

## WCA CANASTA

### DEAL:

- Person to right of dealer cuts cards and passes bottom half to dealer
- If the team who cuts deck gives dealer exactly 52 cards, (13 X 4), that team earns 100 pts.
- Person who cuts counts 8 cards from bottom of top half and places them in the tray, then places one card horizontally and places remaining cards on top

**NATURAL CANASTA:** 7 cards the same

**DIRTY CANASTA:** 5-6 cards the same with 1-2 wild cards  
2 wild cards max per dirty canasta

### MELD (laying down of cards)

- Must have one natural of 3 or more cards
- 1st partnership to meld takes 4 cards from deck (talon)
- 2nd partnership to meld takes 3 cards from deck (talon)
- Talon cards cannot be picked AFTER turn card.
- *Meld with wild cards:* 1. do not need additional trip if wild cards meet the required meld points; 2. all wilds must go on wild card canasta; 3. must be completed to go out.
- Melding with one Natural Canasta (500 pts) meets the required melding point count at all levels

### ACES & SEVENS:

- ACES can be put down with wild card on initial meld ONLY
- Aces put down *after* initial meld--Natural ONLY
- SEVENS must be Natural ONLY
- Must complete natural Aces & Natural Sevens to go out.

### THREES:

- Put down face up and pick replacement card from deck
- Threes received in Talon can be replaced next turn
- Cannot pick replacement threes AFTER turn card

### PICKING THE PILE:

- can pick pile to open if you have required points **in your hand** and at least one clean set of cards. DO NOT count top card on pile for melding points.
- once you meld, you can pick the pile whenever you have two cards that match the card discarded to you.

### GOING OUT:

- Must ask partner to go out, and ONLY ask once.
- Need 2 canastas to go out
- Going out earns 200 points

### DISCARDS:

- May not throw 7, Ace or card from closed canasta in empty tray
- discard wild card (2 or Joker) only if only cards in your hand--does not freeze pile
- if you have 3 and wild, you must throw wild
- if you have 7 and wild, must throw 7

### SPLASH HANDS (see alternate side)

- If partner has already melded, you cannot play a splash hand.
- splash hands have 14 cards with NO discard
- alternate partnership gets no points and no deductions
- 3's may be part of a splash hand
- If you are set up for a splash and the final card is put into the discard pile, you may ONLY pick up that card if it is in an empty tray (NO cards underneath it)

## WCA CANASTA (Points & Scoring)

**EXACT CUT:** 100 PTS.

### CARD VALUES:

- 50 pts.: Jokers (wild)
- 20 pts: 2's (deuces, wild)
- 20 pts: Aces
- 10 pts: 8-K
- 5 pts: 4-7

### MELDING POINTS:

- 125 pts: Initial meld
- 155 pts: 3,000 team score
- 180 pts: 5,000 team score

### VALUE OF 3'S

- 100 pts: 1 of one color
- 300 pts: 2 of one color
- 500 pts: 3 of one color
- 1,000 pts: 4 of one color
- 3,000 pts: All 8 threes

### EARNED POINTS:

- 200 pts: going out
- 500 pts: Clean/Natural Canasta (7 same)
- 300 pts: Dirty Canasta (1-2 wild cards)
- 2,500 pts: Natural Ace or Natural 7 Canasta
- 2,500 pts: Mixed Wild Card Canasta
- 3,000 pts: Wild Card Canasta with 4 Jokers
- 4,000 pts: Wild Card Canasta with 7 deuces
- 8,500: GAME WINNER

### PENALTIES:

- +10 pts add to meld requirement if you try to meld and are short points
- 1,500 pts: if left with 3 or more Aces or 7's in your hand
- 2,500 pts: if 3 or more Aces or 7's are left on the table at game end
- 3,000 pts: if BOTH partners have 3 or more Aces or 7's in their hand at game end
- 2,500 pts: incomplete Wild Card Canasta
- NO CREDIT FOR 3'S if only one canasta closed
- MINUS TOTAL TABLE COUNT (including 3's) if NO Canastas
- -100 pts for each 3 left in your hand at the end of game.

### SPLASH (3,000 pts)

splash hands automatically win.

- A-K plus Joker
- 7 pairs NO Wild cards
- 7 pairs including pair of deuces or jokers (must have Aces & 7's)
- 4,4,4,2 (pair must be jokers or 2's--not one of each)
- 3,3,3,3,2 (pair must be jokers or 2's)
- 4,3,3,2,2 (NO wilds)
- 4,4,3,3 (NO wilds)
- 2 Jokers, 2 Deuces, 2 Aces, 2 Sevens, + 3 other pair
- 4 Deuces, + 5 pairs (NO jokers)