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SNAKEY DICE

A dice game of snaking around 1 Player | 20 minutes | Ages 8+

Overview:

Play the classic mobile game "Snake" using dice & a pencil! No old mobile phone or battery-life required! Make the longest snake you can, picking up power-ups along the way to supercharge your snake.

Components:

- A printout of the first page of this document; ٠
- A pencil;
- 6 × 6-sided snake dice (either stickered with custom-dice faces, or used along with the conversion chart on the game sheet or on page 2 of these rules);
- $2 \times$ standard 6-sided dice (with face values 1 through 6).

Setup:

- Create an initial 6 blockades. Blockades are created like this:
 - Roll the 2 standard dice, sum the result. This is the column index.
 - Roll the 2 standard dice again, sum the result. This is the row index.
 - Cross off the square at the column & row rolled. If the square referenced is already blockaded, is a (power-up) location, or is the Start square, re-roll for a new location.
- Take 2 of the snake dice; this is your starting number of snake dice to roll.
- Your snake starts at square [2,2], and starts moving either to the square below it, or to the right of it.

Game Play:

Roll

Roll Each turn, roll as many snake dice as noted on the highest power-up level you have reached. You can then manipulate the dice in various ways (and in any order) before continuing:

- You may **Re-roll** as many unlocked dice as you like (all at once), up to the number of re-rolls allowed;
- You may Flip (to their opposite side) a number of unlocked dice equal to your Flip Die power-up value;
- If you roll any 💯 (locked) faces, those dice cannot be manipulated with re-roll or flip, unless you have a Free Unlock power-up, or choose to tick off one of the one-time Unlock actions, to unlock a locked die.

Move/Write

You must then use all these snake dice to move your snake, or add a blockade if a die is locked, optionally ignoring as many dice as your current Ignore Die power-up value (which starts at 1).

You can use your chosen dice in any order. For each chosen die with a direction shown (either straight, left, right, or left/right), draw the snake's movement in the square in front of your snake's head, as a line in the direction shown on the die (from the perspective of the snake's head!). If a die face is \square (locked), instead of any movement, that die creates a new Blockade (see Blockades section below).

Colliding (with wall/blockade/yourself)

If your snake ends up right next to a wall, a blockade, or part of your own trail, you will die unless you have some spare Portal or Jump actions left. If you do have some left, you can tick **one** off to:

- Wall: **Portal** out through one wall and come in through the opposite wall in the same column/row number;
- Blockade/Your own trail: Jump across one or more blocked/trail-containing squares (in a straight line, glways landing ready to enter the next empty square, and not using up a die for such movement).

Note: You cannot use more than the available number of one-time actions - once they're gone, they're gone! You can, however, use more than one — even for the same movement — in a turn, if you have enough!

Power-ups 駦

If you land on or pass over a power-up square, you must first create 2 new blockades (see below), then choose one power-up track to level up: either Re-roll, Flip Die, Free Unlock, or Ignore Die. Whichever you choose, cross off the next Level box along that power-up's track. Newly gained power-ups become active on your **next turn**. Whenever a track is the first track to reach a new level, you gain an extra snake die to roll each turn [note: this is not optional, you *must* now roll that many dice each turn].

Blockades If you ever have to add one or more blockades: Roll the 2 standard dice, as during setup, to select each new square to blockade. If the rolled square is already occupied by an existing blockade, an unclaimed powerup or your snake's own trail, you ignore that blockade's creation — move on to the next blockade, if you have more you need to create still.

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Special Bonus: Rolling 3+ Locked Dice Faces

If you roll & keep 🕅 dice faces on **3 or more** of your dice on a turn, you activate a **special bonus**: You may gain an extra one-time action of your choice (limited to 2 per type) — draw a solid line around the greyed-💹 out circle ()) of your choice in the One-Time Actions box. This new one-time action is now available to use at any point on this or future turns, and is eligible for the 3vp bonus if not used by game end. Note: These locked dice still cause new Blockades to be created!

Game End & Scoring:

When you crash into yourself or a blockade and have no Jumps left, or crash into a wall and have no Portals left, the game is over! Calculate your score using the scoring table on the game sheet. Your score is a combination of: # power-up squares passed through × 5, + # unused one-time actions × 3, + # blockades, + # power-up tracks that reached Level-4 × 5, - # squares jumped-over using Jump actions, - # unvisited squares (including unvisited power-up squares!) left on the board $\times 2$.

Score Ratings:

- <50 : Pathetic Worm
- 50-74 : Average Snake-in-the-grass
- 75-99 : Pretty Super Serpent!
- 100+ : Supreme Master of Slithering! •

Portal Example:

After 6 turns (with 3 dice, having activated the Level 1 re-roll power-up after moving through their first power-up square), the player was a bit stuck, at square [5,2]. They couldn't get out! They rolled a 'forward', a 'left turn' and a 'locked' face. Hoping for a 'right-turn' or 'left or right' to start going towards the right, they rerolled just the left-turn die and got a 'right turn'. They had no choice but to Portal through the wall, which they did at square [4,2] and started their next turn's movement on the opposite wall, at [4,12]. On their next turn, they crossed off one Portal checkbox then rolled their 3 snake dice and got a 'left turn' and 2 'locked' faces. They use the left turn movement in [4,12], and must now roll for a new blockade.





Jump Example:

The player reached square [5,8] and couldn't avoid the blockade. They had no choice but to use a Jump action; crossing off a Jump checkbox, they 'jumped' over squares [5,9] and [5,10] (showed by dashed lines), landing in square [5,11] to continue the path.

Note that you can also jump over your own trail. This happens in exactly the same way as jumping over a blockade.



Jump AND Portal Example:

You can, if required, use a Jump and a Portal power in one turn... A little later on in the above game, the player got a bit stuck when some bad rolls meant they were heading into a blockade or a wall. They decide to portal across the board, using a Portal action out of square [10,12] and into square [10,2], but square [10,2] was blockaded — so they also used a Jump action to jump over that square and [10,3] (landing right onto a power-up square in [10,4]), to then continue moving.



