

House Rummy short rules

1. Deal 10, 8, or 7 cards for 2, 3, or 4 players.
2. Deal, open, meld, free play, first out, full out, close.
3. Draw, play, discard.
4. The top stock card is not discarded.
5. The top discard is not discarded.
6. The bottom discard must be played.
7. The cost to meld is 10, then 10, 15, 15, 20, 20.
8. Counting in runs is circular.
9. Jokers are interpreted flexibly.
10. Jokers are replaced only before melding.
11. Giving away one's own cards is free.
12. Stealing is paid for in the target play.
13. First out gains a bonus.
14. Failing to close extends the hand.
15. Played cards are worth 5, except in a book of 3.
16. Unplayed 2-10 are face value, jacks 2, queens 3, kings 4, aces 11, and jokers 15.