

**"Jack Cut"** as the Hole card, **always** counts two points for the dealer.

**Courtesy Cut** - after shuffling the cards, dealer offers deck to opponent who may then cut the cards (always cut toward the dealer) or tap the deal to waive the cut for that deal. This is no longer mandatory, but it is preferred.

**Muggins** - Taking the opponent's points when that opponent fails to peg those points before the other player starts their turn. Use of Muggins is prohibited.

**Dealer Cut** - the cards cut by both players at the start of the **match** to determine the dealer. Low card deals. Subsequently, **loser deals**. Does not apply to Round Robin play.

**Flush - Four** cards of the same suit **held in the hand** count four points;

**Flush - Five** cards including the starter card of the same suit count five points **in the hand or crib**.

**The Crib** - two cards from each player set aside for the dealer to count after the dealer's hand. Or one card from each player set aside for the dealer in doubles play.

**Hole card** or cut card - the card that is cut and placed on the remainder of the pack and is used in counting the value of each hand and the crib. It is prohibited to view or display the bottom card of the cut.

**"Go"** - Called by a player who cannot play a card without exceeding the cumulative count of 31; the opponent scores one point, or two if reaching exactly 31 yet never three for a go that leads to a 31.

**"Jack of the Same Suit"** as the Hole card in the hand or crib counts one point.

**Judge** - decisions are made by the person delegated as the GSMCT judge, a person authorized by the tournament director to answer questions and settle disagreements between players relating to the rules of play and the health of the tournament.

**Match** - Two or more games between two players wherein one player has won two games - thus winning the Match.

**Game** - a single win is awarded when one player has scored 121 or more points irregardless of by how much they have outscored their opponent.

**Pegging** - The marking of scored points by advancing the rear peg ahead of the front peg and releasing it. Do NOT touch your opponents pegs for any reason at any time.

**Shuffle** - A random mixing of the cards, which could include riffing. Be aware of your opponent's shuffling techniques and report anything that makes you uncomfortable. It is prohibited at any time during the shuffle or deal to view or display the bottom card of the deck.

**Skunk** - To win by 31 or more points. In the GSMCT, this **does not count as an extra game** win for determining best x out of y wins.

**Double Skunk** - To win by 61 or more points. In the GSMCT, this **does not count as an extra game** win for determining best x out of y wins.

**Run** or straight, **single**

Sequence of three or more consecutive cards in any order during the play of the cards; for example, 3-5-6-7-4 (counts three when the 7 is played and counts five when the 4 is played).

**Run** or straight, **multiple** used in counting hands and crib:

- **Double run**: two three-card or four-card straights, including one pair; for example, A-2-3-3 or A-2-3-3-4.
- **Double-double run**: four three-card straights, including two pairs; for example, 8-8-9-9-10.
- **Triple run**: three three-card straights, including three of a kind; for example, J-Q-Q-Q-K.

- **PLAYERS**
  - Entry Fee \$25 per person per playoff - the maximum allowed by law.
  - Players must be **21 or over** in order to compete for prizes.
  - Players must be residents of Maine (ie: eligible to vote in Maine elections).
  - A player may compete at ANY playoff site they choose throughout the tournament.
  - A player may compete at AS MANY playoff sites they choose throughout the tournament.
  - The winner(s) of a playoff will advance to the State Championship round on March 31st (September 30th)
- **SINGLES, TEAMS**
  - Singles are the standard one-on-one form of play for most playoffs and will be the prime focus of our tournaments.
  - Teams - for 2019, we will introduce a Team Concept. A team consists of six players - two singles players, four doubles players.
- **DOUBLES**
  - For 2018 we have added doubles play. Only one doubles partner throughout the one-day playoff. Doubles will be held on March 31 right after the Singles Championship.
  - Seniors over 75y/o play for free.
- **DISCOUNTS**
  - Entry Fee is \$25 per person per location per game type.
  - Returning 2017 players who bring two new singles players at full price to a playoff will get to play singles free for that playoff. You can do this as often as you want as long as you bring 2 new players each time. Does not apply to doubles in March.
- **RULES**
  - GSMCT Rules will apply at all playoffs. Final interpretation of rules falls to a designated GSMCT official (judge).
  - Singles and doubles play will be in a Round Robin format. Any ties for first place at the end of a Round Robin will be determined by a one game playoff (more if a three+ way tie).
  - A playoff is not official unless it has 8+ players competing in singles or 4+ pairs in doubles. Players who paid to play in that case will be given credit to play in another playoff.
  - Any form of cheating, misrepresentation of information, bad payments, bullying or other good cause will result in **permanent** bannishment from participation in our tournaments, without refund and without recourse.
- **PLAYOFF SITES (aka HOSTS) and SPONSORS**
  - A Host must provide space/time on evenings 5:30 to 9:00pm or on weekends, for their site to be eligible.
  - A Host can set a maximum number of players for its playoff.
  - A Host must prepay by February 1 for the March tournament and by August 1 for the September tournament so we have time to announce your site and advertise where needed.
  - A Host must prepay the amount of \$100 to sponsor the winner of their singles playoff.
  - The fee paid by the host is a marketing expense for tax purposes. Hosts and Sponsors may also make a contribution to MemoryWorks.
- **AWARDS** (subject to change):
  - Tournament Champion - Singles (1st) \$1,500; (2nd) \$750; (3rd) \$250
  - Tournament Champion - Doubles \$100 per partner
  - 29 Point Hand - (one per tourney) \$100
  - Playoff Winners - Singles \$50
  - Host of State Champion - double their sponsorship(s)