18 Card Poker

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2 Players

10-15 minutes

Cards provided, pen/pencil and paper for keeping score

Each player is dealt 5 cards from the deck. The dealer is chosen by flipping a coin or any method of your choosing.

On a player’s turn, they can discard a card from their hand face down and draw a card from the deck (the discarded card is put on the bottom of the deck) or they can discard a card face down and take a card from their opponent’s hand (the opponent then takes the discarded card).

The round ends after all players have had 3 turns, and the player with the best hand earns the number of points their hand is worth. (Scoring is on the next page)

The winner of the hand (the player whose hand scored the most points), gets one additional point for winning the hand.

In the case of a tie, the player whose cards add up to the highest total wins the hand.

If the hand totals are the same, the bonus point is not awarded.

The dealer switches between rounds

The game ends when one player has 15pts.

Hand Rankings

1. Straight Flush – 7pts
   1. A straight where all the cards are the same suit
2. Full House – 6pts
   1. 3 of one number, 2 of another
3. Flush – 5pts
   1. All the cards are the same suit
4. Straight – 4pts
   1. 5 cards in order (i.e. 1,2,3,4,5)
5. 3 of a kind – 3pts
   1. 3 of any number
6. 2 pairs – 2pts
   1. Two different pairs
7. Pair – 1pt
   1. 2 of any number
8. High card – 0pts
   1. None of the above



