

SCHWEINS - GALOPP

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A sly race game for 2 - 4 players

Game Components

35 race cards (7 cards in each of the 5 colours of racing pig)
22 track cards
55 scoff cards
5 racing pigs (in 5 colours)
1 set of rules

Game Objective

With his race cards, each player tries to run a porking good race, so as to have the most scoff cards at the end of three rounds.

Set Up

The scoff cards are stacked face up in the middle of the table. Despite the variety of pig scoff shown, each card is worth the same at the end of the game.

The track cards are arranged on the table in a circle in any order. This is the race course, and each card is a space.

A start player is determined. He places the five racing pigs **one behind the other in any order**, on **five consecutive** spaces of the course. It is important when doing this that no spaces are left free between the pigs.

The pigs face in the direction of the race, which is clockwise. The track card under the lead pig is turned through 90 degrees. This is the startline.

The start player now shuffles the race cards thoroughly, and each player is dealt 7, which he holds secretly in his hand. The remaining cards are laid aside face down and play no further part in this round.

Rules Of Play

The start player begins, and the others follow in clockwise order.

The pigs are moved in a clockwise direction around the course.

On each of his turns, a player must lay down one of his cards and move the pig of the corresponding colour to the **next free space**.

The background colour of the card indicates the colour of the pig. Played cards are placed together in a discard pile and are out of the game for the remainder of the round.

Note! No player "owns" a pig. Each may move any pig, if he plays the corresponding card.

Movement Rules

A pig moves to a free track card directly in front of it, if a race card of its colour is played.

If track cards in front of a pig are occupied, the pig jumps to the next free space.

The Scoff Cards

If a player moves a pig such that it takes the lead or remains in the lead, he may take a scoff card from the middle of the table and lay it **face up** in front of him to his left.

Note! Scoff cards that a player has laid face up in front of him do not become his unless he plays his last card successfully. More on this later.

If a player moves a pig to a free space without putting it in the lead, there is unfortunately no scoff card for him.

The End Of A Round And The Payoff

When all players have played their seven cards, the round ends. For each player, the last card played is the most important. This is because if a player puts a pig in the lead with his last card he may take a scoff card from the middle of the table, lay it face up in front of him and then bank all of the scoff cards he has collected in this round, that is: the player lays the face up cards from his left hand side **face down** on his right.

If a player is not able to put a pig in the lead with his last card, that's unlucky for him and he must replace all his face up cards in the middle of the table with the other scoff cards.

Since the game is played over three rounds, after the first and second rounds the pigs are returned to the start line in random order one behind the other. Then **all** of the race cards are reshuffled and each player receives 7 new ones.

End Of The Game

The game ends after three rounds.

At the conclusion, the winner is the player who has accumulated the most face down scoff cards on his right.

Note! In this game luck is less decisive than a little cleverness!
Even so, whoever wins has to have a little luck [*untranslatable German pun*].

Variants

All players have a scoff card at the start of the game, which they lay in turn, before the game begins, on unoccupied track cards. The four spaces in front of the first pig must remain empty. The player who is the first to move a pig onto a track card with a scoff card may add it to his face up scoff cards.

If you have a neat little variant for Schweinsgalopp, then do send it to us. We will be happy to publish the best ones on our Internet site.