Business Board Game Rules

A printable summary of the two rule sets most families use. Rules differ between editions: if your box has its own rule book, it wins.

How to play

1. Choose a banker. The banker hands out the starting money and keeps the rest of the money and all the city cards.
2. Everyone throws the two dice; the highest total starts and play goes clockwise.
3. On your turn throw both dice and move that many squares clockwise.
4. Do what the square says: buy an unowned city, pay rent on someone else's, take a card, pay a tax, and so on.
5. Collect the Start money every time you land on or pass Start.
6. Collect a colour group to double its rent and to build apartments or houses, then hotels (rule books differ on how many sites of a colour you need first).
7. Short of money? Mortgage a site to the bank, or sell it.
8. If you owe more than you can raise, you are bankrupt and leave the game. The last player left wins.

The squares and the money

	International Business rule book	Common Indian house rules
Players	2 to 4, plus a banker (one player or a fifth person)	2 to 4 ideal, plus a banker
Money at the start	$25,000 each and a $10,000 credit card	₹15,000 each
Who starts	Highest total on the dice	Highest total, or the first to throw a 12
Passing Start	+$1,500	+₹1,500
Unowned city or site	Buy it for the printed price	Buy it, or the bank auctions it
Owned city or site	Pay the rent on its card	Pay the rent on its card
Whole colour group (3 sites)	Rent doubled on unbuilt sites	Rent doubled
Building	Own 2 sites of a colour to start; apartments (up to 3 a site, built evenly), then a hotel	Houses and hotels on a full colour group
Chance / Commonwealth (Community Chest)	Take the top card, do what it says, put it at the bottom	Take a card and follow it
Income tax	$100 per site you own, up to $1,000	₹200
Asset tax / Wealth tax	$50 per site you own, up to $500	₹200
Club House	Collect $200 from each player	Pay ₹100 to the bank
Rest House	Pay $200 to each player	Miss your next turn
Prison / Jail	Land on it or get sent there; out for $500 or by throwing a 12	Sent there by three doubles or a card; out for ₹200 or a double within 3 throws
Mortgage	Bank pays the mortgage value; no rent while mortgaged; sell buildings back at half price first	Sell a city to the bank or to another player

Bankrupt	Owe more than you can pay: you retire and the bank auctions your properties	Not covered by the usual house rules: follow your rule book
Winner	Last player left, or the richest when an agreed time runs out	Not covered by the usual house rules: follow your rule book

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