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THE COLUMBUS WHIST PLAYERS SOCIETY – FIRST CLUB ♣

NO KITTY-NO JOKER CARD PLAYING RULES

FORMAT

1. The game will be played without a kitty.
2. 6 games will be played.
3. 5 points positive or negative is game.
4. The tournament officials will determine the number of teams who will advance to the playoff round based on the number of teams participating in the tournament. The most games won will determine which teams advance.
5. Points are awarded for the number of books made.
6. Points are only used in the event of ties. If there are ties, there will be a one game play-off. Points are of no value in the one game playoff.
7. 2 sets (bad bids) are game regardless of the score.
8. A game can be won of 2 sets (bad bids), odd, or a renege. If this happens. the opposing team will receive 5 additional points.
9. If a game is won on the first hand by the **non**-bidding team, they will receive 5 points.
10. 5-minute rule. If you are not in your seat ready to play within 5 minutes at the start of a game, the opposing team will be awarded the game and will receive 5 points.

DEAL

11. The first club will determine who deals first. The deal proceeds clockwise.
12. The deck **MUST** be cut before each deal begins and the deck must remain face down on the table. Multiple cuts are allowed.
13. If any card is exposed when dealing, there must be a re-deal by the correct person.
14. It is a misdeal if the wrong player dealt. The hand is void and the correct player must re-deal.
15. It is a misdeal if any player does not have the correct number of cards before bidding begins. The hand is void and the correct player must re-deal.
16. You may not pick up your hand until the bid blind is in place.
17. Once the bid blind goes up, there is absolutely no talking (exceptions – see rules #18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 37 and 38).
18. The first card played signals when the bid blind comes down and before the next card is played. If the next card is played before the bid blind comes down, the other players have a right to ask who played what card only.
19. If a card is exposed after the deal is done but before bidding begins, the opposing team has the option to continue play or re-deal.

BID

20. All players must count their cards before they make a bid. If you are short of cards or have extra cards, the hand is void and the correct player must re-deal.
21. The minimum bid is 1.
22. All bidding must be verbal. The only acceptable bids are for example, pass, 1, 1 special or 1 no. You cannot say no-trump. If you say the word "trump", the opposing team has the option to continue play or re-deal.
23. No player may drag their bid (no half-stepping). For example, the bidder says 3; pauses and then says special. If this happens, the opposing team has the option to continue play or re-deal.
24. Progressive bidding. Each bid must be at least one number higher than the previous bid, except for a "no" bid. No player may make a bid that is not progressive or that gives inappropriate information. If this happens, that bidder is forced to make the progressive bid; their partner is silenced and cannot bid.

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25. *If a player bids out of turn, the opposing team has the option to let the bid stand or re-deal. If the bid stands, the opposing team can still bid. However, the person who made the infraction cannot re-bid; their partner is silenced and cannot bid. If the opposing team lets the bid stand and bids, their bid overrules any previous bid made.
26. If all players pass, the dealer must bid a minimum of 2, 2 special or 2 no.
27. The person awarded the bid must name a trump or the first card played is automatically trump (exception – see #28).
28. If the bidder bids a “no” then plays a card without stating the direction of the bid, the opposing team will be awarded the game and 5 points.

PLAY

29. All cards must remain in your hands during play. If a player exposes their cards at any time after all bids are made, to include playing out of turn, it is an automatic set for their team for the points of the bid regardless of who bids **UNLESS** the opposing team wants to continue play. If you already have a set (bad bid), it is game. If the bid is a one (of any kind), a set is odd; it is game and the opposing team will be awarded 5 points.
30. Once play starts, if the bidding team is short of cards or has extra cards, the bidding team is set for the points of the bid.
31. Once play starts if the **non**-bidding team is short of cards or has extra cards, the bidding team has the option to continue play or take the points of the bid.
32. Once play starts if a player from each team is short of cards or has extra cards, the hand is void and the correct player must re-deal.
33. Each team must keep their books together in one straight line on one side of the table.
34. The team collecting the books must allow all 4 cards to be seen before turning the book over.
35. Once the book is turned over, it is a closed book and may not be re-opened **UNLESS** you are calling a renege. Books must be turned over by a tournament director.
36. If a player states what card or suit was played...what is the infraction?????????
37. A team calling a renege may do so at any time and a tournament director must be called before going through any books, the books must be turned over by a tournament director.
38. Each book must be closed before the correct player leads the next card.
39. All hands must be played out regardless of the score **UNLESS** all players agree to stop play. Any infraction, the exposed card rule (#29) applies.
40. If there is a Boston pot, the team with the most Boston's by the 4th game wins. If the Boston pot is not hit by the 4th game, the team with the best record wins. If more than one team has the best record, the pot will be split equally among those teams.
41. All scores are final when the score sheet is signed by both teams. No changes will be made.
42. If a player leaves before completing play and they do not have a substitute player, their team forfeits all remaining games and their money will not be refunded.

***A tournament director must be called for any ruling and their ruling is final!!!
NO REFUNDS FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT!!!***