

# roulette fair

Casino game of chance

This article is about the casino game. For other uses, see

Roulette (disambiguation)

Roulette ball

"Gwendolen at the roulette" table, 1910

illustration to George Eliot's Daniel Deronda

Roulette (named after the French word) Tj T\* BT /F1 12 Tf 50 616 Td (&lt;

s likely developed from the Italian

game Biribi. In the game, a player may choose to place a bet

on a single number,

various groupings of numbers, the color red or black, whether the num

ber is odd or

even, or if the numbers are high (19–36) or low (1–18).

To determine the winning

number, a croupier spins a wheel in one direction, then spi

ns a ball in the opposite

direction around a tilted circular track running around the outer

edge of the wheel.

The ball eventually loses momentum, passes through an area of deflecto

rs, and falls

onto the wheel and into one of thirty-seven (single-zero, F) Tj T\* BT /F

irty-nine

(triple-zero, "Sands Roulette")[1] colored and nu

mbered pockets on the wheel. The

winnings are then paid to anyone who has placed a successful

bet.

History [ edit

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18th-century E.O. wheel with gamblers

The first form of roulette was devised in

18th-century France. Many historians believe Blaise Pascal

introduced a primitive form

of roulette in the 17th century in his search for a perpetual motion &

machine. [2] The

roulette mechanism is a hybrid of a gaming wheel invented in 1720 and

the Italian game

Biribi.[3] A primitive form of roulette, known as "EO"

(Even/Odd), was played in

England in the late 18th century using a gaming wheel simil

ar to that used in

roulette.[4]

The game has been played in its present form since as early as

1796 in

Paris. An early description of the roulette game in its current form i