

TRIPLE PLAY

PLAYERS: Three players play individually with 7 decks
 Four players play 2 teams of 2 each with 6 decks
 Six players play 2 teams of 3 each with 7 decks

GAME: A game consists of FOUR HANDS

POINT VALUES

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| Jokers | 50 points | 8 through King | 10 points |
| Aces and Deuces | 20 points | 4 through 7..... | 5 points |
| Red Threes | 100 points (DEDUCT 500 WHEN NOT PLAYED) | Black Threes....DEDUCT.. | 100 points (WHEN NOT PLAYED) |

DEALING

The dealer counts 15 cards or HAND #1 for each player.
Player to the right of the dealer counts 13 cards of HAND #2 for each player.
Player to the right of the HAND #2 dealer counts 11 cards or HAND #3.
Hand #1 the players use to begin the game.

Remaining cards become the stock pile and one card is turned up to start the discard pile. If it is a 7, 5, WILD, RED or BLACK THREE another card must be turned up.

THE PLAY

The person to the left of the dealer starts by REPLACING any RED THREES in their hand. Then they need to determine whether they will pick two cards from the stock pile OR use the top card ONLY of the discard pile with a MATCHING NATURAL PAIR in their hand to make their meld. On subsequent turns when the partnership has melded, the ENTIRE DISCARD PILE must be picked up by that team member if they have TWO MATCHING CARDS in their hand but NOT MORE than FOUR of the SAME CARDS ALREADY IN THEIR MELD ON THE TABLE.

If a RED THREE is drawn any time during the game or dealt in HAND #1, it is immediately placed on the table, and another card is drawn to replace it. EXCEPT when the red three is in his HAND #2 OR HAND #3.

As soon as a player makes a CANASTA, in that same turn, they pick up and play their HAND #2. On their partner's next turn, they also pick up and play their HAND #2.

A PLAYER SHOULD NOT BE REMINDED TO DO SO BY ANY OTHER PLAYER
IF REMINDED, A 1,000 POINT PENALTY WILL BE GIVEN.

A player who has played all the cards in their HAND #1 and #2 may then pick up their HAND #3 and play it.

Cards for count may be added or tucked to and CANASTAS (EXCEPT in the same turn that a CANASTA has been made)

BUT NEVER to ones of the BASIC REQUIRED CANASTAS (also called the BOOK).

MELD

A meld must be THREE OR MORE CARDS up to SEVEN which can never contain more WILDS than VALUE CARDS with no more than TWO WILD CARDS TOTAL. Point count for the meld must meet the following:

SCORE

MELD REQUIREMENTS

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| 0 UP TO 15,000 | 50 points |
| 15,000 to 30,000 | 90 points |
| 30,000 to 50,000 | 120 points |
| Over 50,000 | 150 points |

BOOK (BASIC REQUIRED CANASTAS)

In order to go out, a team must have on the table the following required CANASTAS

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| One CANASTA of SEVEN | 7's (NO WILD CARDS) |
| One CANASTA of SEVEN | 5's (NO WILD CARDS) |
| One CANASTA of SEVEN | WILD CARDS (DEUCES OR JOKERS) |
| One CANASTA of SEVEN | CLEAN or RED (NO WILD CARDS) |
| One CANASTA of SEVEN | DIRTY or BLACK (ONE OR TWO WILD CARDS) |

GOING OUT

A player must be in their HAND #3 and have the BASIC REQUIRED CANASTAS (BOOKS) before going out and must ask all partners if they agree, (*whether or not they have played all three other HANDS*) and then must comply with their answers. They can have a final discard, but it is not required. The hand also ends if all the cards in the stockpile are gone. Each player deducts the amount of points left in their hands, (HAND #1, 2 OR 3). All meld is counted including that of the losing team, even if they have not achieved their BOOK of required CANASTAS.

SCORING

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| CANASTA of seven 7's (NO WILDS) | 5,000 points |
| CANASTA of seven 5's (NO WILDS)..... | 3,000 points |
| CANASTA of seven WILD CARDS (Deuces & Jokers..... | 2,500 points |
| CANASTA of seven (CLEAN OR RED) (NO WILDS)..... | 500 points |
| CANASTA of seven (DIRTY OR BLACK (1 or 2 WILD CARDS)..... | 300 points |
| Team going out...(11,300 plus 200 for going out) | 11,500 points |
| Other Team (only if BASIC BOOK is achieved)..... | 11,300 points |
| CANASTA of seven RED THREES | 1,000 points |
| RED THREES remaining in hand un-played | MINUS 500 points |
| BLACK THREES remaining in hand un-played | MINUS 100 points |
| Additional CANASTAS of 7's, 5's and Wild Cards are scored as follows: | |
| 7's - 5,000 points, 5's - 3,000 points, Wild Cards - 2,500 points | |

(7's and 5's can NEVER be DIRTIED with wild cards)