

## “65”

**Number of players:** three or more.

**Equipment:** Regular playing cards – 2 decks without jokers for 3 & 4. Add extra deck after hand six when playing with 5 & 6. Start with three decks when playing with 7 & 8. Over eight players, have two games going.

**Object:** to have the lowest score at the end of the 11<sup>th</sup> hand.

**Deal:** high card when drawn deals. Deal progresses in clockwise fashion. Each hand dealt has a progressively greater number of cards, starting with 3 cards per person and going up to 13 cards per person..

Runs are always in the same suit and are consecutive. Sets contain 3 cards and are 3 of a kind. Each hand, one person puts down his/her cards first. Each player has one subsequent round to put down what is playable.

When 3, 4, or 5 cards are dealt, all cards must go together, when player melds first. The other players may play 3 of their cards, if they are playable.

**Example:** holding three 4's and a king, the three 4's may be played to diminish the number of points scored against that player. It is possible to have no points without being first down. Players only play on their own melds.

**Scoring:** cards below ten equal their face value except aces which are fifteen. Face cards are ten points each. Aces may be used as the top of a run or the bottom: Example: ace, king, queen, jack **or** ace, two, three, four, five.

Hands are as follows: hand one = 3 cards dealt, 3's are wild; hand two = 4 cards dealt, 4's are wild; hand three = 5 cards dealt, 5's are wild; hand four = 6 cards dealt, 6's are wild; hand five = 7 cards dealt, 7's are wild; hand six = 8 cards dealt, 8's are wild; hand seven = 9 cards dealt, 9's are wild; hand eight = 10 cards dealt, 10's are wild; hand nine = 11 cards dealt, jacks are wild; hand ten = 12 cards dealt, queens are wild; and hand eleven = 13 cards dealt, kings are wild.

**Play proceeds as follows:** cards are dealt (per above) last card being played as the start of the discard pile. Player draws, either from the stack or from the discard pile, plays and discards. Only number of cards dealt may be melded. If player discards a wild card, only the player immediately following has the option of drawing from the stack or the discard pile. (Other players **may not** mention the wild card that was discarded.)