

# BANKRUPTCY

## THE CARD GAME

### A FAST PACED GAME OF CORPORATE ACCOUNTING

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**Number of Players:** 2-6

**Ages:** 8 and up.

**Time to play:** 5 to 20 minutes

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The box contains one rules sheet (this one) and 110 cards.

#### GAME SETUP

Begin by shuffling the deck. Determine who will play first (rock/paper/scissors, flip a coin, etc.). Deal **seven (7) cards** face down to each player. Place the remaining cards face down in between the players; this is the **draw deck**. Designate a space next to the draw deck to be the **discard pile**.

#### WINNING THE GAME

The first player to declare **Bankruptcy** (have no cards in their hand) is the winner.

#### GAME PLAY

On a player's turn, that player can take **one (1)** of the following actions:

1. Play a **Bull Market Card** from their hand, either on another player or on themselves. The player selected must draw the number of cards listed on the **Bull Market Card** from the **draw deck**.
2. Play a **Bear Market Card**, and dump (discard) a number of **Stock Share Cards** whose total number of shares is at least **one (1)** and is no greater than the share limit on the **Bear Market Card**. Place the **Bear Market Card** and the chosen **Stock Share Card(s)** in the **discard pile**.
3. Play a **Special Edition Card** and follow the instructions on the card.

**Note:** If a player cannot perform any of the previously listed actions, or chooses not to perform any of the previously listed actions, then the player **must draw one (1) card and end their turn**.

Play proceeds with the player to the left, and continues until at least one (1) player declares **Bankruptcy**

#### NOTES ON SPECIAL EDITION CARDS

- **CEO Suspected of Insider Trading:** Taking a card is optional. You may return all five (5) cards to the deck in the same order in which you drew them.
- **Company Announces Outsourcing of Jobs:** You cannot choose yourself as the recipient of the outsourcing.
- **Company Announces Stock Split:** You do not count this when determining the number of cards to draw.
- **Company Cooks the Books:** This card can only be played in conjunction with a **Bear Market Card** *AND* a **Stock Share Card** of any value. You may not change a **Bull Market Card**, **Bear Market Card**, or **Special Edition Card** into a **Stock Share Card**. Valid values for stock shares range from 1 through 10, inclusive.
- **Company Declares Chapter 11:** You do not count this when determining the number of cards to draw.
- **Company Merger Approved:** You must pick two (2) different players. If there are only two players, you must pick yourself as one of the players.
- **Hostile Takeover:** You cannot choose yourself as the recipient of the Hostile Takeover.
- **Inflation Strikes the Nation:** All players must draw one (1) card. The player playing this card draws the first card. Successive drawing is done in the order of play.
- **Nation in the Grip of Deflation:** All players must discard one (1) card. The player playing this card discards the first card. Successive discarding is done in the order of play. A player who declares **Bankruptcy** by discarding wins the game.
- **SEC Conducts Investigation:** You cannot choose yourself as the target of the SEC Investigation.

## EXAMPLE OF PLAY

Tyler and Jennifer are playing a 2-player game of **Bankruptcy**. Tyler starts the game with 7 cards (4 **Stock Share Cards** [10 shares, 7 shares, 3 shares, and 1 share], 2 **Bear Market Cards** [20 and 10], and 1 **Bull Market Card** [3]). Tyler goes first and could choose to play any of the following:

1. Play the **Bull Market Card** [3] on Jennifer (or himself) to make that player draw 3 cards from the **draw deck**.
2. Play the **Bear Market Card** [20] and discard 3 **Stock Share Cards** [10, 7, and 3 OR 10, 7 and 1, OR 7, 3, and 1].
3. Play the **Bear Market Card** [20] and discard 2 **Stock Share Cards** [10 and 7 OR 10 and 3 OR 10 and 1 OR 7 and 3 OR 7 and 1 OR 3 and 1].
4. Play the **Bear Market Card** [20] and discard 1 **Stock Share Card** [10 OR 7 OR 3 OR 1].
5. Play the **Bear Market Card** [10] and discard 2 **Stock Share Cards** [7 and 3 OR 7 and 1].
6. Play the **Bear Market Card** [10] and discard 1 **Stock Share Card** [10 OR 7 OR 3 OR 1].
7. Draw 1 card from the **draw deck**.

Tyler chooses to play the **Bear Market Card** [20] and discards 3 **Stock Share Cards** [10 shares, 7 shares, and 3 shares]. He now has 3 cards left in his hand (1 **Stock Share Card** [1 share], 1 **Bear Market Card** [10], and 1 **Bull Market Card** [3]). His turn is over, and it is now Jennifer's turn.

Jennifer starts the game with 7 cards (3 **Stock Share Cards** [8 shares, 6 shares, and 3 shares], 1 **Bear Market Card** [12], 2 **Bull Market Cards** [2, 1] and 1 **Special Edition Card** [Company Cooks the Books]). Jennifer could choose to play any of the following:

1. Play the **Bull Market Card** [2] on Tyler (or herself) to make that player draw 2 cards from the **draw deck**.
2. Play the **Bull Market Card** [1] on Tyler (or herself) to make that player draw 1 card from the **draw deck**.
3. Play the **Bear Market Card** [12] and discard 2 **Stock Share Cards** [8 and 3 OR 6 and 3].
4. Play the **Bear Market Card** [12] using the **Special Edition Card** [Company Cooks the Books] to change the value of the **Stock Share Card** [6] to 1 and discard 3 **Stock Share Cards** [8 and 3 and 6 /1].
5. Draw 1 card from the **draw deck**.

Jennifer chooses to play the **Bull Market Card** [2] on Tyler, making him draw 2 cards from the **draw deck**. Jennifer now has 6 cards left in her hand (3 **Stock Share Cards** [8 shares, 6 shares, and 3 shares], 1 **Bear Market Card** [12], 1 **Bull Market Card** [1] and 1 **Special Edition Card** [Company Cooks the Books]). Tyler draws 2 cards (2 **Stock Share Cards** [5 shares, 1 share]). Jennifer's turn is over and it is now Tyler's turn.

Tyler now has 5 cards in his hand (3 **Stock Share Cards** [5 shares, 1 share, and 1 share], 1 **Bear Market Card** [10], and 1 **Bull Market Card** [3]). Tyler chooses to play the **Bear Market Card** [10] and discards 3 **Stock Share Cards** [5 shares, 1 share, and 1 share]. He now has 1 card left in his hand (1 **Bull Market Card** [3]). His turn is over, and it is now Jennifer's turn.

Jennifer chooses to play the **Bull Market Card** [1] on Tyler, making him draw 1 card from the **draw deck**. Jennifer now has 5 cards left in her hand (3 **Stock Share Cards** [8 shares, 6 shares, and 3 shares], 1 **Bear Market Card** [12], and 1 **Special Edition Card** [Company Cooks the Books]). Tyler draws 1 card (1 **Special Edition Card** [Nation in the Grip of Deflation]). Jennifer's turn is over and it is now Tyler's turn.

Tyler now has 2 cards in his hand (1 **Bull Market Card** [3], and 1 **Special Edition Card** [Nation in the Grip of Deflation]). Tyler chooses to play the **Special Edition Card** [Nation in the Grip of Deflation], forcing each player to discard a card. Tyler discards first, and discards the **Bull Market Card** [3] from his hand, winning the game!

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