4FxImpeachment for TableTopia

A GAME FOR 2-4 PLAYERS THAT RELISH IRONY AND POLITICAL SATIRE, AND IN WHICH PLAYING TRUMP HAS CONSEQUENCES!

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Each player represents a syndicate attempting to get their candidate, you, elected President.
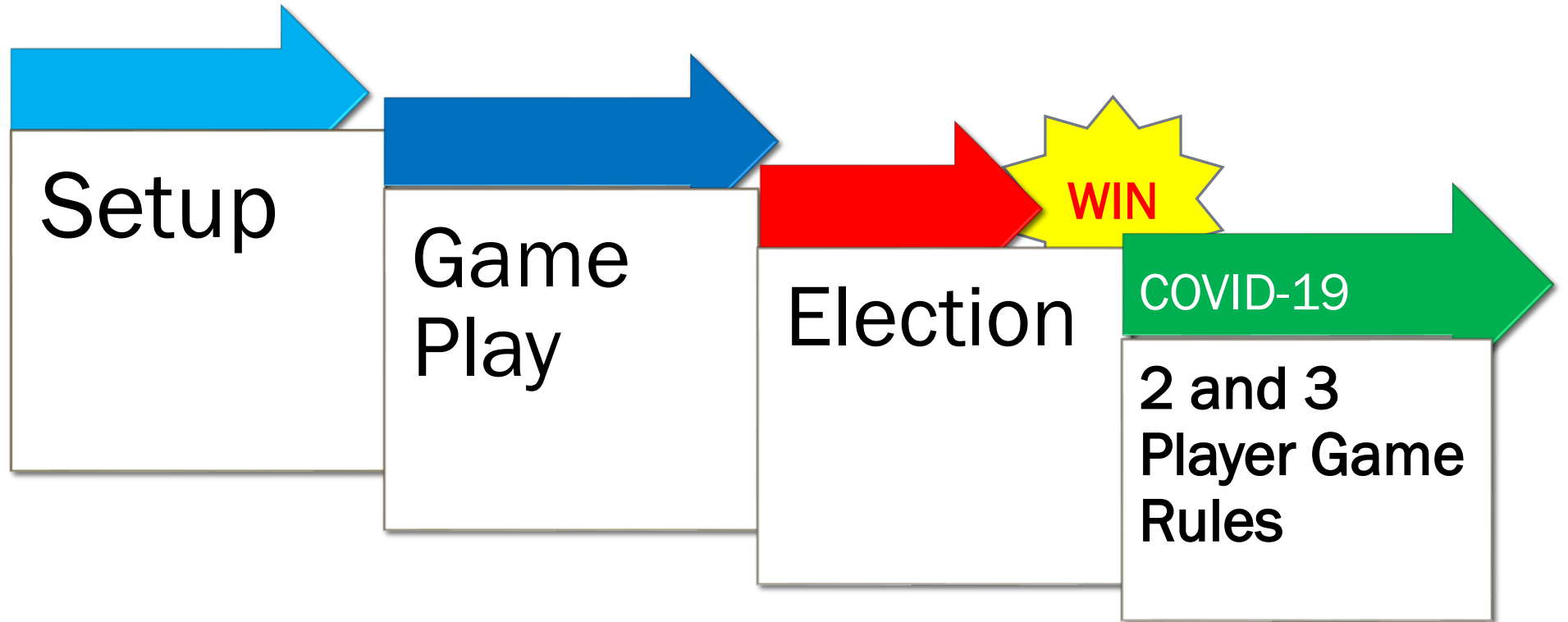
You will choose to be ethical, or use special features to break the rules to get ahead.

But remember, playing these special features and trump has consequences

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Steps

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TableTopia Setup

1. One person is the host, then recruit players so you have 2-4 players in total

2. When you have enough players the host will click "LAUNCH"

3. Host to:
   - **Points:** Ensure all other players have their points marker in the start or zero position
   - **Bids:** Ensure all player's bid tracker is on ZERO (0)

4. Host then is the first dealer
   - Shuffles deck
   - Deals 5 cards to each player
   - **ADVANCED RULE:** Also deal one card, face up, to the center of the table to set the trump for the hand
   - Host earns 2 points, move marker now on the points scale

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1. <u>Card Deal</u>: Dealer deals 5 cards to 4 seats, even if only playing 2 or 3 player games (unused positions will be considered the "Computer")
   - Deal +1 card to the player left of the dealer (in this game version, that would be 6 in total)
   - Host earns 2 points, move marker now on the points scale, move your point marker now

2. <u>Pass Left</u>: Player left of the dealer will start by looking at their cards and pass 1 card to the player to the left
   - Only pass to human players
   - Last player will discard their last card to the bottom of the deck (?)

3. <u>Bidding</u>: Player left of the dealer looks at their hand and estimates how many tricks (hands) they expect to win, then state aloud (in the chat window) and update the BID marker position

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4. <u>Game Play</u>: Player left of the dealer will start by looking at their hand and selecting one card to play down on the playing surface to start the trick (hand). This sets the SUIT that each player must follow

- **What to Lead:** The leading player must only play the top, or "Natural", value of the card. This includes the normal suit value of a card, a Trump, EVADE or Super Trump card.

- **Players Follow Suit:** If you have the suit lead then you must play a card of that suit

- **Not Following Suit (Speical Trump & Evade):**
    - The SPECIAL TRUMP (T1, MT2, UT3, PT4) cards can be played to not follow suit and wins against normal suits (and normal trump, if you are using the advanced rule). The higher SPECIAL TRUMP numbered cards will beat the lesser values.
    - An EVADE card can't win a trick (unless all players play one, in which case the first one played wins the trick).

4. <u>Game Play</u>: cont.

- **You Don't Have The Suit Lead:** If a player does not have a card in the suit that was lead they can either discard, play a special feature on one of your cards (or play trump if you are using the advanced rules):
  - Discard: play a card in one of the other suits. This card can't win the trick;
  - Special Feature: Place the card face-up and turn the card sideways 90 degrees and follow the instructions. Draw the number of black impeachment VOTE cards and keep them face-down in front of you (your impeachment vote total is private).
  - ADVANCED RULE - TRUMP: The highest valued trump card wins the trick and note that Special Trump beats normal trump.

- **Black Vote Cards & When Playing Trump, Super Trump and Special Features:**
  Our game is based on the concept that by using Trump, Special Trump or Special Features you are breaking the normal rules of card play. Therefore, there is a potential risk that "voters" do not like this activity and may work against the President to impeach them at the end of the game. We replicate this by having players draw 1 or more BLACK VOTE CARDS when breaking the rules.

  When playing Trump, draw 1 BLACK vote card; When playing Super Trump draw 0, 1 or more; When playing a Special Feature draw 0, 1 or more.

- **No Remaining Vote Cards:** take from the player with the least number of VOTE cards.

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4. <u>Game Play</u>: cont.

- **Using Special Features:** When a suit is lead that the player does not have they have a choice to either (a) discard any card, (b) play Trump or Super Trump, or (c) use a Special Feature.

- **Playing a Special Feature**: Play the card, face up, so you can read the card normally, then rotate 90-degrees (Clock Wise) and announce (via text chat or voice in Discord) that you are using the special feature. *** BLACK VOTE CARDS: Be sure to draw a card based on the rules: Trump = 1, Super Trump and Special Features indicate the draw number.

- **Effects of Special Features:** Each card's special features are described on the card. They are written with funny description on top, and the mechanics written on the bottom. Some special features include:

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4. **Game Play**: cont.

- **Effects of Special Features:** (Each card value is the same, regardless of the suit)

2 — Infighting
You set off an intense internal debate in the other team and they are paralyzed

On opponent:
Add +1 or -1 to opponent's bid target

Black Vote Cards:
Draw 1

3 — Legal Edge
You find a legal loop hole to help your side

On Self:
Change your bid by +/- 1

Black Vote Cards:
Draw 1

4 — Counter Investigation
Investigate the investigators to confuse the masses

Change the bid of the current points leader by +/- 1

Black Vote Cards:
Draw 2

5 — Evade-ish
Avoid the press! Run for the elevators!

If the LEAD card value is higher then 5 you can choose to EVADE and stop following suit

Black Vote Cards:
Draw 1

6 — BS Baffles Brains
Shocking levels of stupidity and lies boggles the mind

Counts this value as a Trump that beats other suits but not SUPER TRUMP

Black Vote Cards:
Draw 2

7 — Snowflake
Break down into tears and sobbing on national TV

On Self:
Add +1 point

Black Vote Cards:
Draw 3

8 — Went Viral
Your backers love your new marketing angle and draws many new followers

On Self:
Add +3 points

Black Vote Cards:
Draw 1

9 — Foreign Meddling
Fake News!
"No, of course we do not accept dark money to influence social media"

On Self:
Add +2 or -2 to your bid target

Black Vote Cards:
Draw 3

10 — New Legislation
The rules are changed in your favor

Physically move from your place and take another person's place
(take your cards with you)

Black Vote Cards:
Draw 1

J — Lucky Turn
Thank your lucky stars! Your opponent's largest doner is caught and exposed for corruption

Discard 1 or 2 cards in your hand and draw a similar number of new cards

Black Vote Cards:
Draw 2

Q — Inside Information
Opponent's donor defects and gives you inside information

From an opponent randomly take 1 card, add to your hand and return 1 card

Black Vote Cards:
Draw 2

K — Followers Mutiny
Iron clad proof is discovered on opponent's corruption or aid from foreign power

Pick opponent and take 1 of their won tricks

Black Vote Cards:
Draw 2

A — Legal Shield
A legal wiz joins your team and deflects all attacks

Block all special features played on you

Leave on table for the duration of the hand

Black Vote Cards:
Draw 2

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5. **Game Play – Winning the Hand:**

   - **Winner of the Hand:** player with the highest card value wins the hand, in that values 2-Aace, where the Ace is the top value, can be beat by any trump card [2-Ace], and in turn, Trump (if this Advanced Rule is use) can be beat by Super Trump

   - **Winner Collects Cards And Keeps In A Pile In Their Position:**
     Drag all played cards into a pile on your station

   - **Remaining Cards In Your Hand?**
     If YES, then lead a card back onto the table to start the next trick (hand)

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6. <u>Winning the Hand:</u>

   - Starting with the player left of the dealer, compare your BID with the number of TRICKS you have won

   - If your BID = TRICKS = 2 points + 1 per bid you made;

   - If your BID = +1 or -1 of your TRICKS = + 1 point

   - On the scoring track move your meeple to the new total cumulative total for your team

TableTopia Election

7. <u>Winning the Game</u>:

   7. Typically a game is played over 5 hands

   8. The highest point total player is elected PRESIDENT!!! Opa!!!
      But, now all your bad behaviour may come back to cause you a problem

      7. First, any players that have ZERO (0) Black VOTE cards earn +5 points, so apply these bonuses now to each player

      8. Second, If the PRESIDENT player has Black VOTE cards these are now revealed. If the total number of negative points are applied (indicating that your followers were not happy with your unethical behaviour).

      9. Third, if the PRESIDENT's negative points brings their total below their next highest point player they will be IMPEACHED!!!! This player immediately loses and is removed from any chance of winning.

      10. Fourth, now, one at a time, all other players reveal their Black VOTE cards and apply the negatives to their score. The player with the now modified total will now be elected President.

      11. Fifth, if there is a tie in the fourth step, then the player with the highest points earned in the last hand will win the tie.

COVID-19 2 and 3 Player Games

Due to the recent pandemic of COVID-19 people are staying at home. Thus, we have decided to release our beta rules.

Objective: Each player is playing to win, but more imporantly, they do NOT want the AI to beat them!

2 Player Setup: Assume a 4-player setup and have actual 2 players take positions opposite each other. The other 2 positions will be considered OPPONENT AIs. Just as in a normal game, start normally and eal each player 1 card.

Game Play Rules Changes:

2) Pass left to the human player and second player discards to the bottom of the red deck;

3) Each player makes any bid they wish;

4a) Reveal all AI cards (I suggest you sort them as well);

4b) AI rules: (i) if leading or has a card that can win, play the highest card available, (ii) if cannot win, play the lowest card possible, (iii) cannot use trump, speical features, or Special Trump;

6) Each trick the AI wins they earn 4 points and no bonuses for having zero black vote cards.