

LIFE'S too SHORT - PLAY Sheephead - House Rules

THE DECK

- The deck consists of 32 of the 52
- Cards used are all the suits of 7's, 8's, 9's 10's, Jacks, Queens, Kings, and Aces

THE PLAYERS

- FIVE players to a table
- (For LTS, we will supply instructions for different variations)

THE DEAL

- Each player gets 6 cards
- Deal 3 cards to each player
 - Then 2 cards to the middle
 - Then the remaining cards to the players

THE PICKER OR GO IT ALONE (note the picker does not go first - that's the lead)

- Person to the left has option to pick up the blind (or pass)
 - If you pick up the blind, discard 2
 - When you discard "bury" some points for yourself by burying high scoring non-trump cards
- Whosoever picks up the blind is partners with the holder of the Jack of Diamond's
 - YOU CAN NOT COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER PLAYERS WHO IS YOUR PARTNER
- If you've got a lot of trump - that's killer - and consider going alone. Make the announcement to the group if you are

GO IT ALONE

- If the picker feels his/her hand is strong enough to win (61 points) by his/herself they can announce "going alone". The hand is played the same way but now the picker is playing against everyone.

PICKING A PARTNER (HOW to and WHO)

- The remaining three players are now on one team opposing the picker and partner
- No one, except the partner, knows who the partner is at the beginning of the hand, and he/she cannot tell anyone
- (Tip: If you don't have the Jack of Diamond's - you know you are not the picker's partner)

THE LEAD

- Person to the left of the dealer plays the first card.
- Players follow suit in clockwise order
- Winner of the trick starts the next trick
- The game is over when 6 tricks are played
- Winner is determined by counting points

FOLLOW SUIT

- You must always follow suit
- Trump is a suit
- The Queen of spades is a trump (not a spade)
- Only trump cards beat suit that is led

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14 TRUMP

RANKING HIGHEST

POINTS



18 FAIL

REMAINING CLUBS, SPADES, HEARTS

ACES — 11

TENS — 10

KINGS — 4

9-8-7 — 0

NOTE:

TRUMP

TAKE

ANY FAIL

NOTE:

TENS

TAKE

KINGS

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