

## Str8 Eight Instructions

**Goal:** The first player to create a sequence of eight cards in escalating value wins the hand. (Sequences need not remain in one group of multiples as represented by the color groups.)

**Setup:** The game is for two to four players. Each player starts with three cards, which are dealt facedown. The rest of the cards are placed facedown in a pile. Two spaces should be designated next to this draw pile, one for a discard pile and the other for pass cards.

**Game Play:** The first player draws a fourth card and looks within the hand for a card that is notated with a bull's-eye (any card numbered 1 through 8). If the player has such a card, it can be used to begin the sequence and is placed directly in front of the player. If the player does not have such a card or chooses not to play a card, one card from the hand must be discarded faceup. A player's turn is over when a card has been either played or discarded, restoring the hand to three cards. Play progresses to the left, with the second player having the option of choosing the top card from either the draw or discard pile.

Once a player has begun a sequence, he or she may then play only a card of greater value, equal to any of the numbers listed on the right side of the last card in the

sequence. The player may not remove a card from the sequence.

When a pass card is played, all players pass their hands in the direction described on the card. Pass cards can be discarded the same as number cards, but if one wishes to play a pass card, it must be placed in a separate pile next to the draw pile and opposite the discard pile. Subsequent players may not draw from the pile of played pass cards. However, if the supply of cards in the draw pile is exhausted, the pass cards, along with the cards in the discard pile, are shuffled back in.

**Scoring:** The winning player accumulates points equal to the total of all numbers in his or her sequence of eight cards. All other players accumulate points equal to the total of all the numbers in their incomplete sequences and subtract the total of all the numbers remaining in their hands. Pass cards count as fifty points each. If a player is able to complete a sequence of all eight cards of one color group (a Str8 Eight), that player receives the positive points from the opponents' sequences, and the opponents still receive the deductions for the cards in their hands.

**Winning:** In a two-player game, the first person to accumulate 1,000 points wins. In a three- or four-player game, the first person to accumulate 500 points wins. In the case of two or more players

surpassing the threshold first, the player who completed the sequence of eight on the final hand wins. If none of these players completed the last sequence of eight, the player with the most points wins.

**Game Contents:** 64 number cards, 6 pass cards.