

Rules of Kings in the Corner

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1 What is Open Kings Corner

Open Kings Corner is an open source video game variant of the popular card game Kings in the Corner. The game is played with a standard French-suited 52-card deck without the Jokers. The cards are ranked K-Q-J-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-A with the game being ace-low, and the players are trying to get rid of all of their cards.

2 The Initial Deal

When the game begins seven cards are dealt to each player by the dealer, and the rest are placed in the center of the table. Four cards are then drawn from the deck in the center and placed in the shape of a cross around the deck (if a king is drawn, then it is placed in the corner and another card is drawn in its stead).

3 The Play

The player to the left of the dealer starts the game. When it is a player's turn, they must start by drawing a card and then are able to make as many valid moves as possible. These valid moves include:

- Playing a card: The player may play a card upon a foundation pile if the top card of the pile is the next card in order (ex. A queen placed on a king), and is the opposite color. *In game, this is represented by the player selecting the given card (with LEFT and RIGHT arrows being*

used to change the selection), pressing P to signify the current card is being played, and then pressing 0-7 to select the pile to be played on.

- Playing a king: the player may play a king only in the corners of the cross shape. This will open the pile for others players to play. *In game, this is represented the same as how to normally play a card, but the card selected must have a king Suit and be played on an empty pile.*
- Merge piles: the player may merge two piles who's top card and bottom card match. This will then leave an open pile where any card can be placed. *In game, this is represented by the player choosing the MERGE action by pressing M, and then selecting the bottom deck 0-7 and the top deck 0-2-4-6. Corners can only be merged onto, but cannot be the top deck*
- Shuffle the deck: the player can, however many times they want, reshuffle the deck. *In game, this is represented by the player pressing S, which will shuffle the deck.*

4 Score Keeping

Once a player runs out of cards, the rest of the players tally up the points they have left. Each king is 10 points and every other card is one point. The game keeps getting played until one player goes over the point limit (in Open Kings Corner the limit is set to 25), and then the player with the least points wins.