

Yazoky Mission

Welcome to Yazoky auction trading contest. Paintings by five of the great artists in history, Da Vinci, Rubens, Rembrandt, Goya and Van Gogh are for sale by auction. Your mission is to acquire a complete or next best collection of paintings on auction by any one of these old masters. 100 billion bidcoin and a mixed collection of ten paintings are equally at the disposal of each trader on start of game. Yazoky has been designed as an equal opportunity trading contest where traders are masters of their own destiny to a large extent. All trading is carried out by sealed-bid auctions where traders attempt to balance risk and reward in every bid they make.

There are ten paintings by each artist and each painting has an auction rating number from 1* to 10* marked on it. The highest combined ratings of one artists paintings, added together, will be your final score at end of game. A complete collection of all ten paintings by any one artist with ratings from 1* to 10* (1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9+10) is the highest possible score of **55** - and the first trader to achieve that will be an early knockout winner. In the absence of a knockout winner during the course of the game all traders must reveal their collection of paintings face-up on the table at end of game. After finish of the last auction at the end of agreed number of rounds the trader with highest combined ratings score of any one artist will then be the winner. 2nd and 3rd finishing positions are decided likewise.

Yazoky game setup for 5 Traders

One person must be agreed Referee who will set up the auction table for 5 traders seated. In a 5 trader game there are 50 paintings in a full deck made up of 10 paintings by each of five artists with auction ratings from 1 to 10 marked on each painting. Referee will first shuffle the deck and deal one painting face-up to each trader. The highest rating number dealt will decide the first auction trader - and paintings are returned to the deck. First auction trader is given the seal-bid tablet marked **A**. Then, clockwise from trader **A** each of the other four traders is given **B, C, D and E** tablets in that order. **A** will be the first auction seller at the start of each round and clockwise order will determine auction rotation during a round. There is no advantage or disadvantage to traders in Yazoky where they are seated, first or last, when bidding is (same time) simultaneous.

Referee will now give 100 billion bidcoin equally to each trader i.e. 7 x 10 bidcoins + 5 x 5 bidcoins + 5 x 1 bidcoins. Coin values can be stacked face-down, as traders wish, to conceal exact total value from opponents during the course of the game.

Referee will again shuffle and cut deck of 50 paintings before dealing 10 paintings each, in split deal rotation 4+3+3 face-down, to traders A,B,C,D,E . Traders can place ten paintings beside them face-down on the table or hold In hand during the course of the game as they wish. It is important that traders do not disclose their collection of paintings to opponents during course of the game. The penalty pot board is placed in centre (center) of the table.

The number of rounds to be played, in the absence of an outright winner, must be agreed before start of game. For 5-trader game there are five auctions in each round and **7 rounds** (35 auctions) is recommended for first-time traders. When traders become familiar with clear-cut rules this is a fast moving contest that can be made as short as players wish by simple agreement on the maximum number of rounds to be played. However, a sufficient number of rounds that allows for the possibility of a knockout winner to emerge during course of the game will make the game more challenging.

Drywipe markers must only be used on tablets drywipe surface. It is essential for continuous ink-flow that markers are capped when not in use to prevent drying-up of ink. It will take about 12 hours for ink-flow to return after dried-up markers are re-capped. A small piece of paper towel is also provided to each trader for easy removal of bid tablet markings.

*Traders playing Yazoky for the first time are unsure what price to bid at the start of game. **In theory**, If traders 100 bidcoin can only buy ten paintings at 10 bidcoin each, their ten paintings can also only sell at 10 bidcoin each. This puts an average value of 20 bidcoin on each painting and 40 bidcoin on each auction lot sale of two paintings. However, theory **in practice** is not the same, as you will discover in Yazoky*

4-trader game will use 40 paintings with ten paintings of any one artist removed from a full deck. 9 rounds (36 auctions) is recommended for first-time traders. Same rules will apply as in a 5-trader game.

3-trader game will use only 30 paintings with twenty paintings of any two artists removed from a full deck. 11 rounds (33 auctions) is recommended for first-time traders . Same rules will apply as in a 5-trader game.

In the interest of fair play, Referee should confirm a full deck of paintings on the table at the finish of each game. In the event that ANY painting is missing from deck the game will be VOID.