

## **THREE-HANDED CANASTA RULES** **(revised 8-11-16)**

There are only a few differences between the regular Canasta Club rules and the 3-Handed rules.

1. You do **NOT** have a partner and you must go it alone.
2. In your original hand you deal out **15 CARDS** to each person instead of 13.
3. When it is your turn, **draw 2 CARDS** and discard one. If you forget and only draw one card, then discard, you have lost your chance for the 2<sup>nd</sup> card and the next player plays.
4. The **first person to meld** while not taking the stack gets to pick **4 CARDS** from the top of the deck after discarding.
5. The **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> persons to meld** while not taking the stack gets to **pick 3 CARDS** from the top of the deck after discarding.
6. Only **ONE CANASTA** is required to go out. Your 3's count as part of your base score. If you have no Canastas, the 3's count **AGAINST** you.
7. There are **NO PAIRHANDS** in this game.
8. **ACE'S and SEVENS** are treated like any other natural card. You may make canastas of Ace's and Sevens using up to **TWO** Wildcards (black/dirty canasta), or all naturals (red/natural canasta). No penalties for having more than three A's or 7's in your hand when someone goes out. You may discard these into an **EMPTY** tray. Try to think of A's and 7's as if they were a Jack, King, six, four, etc. card.
9. **All other regular rules of the game apply.**

If you have any questions, please ask President, Lani Young or Vice President, Michele Landa.