherence to the phrasing rule is followed more strictly, but contestants are still permitted to correct themselves before their time runs out.

## **Double Jeopardy! Round**

The second round, Double Jeopardy!, is played just as the first round, with the following exceptions:

Six new categories are presented.

The value of each clue is doubled.

Two Daily Doubles appear in the round, each in different categories.

Contestants' responses must be phrased in the form of a question (see phrasing above).

The contestant with the lowest amount of money at the end of the Jeopardy! Round makes the first selection in Double Jeopardy! If there is a tie for second place, the team at the left-most podium selects first.

## **Finishing Double Jeopardy! with \$0 or less**

Contestants who finish Double Jeopardy! with a \$0 or negative score are automatically eliminated from the game and not allowed to participate in the game's final round, Final Jeopardy!

### **Final Jeopardy! Round**

A category is announced by the host followed by a break. During this period, the contestants write down a wager based on the category of as little as \$0 or up to as much money as they have accumulated.

After the break, the Final Jeopardy! clue is revealed and read by the host. The contestants have 30 seconds to write a response, again phrased in the form of a question.

**If you are interested in having a team play in the Pagan Jeopardy please contact the DLC Second Officer at <http://www.dogwoodlc.org/>**

**The Cost is \$2.00 a person to play over one team member. With a grand prize going to the winning team or person.**