

Edmond Hoyle (1672-1769) was a writer best known for his works on the rules and play of card games. The phrase "according to Hoyle" came into the language as a reflection of his generally-perceived authority on the subject. In 1742, having already tutored members of high society at the game of whist, Hoyle published *A Short Treatise on the Game of Whist*, which quickly sold out. The laws of whist, as written in the book, were regarded as authoritative until 1864, after which time it was superseded by the new rules written by John Loraine Baldwin and adopted by the Arlington and Portland clubs. Hoyle published other books on games such as brag and chess and his writing was translated into many continental languages.



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