

Spoons

3-13 players

52 cards

Difficulty: Easy

Duration: Short

Collect four of a kind, then grab a spoon before anyone else.

SETUP

- Place one fewer spoon than players in the center.
- Deal 4 cards to each player.
- Place remaining deck beside the dealer.

SCORING

- Player left without a spoon gets a letter (S-P-O-O-N-S).
- Spell out SPOONS and you are eliminated.
- Last player remaining wins.

Tip: Focus on collecting one rank and keep one eye on the spoons at all times.

ON YOUR TURN

- Dealer draws from deck, keeps or passes a card left.
- All players simultaneously pass one card to the left.
- Always maintain exactly 4 cards in hand.
- When you get four of a kind, quietly grab a spoon.

Spoons is a hilarious party card game that blends card passing with a physical grabbing element. Players rapidly pass cards trying to collect four of a kind, and when someone does, everyone scrambles to grab a spoon from the center. One player is left empty-handed each round.

Objective

Collect four cards of the same rank, then grab a spoon from the center. The last player without a spoon loses the round.

Setup

1. **Players:** 3 to 13 players.
2. **Deck:** Standard 52-card deck.
3. **Spoons:** Place spoons in the center of the table — one fewer than the number of players.
4. **Deal:** Deal four cards to each player. Set the remaining deck beside the dealer.

Gameplay

1. **Card Passing:** The dealer draws from the deck, decides whether to keep or pass the card, then passes one card face-down to the left. All players simultaneously evaluate and pass cards to their left in a continuous stream.
2. **Collecting Four of a Kind:** Players keep picking up and passing cards, always maintaining exactly four cards in hand, trying to collect four of the same rank.
3. **Grabbing Spoons:** When any player has four of a kind, they quietly take a spoon from the center. Once other players notice, they all grab for the remaining spoons.
4. **Elimination:** The player left without a spoon receives a letter (S-P-O-O-N-S). When a player spells out SPOONS, they are eliminated.

Winning

The last player remaining who has not spelled out SPOONS wins the game.

Tips and Strategies

- Keep one eye on the spoons at all times, even while evaluating cards.
- Be subtle when you grab a spoon — the longer others take to notice, the funnier (and more advantageous) it is.
- Focus on collecting one rank rather than switching targets mid-game.

Tips & Strategy

Pick a rank early and commit to it. Passing cards quickly keeps the pressure on everyone and gives you more chances to see cards you need.

Peripheral vision is your greatest asset. Practice spotting subtle hand movements while still processing cards quickly.