

HOW TO PLAY ACES

First Scenario:

When it's my turn, I decide to meld with kings, sixes, fours and some wildcards until I make the 125, 155 or 180 meld. I discard, pick up my 3 or 4 bonus cards (if I didn't pick up the pile) and I'm done. The next player draws, then discards an ace.

My partner decides to pick up the pile because he/she has 2 aces in their hand. They can do that but the aces must be clean, with no wildcards. This is because there were no aces with wildcards laid down in the initial meld. They pick up the pile and lay down the top ace along with their pair of aces. If there are any other aces in the pile, then those can be laid down also. This can only be a clean canasta because dirty aces were not laid down in the original meld.

A completed canasta of 7 aces will be worth **positive** 2,500 points.

An uncompleted canasta of 6 or less aces left on the table will be worth **minus** 2,500 points.

Second Scenario:

I go first and decide to meld with kings, sixes, fours, and two aces with a wildcard until I make the required meld. I discard, pick up my 3 or 4 bonus cards (if I didn't pick up the pile) and I'm done. The next player draws, then discards an ace.

My partner decides he/she wants to pick up the pile because they have two aces in their hand. They can do that and lay them down on the **dirty** aces. They can add one more wildcard as well.

Aces that have wildcards on them (dirty) essentially become like any other card (4, 8, Queen, etc.) They are no longer a big pay off in canasta points (2,500) because they are mixed with one or two wildcards. If they become a completed dirty canasta, they will be worth 300 points. There will be no extra penalty if they are not completed at the end of the hand.

A canasta of clean aces is worth **positive** 2,500 points

A canasta of dirty aces is worth **positive** 300 points

Clean aces left on the table (not a canasta) is worth **minus** 2,500 points

However, you can count **positive** 20 points each ace toward your score

3 or more aces left in your hand is worth **minus** 1,500 points

As well **minus** the individual 20 points of each ace