

# WHAT THE HECK?

## RULES SUMMARY

### SET UP

1. There are two types of cards in the game: Point Cards and Player Cards.



Point Cards



Player Cards



Player Cards

2. Hand one complete set of Player Cards to each player. Hint: When you pick up your Player Cards, don't put them in order—if you do, other players may be able to tell which card you choose when you play. Place the rest of the Player Cards aside.
3. Shuffle the Point Cards and stack them in the center of the table, point-side down.
4. Flip over the top Point Card and leave it point-side up in the center of the table.

### OBJECT OF THE GAME

To score the most points—at the end of the game you'll add up the positive Point Cards you've collected and subtract the negative Point Cards you've collected.

### PLAYING THE GAME

1. All players choose one card from their hands of Player Cards and place them face-down on the table.
2. When all players have played a card face-down, flip over these cards to reveal their values.
3. If the face-up Point Card is a positive number, the player who played the highest-numbered Player Card collects that Point Card. If the face-up Point Card is a negative number, the player who played the lowest-numbered Player Card collects that Point Card.



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4. When players tie, their Player Cards cancel each other out and the player who played the next highest Player Card collects the face-up Point Card. For example, in a three-player game when the face-up Point Card is a positive number, if two players play "15" and the third player plays a "5," the player who played the "5" takes the Point Card. If the face-up Point Card is a negative number and two players play "3" and the third player plays a "5," the player who played the "5" takes the Point Card.

If all players tie, leave the face-up Point Card where it is, flip over another Point Card, and play another round. Add the face-up Point Cards together—if the number is zero or more the player who plays the highest Player Card takes both Point Cards; if the number is less than zero, the player who plays the lowest Player Card takes both cards. If this occurs on the last round, no one takes the Point Cards.

5. Players who collect Point Cards place them face-up on the table. Each Player Card can only be played once per game—after playing a Player Card, flip it over and leave it on the table (do not add it back to your hand). Flip over another Point Card and continue play.

## WINNING THE GAME

Play until the last cards have been played, then total up the Point Cards you've collected (add the positive numbers together and subtract the negative numbers). The player with the most points wins the game.



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