

1st Merrickville Compass Poker

Overview

Compass poker is a creation of the 1st Merrickville Cub pack. It is used as a tool in teaching compass points and elementary bearings to the Cubs. It could be used for Scouts as well.

Equipment

- 2 sets of playing cards.
- Instruction sheet for each six.
- Compass for each six.

Instructions

1. Shuffle together two decks of playing cards. Remove jokers.
2. At each of the eight points of the compass (in the room or on the field) place nine playing cards.
3. An instruction sheet and five cards are given to each six.
4. Using a compass, each six goes to each compass point in turn on their instruction sheet and takes/leaves the number of cards specified.
5. After all sixes have completed their compass points, all sixes should still have five cards. The six with the best poker hand wins.

Hand Ranking

Rank	Hand Name	Description	Example
1	Royal Flush	A, K, Q, J, 10 of same suit	10S, JS, QS, KS, AS
2	Straight Flush	Five cards of same suit in sequence	4D, 5D, 6D, 7D, 8D
3	4 of a kind	Four cards of the same rank	7S, 7C, 7D, 7H
4	Full House	Three of a kind plus a pair	3D, 3S, 3C, KS, KH
5	Flush	Five cards of the same suit	3H, 7H, 10H, QH, AH
6	Straight	Five cards in sequence	5C, 6D, 7C, 8H, 9S
7	3 of a kind	Three cards of the same rank	JH, JS, JD
8	2 Pair	Two pairs of different rank	5H, 5S, 9C, 9S
9	1 Pair	Two cards of the same rank	AS, AD
10	High Card	Highest ranking single card	8H

The high card is also used to break ties when the high poker hands both have the same type of hand (e.g. pair, flush, straight, etc.).

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Six #1

Go to each compass point in turn and take/leave the specified number of cards.

West	270°	Take 1 card Leave 1 card
North East	45°	Take 2 cards Leave 3 cards
South	180°	Take 2 cards Leave 1 card
North West	315°	Take 1 card Leave 3 cards
South East	135°	Take 2 cards Leave 1 card
North	0°	Take 3 cards Leave 1 card
South West	225°	Take 1 card Leave 1 card
East	90°	Take 2 cards Leave 3 cards

Your six should have 5 cards.

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East	90°	Take 2 cards Leave 3 cards
South West	225°	Take 1 card Leave 1 card
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South West	225°	Take 1 card Leave 3 cards
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North East	45°	Take 1 card Leave 2 cards
West	270°	Take 2 cards Leave 3 cards
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