

## Canasta Rules

Initial cards: 15 for 2 ppl, -2 per extra person.

Cards left in hand are negative meld points.

### **Terms**

- Meld: 3 or more of a kind for points.
- Canasta: 7-card meld. Pure if no wilds.

### **Special Cards**

- Wilds: 2, Joker. Meld or freeze/block pile.
- Red 3s: Bonus points or freeze/block pile.
- Black 3s: Block pile. Meld only if last.

### **Taking the Pile** (instead of draw)

- Can take if you can meld the top card.
- Cannot use cards already in a canasta.
- If frozen, must use two real cards in hand.

<b>Meld Points</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>Bonus Points</b>	
7 and below: 5		Canasta:	300
8 and above: 10		* Pure:	500
Aces and 2s: 20		Four Red 3s:	400
Jokers: 50		Going out:	100
Each Red 3: 100		* all at once:	200

### **Points Needed for First Meld:**

Below zero:	none
0-1499:	50 points
1500-2999:	90 points
3000 or more:	120 points