

Game Name	Card Count	Local African Names	Game Type	How You Win
FIVE/W hot / Spar	5 Cards	<i>Whot</i> (Nigeria), <i>Last Card</i> (Ghana), <i>Sipa</i> (Togo/Benin)	Shedding or Trick-taking	Be the first to empty your hand (<i>Whot</i>) or win the very last trick (<i>Spar</i>).
TIA Agram	3 Cards	<i>Agram</i> (Niger/Mali), <i>Sink-Sink</i> , <i>Three-Card Spar</i>	Trick-taking (Mini)	A shortened version of <i>Agram</i> . You play 3 rounds; the person who wins the 3rd (final) card wins the pot.
TIA Direct	2 Cards	<i>Two-Card</i> , <i>High/Low</i> , <i>African Baccarat</i>	Comparison (Gambling)	No tricks or rounds. You show your 2 cards "directly" against the opponent. Highest total or Pair wins instantly.

The Legend of the "Kora"

In these games, **Kora** isn't just a score; it's a social event. It represents a total, humiliating dominance over your opponent.

1. What is a Kora?

- **The Definition:** A "Shutout" or a "Clean Sweep."
- **In TIA Agram (3 cards):** If you win all 3 tricks in a single round (1st, 2nd, and 3rd), you have "Kora-ed" your opponent. They didn't even get a chance to lead a card.
- **In TIA Direct (2 cards):** If your opponent's cards are so low they don't even qualify to challenge your hand (or if you win both points in a best-of-two), that's a Kora.

2. What is a Double Kora?

This is the "Game Over" moment. It usually happens in one of two ways:

- **The "Home and Away" Sweep:** You achieve a Kora in two consecutive rounds—once when you are the dealer and once when your opponent is.
- **The Doubled Penalty:** In many gambling circles, a Double Kora means the loser must pay **twice the agreed-upon stake**. If you were playing for \$5, a Double Kora means you owe \$10 and a lot of apologies to your pride.

Note: In TIA (This Is Africa) street rules, being "Double Kora-ed" often means you have to give up your seat at the table. You've been proven completely outmatched!