

“31”

EQUIPMENT: standard deck of 52 cards without jokers. Aces = eleven (11) points; face cards = ten (10) points; all others = face value.

Each player receives three (3) wooden nickels or honor equivalent (poker chips may be used.)

OBJECT: To receive a perfect hand of “31.” Example: one (1) ace plus two (2) other cards valued at 10 each (see #5).

DEAL: Each player is dealt three (3) cards, one at a time, face down. An accidentally exposed card may be accepted by player or have it buried in the deck. After deal, place deck face down. Turn up one (1) card, which is the starter card, and place it beside the deck.

ROTATION OF PLAY:

1. Clockwise, player on dealer’s left starts. Player may draw from deck or take the starter card. All players have this option, EXCEPT when first player elects to “ROLL OVER” or declare his hand (Cat Bird). “Cat Bird” is only possible on the first play of the hand.
2. Any player may ‘knock’ before drawing a card. All other players have one chance to improve their hands. Player who knocked must have enough points higher than the lowest point total of the other players. When knocking player’s total points are equal or lower, the knocking player must double the amount and place two (2) wooden nickels or equivalent in the pot.
3. After player knocks, another player may still obtain “31” in his hand causing ALL other players to contribute a wooden nickel or equivalent to the pot.
4. After losing all one’s wooden nickels or equivalent, a player may continue to play on his/her honor until losing a hand (his/her honor).
5. Player with a perfect hand of “31,” which equals one (1) ace and two (2) other cards in the same suit, each valued at ten (10) points. When this happens, player announces “31” and all other players put a wooden nickel or equivalent in the pot.

WINNER: Player who still has wooden nickels or equivalent or honor after all others have been forced out of the game.

REMINDER: PLAYERS WHO HAVE COMMON INTERESTS, SUCH AS HUSBAND AND WIFE, SHOULD **NOT** SIT ADJACENT TO ONE ANOTHER.