

## CHARLIE CHAN CARD GAME

*Based on the Famous Character  
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The 35 cards of this game consist of 3 Charlie Chan cards and 8 each of 4 suits: Badge, Gun, Key and Shackles. All cards except the Charlie Chan cards are numbered from No. 1 to No. 8.

Two, three, or four may play. After shuffling the deck deal 5 cards, one at a time, to each of the players. The balance of the deck is placed face down in the center of the table and is called the "Pen." The dealer places the top card of the pen stack face up alongside the pen stack and this is the start of the discard pile.

The player to the left of the dealer begins play by discarding one card which may be any card of the same suit or any card of the same number as the card in the discard pile. Players in turn to the left do likewise, calling the name and number of the card as they place it on the discard pile. If any player has no card of the same suit or of the same number as the last card played on the discard pile and has no Charlie Chan card, he must draw from the pen stack one card at

a time until he draws one of the suit or number desired or a Charlie Chan card.

A Charlie Chan card is a wild card and may be played in place of any suit or any card number and the person playing it has the privilege of naming it any card number of any suit he desires. It is best to keep Charlie Chan cards for an emergency and not to play them unless forced to. Each player must play a card if he can follow the suit or card number or has the Charlie Chan card. When the pen stack is exhausted and a person cannot make a play he passes and the turn passes to the left. When a player plays his next to the last card in his hand he MUST call out "Chan." Should he forget, as is frequently the case, he will add 10 points to his score for each person in the game.

The object of the game is to get rid of all cards in the hand. When any player does this, all other players total the numbers on the cards which they still hold and this total is added to each player's score. When any player's score reaches 100 or a predetermined number the game is ended and the player with the lowest score is the winner.

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