



Official User Guide

Scan. Listen. Guess. Win.

Card scanning, music playback, Android protection mode, live scores and buzzer.

Android	iPhone	Scores Live	Buzzer
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Important: a smartphone, the ZikAfrica app and an internet connection are required to play.

Quick Start

1. Open ZikAfrica.
2. Allow camera access.
3. On Android, enable ZikAfrica protection mode if requested.
4. Tap Scan a card.
5. Listen to the music and let players guess.
6. Tap Reveler to show the answer.
7. Use Replay to replay the music.
8. Use Scores Live for a connected game with buzzer.

Official guide for players and game hosts: scanning cards, playing music, using Android protection mode, live scores and the buzzer.

What Is ZikAfrica?

ZikAfrica is an African music quiz game.

The rules are simple:

1. The game host scans a ZikAfrica card with the app.
2. A song starts playing.
3. Players try to guess the title, the artist and sometimes the year.
4. The host reveals the card and awards points.

ZikAfrica can be played with physical tokens, live connected scores, or the online buzzer for competitive rounds.

Before You Start

For the best playing experience, check the following before starting:

- the game host's phone is charged;
- the phone volume is turned on; with a Bluetooth speaker, the ZikAfrica experience is even better;
- an internet connection is available;

- the selected music platform is installed and logged in if you want to use it;
- camera permission is allowed so the app can scan the cards;
- on Android, ZikAfrica protection mode is enabled if the app asks for it.

First Launch And Permissions

Camera

ZikAfrica uses the camera only to scan the QR Codes on the game cards. Please allow camera access when your phone asks for it.

ZikAfrica Protection Mode On Android

On Android, ZikAfrica may ask for permission to display over other apps.

This permission allows ZikAfrica to show its protection screen while music is playing through the available music platform. It keeps the game smooth and preserves the suspense during each round.

Important: when this protection screen is active, the phone's Back button may be intentionally blocked during the round. This is expected. To return to ZikAfrica and recover the normal phone controls, use:

Accueil ZikAfrica

integrated playback On iPhone

On iPhone, the smoothest experience is with integrated playback. When integrated playback is available, ZikAfrica can play songs while keeping the player inside the app.

If integrated playback is not available, ZikAfrica uses the other available options: the other fallback options depending on the device and installed apps.

Home Screen

The home screen is the main control area of the game.

Rules

The RULES button opens the game rules. Use it to explain the game quickly to new players.

Scores / Scores Live

The SCORES or SCORES LIVE button opens the connected game area.

From this section, the game host can:

- create a live game with a QR Code;
- let players join from their own phones;
- see connected players or teams;

- award points;
- remove a player if needed;
- follow buzzer activity;
- end the game.

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The AJUST. button opens the app settings, including music platform selection or adjustment depending on what is available on the phone.

Replay

The Replay button replays the last scanned song.

It is useful when players ask to hear the track again, or when the host wants to restart the round.

Reveal

The Reveal button reveals the card: title, artist and answer information.

Use it to confirm the answer and award points.

New Game

The Nouvelle partie button resets the current game session.

It lets you start a clean new game, with a fresh counter and a fresh live score session if connected scores are used.

Scan A Card

The large SCAN A CARD button opens the QR Code scanner.

Place the card inside the frame and let ZikAfrica read the code. Once the card is recognized, the music starts automatically depending on the available music platform.

Scan, Listen, Guess

The three blocks on the home screen remind players of the game flow:

- ****SCANNE****: scan a ZikAfrica card;
- ****ECOUTE****: the music starts;
- ****DEVINE****: guess the title, the artist and the year.

Cards Played

The counter shows how many cards have been played during the session.

Examples:

- 0 card played;
- 1 card played;

- 3 cards played.

Scanning A ZikAfrica Card

Each ZikAfrica card contains a QR Code linked to a code such as ZA-0001.

When the card is scanned with the ZikAfrica app, the game works normally: music, timer, buzzer, reveal screen and score management.

When a card is scanned outside the ZikAfrica app, for example with the phone camera, the QR Code may open the ZikAfrica website and invite the user to download the app.

Music Playback

ZikAfrica uses several playback methods depending on the phone and the music platforms available.

On iPhone

The ideal priority order is:

1. integrated playback, if available;
2. the music platform, when the integration allows it;
3. a demo preview;
4. external opening as a last resort.

integrated playback provides the best iPhone experience because it can keep the game inside ZikAfrica during playback.

On Android

On Android, ZikAfrica can launch the available music platform and display its protection screen over the music app.

This protection prevents players from seeing the title or artist and allows the game to continue from ZikAfrica.

Android Protection Screen

The Android protection screen appears during a round when music is launched through the available music platform.

It is normal if the phone's Back button does not work as usual while this screen is active. The protection screen is designed to keep the game experience inside ZikAfrica during the round.

Main buttons on the protection screen:

Accueil ZikAfrica

Returns to the ZikAfrica home screen.

Use this button if you want to leave the protection screen, go back to the app home screen and recover the normal phone controls.

Scan The Next Card

Allows the host to scan a new card immediately and continue the game.

Replay

Replays the current song or the last scanned song.

Reveal

Shows the revealed card with the answer information.

Timer

The timer shows how much time players have left to guess. It keeps the round dynamic and prevents the game from dragging.

If Music Keeps Playing After Closing ZikAfrica

On Android, the available music platform may keep playing in the background even after ZikAfrica is closed. This depends on the music app and the phone.

If this happens:

1. open the Android notification panel;
2. use the media controls to pause the music;
3. or open the music platform and stop playback;
4. if needed, close the music app from recent apps.

This behavior usually comes from the music app, not from ZikAfrica.

Connected Game And Live Scores

Connected game mode lets the host manage scores inside ZikAfrica.

For The Game Host

1. Tap ****SCORES**** or ****SCORES LIVE****.
2. Create a game.
3. Ask players to scan the displayed QR Code.

4. Players join the game from their own phones.
5. Award points after each round.

For Players

Players scan the game QR Code, enter their name or team name, then join the online game.

If a player accidentally closes the page, they can rejoin by scanning the QR Code again or reopening the game link.

Remove A Player

The host can remove a player or team from the game if needed.

Undo The Last Point

The Annuler le dernier point button lets the host quickly correct a point awarded by mistake.

End The Game

The Terminer la partie button closes the connected game.

Buzzer

The buzzer allows ZikAfrica to be played in duel mode or fast competitive mode.

Player Side

When players join a connected game, their page shows:

- their name or team;
- their score;
- a large buzzer button.

The buzzer becomes active when the game host starts the music.

Host Side

When a player buzzes first, ZikAfrica immediately alerts the game host.

The host can then open the score interface and see:

- who buzzed first;
- the buzz order;
- the scores;
- the point buttons.

Reset The Buzzer

Before a new round, the host can reset the buzzer so players can buzz again.

Tips For A Smooth Game

Before starting a real game:

- test one card with the selected music platform;
- make sure sound is working;
- enable ZikAfrica protection mode on Android;
- keep the host phone close by;
- avoid locking the phone during a round;
- use a stable internet connection;
- ask players to keep the buzzer page open during a connected game.

Quick Troubleshooting

The Card Is Not Recognized

Make sure the card is inside the frame, the camera is clean and the lighting is good.

The Music Does Not Start

Check the volume, internet connection and whether the selected music platform is available on the phone.

The Android Back Button Does Not Work During A Round

This is expected when ZikAfrica protection mode is active. Use Accueil ZikAfrica.

The music platform Keeps Playing After Closing The App

Use the Android media controls or open the music app to pause playback.

A Player Cannot See The Buzzer

The player must join the connected game using the game QR Code. The buzzer becomes available when the host starts the music.

A Player Closed The Page

The player can scan the game QR Code again or reopen the game link to reconnect.

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