

## Scoring Sheet for Birka

The schedule on the left-hand side of the table shows the value of any one card in your hand. Observe that the value of a card depends only on the number of cards you have in that suit—the rank (A-K-Q-J-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2) of the cards is ignored. If you have three hearts, for example, the value of your third heart is 25. The schedule on the right-hand side shows the total value of all of the cards you have in a given suit. Three hearts are worth 245 points, which is equal to the value of the first heart (150) plus the second heart (70) plus the third heart (25).

| Marginal value of each card<br>in each suit         |        | Total value of the cards<br>in each suit |        |
|---|--------|--|--------|
|   | Points |  | Points |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> ♣ or ♦ or ♥ or ♠                    | 150    | 1 ♣ or ♦ or ♥ or ♠                       | 150    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> ♣ or ♦ or ♥ or ♠                    | 70     | 2 ♣s or ♦s or ♥s or ♠s                   | 220    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> ♣ or ♦ or ♥ or ♠                    | 25     | 3 ♣s or ♦s or ♥s or ♠s                   | 245    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> ♣ or ♦ or ♥ or ♠                    | 10     | 4 ♣s or ♦s or ♥s or ♠s                   | 255    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> ♣ or ♦ or ♥ or ♠                    | 7      | 5 ♣s or ♦s or ♥s or ♠s                   | 262    |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> ♣ or ♦ or ♥ or ♠                    | 4      | 6 ♣s or ♦s or ♥s or ♠s                   | 266    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> ♣ or ♦ or ♥ or ♠                    | 2      | 7 ♣s or ♦s or ♥s or ♠s                   | 268    |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> ♣ or ♦ or ♥ or ♠                    | 1      | 8 ♣s or ♦s or ♥s or ♠s                   | 269    |
| All additional ♣ or ♦ or ♥ or ♠ are worth 0 points. |        |  |        |

When the game ends, you can figure out the value of your hand by summing the total values of the cards in each suit. For example, if you have 4 cards in each of two suits and 3 cards in each of two suits (let's call it a 4-4-3-3 hand), your total score is  $255 + 255 + 245 + 245 = 1,000$ . The following table shows scores for some of the most common hands.

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| 5-4-4-4: 1027 points | 4-3-3-3: 990 points | 3-3-3-2: 955 points | 5-5-4-1: 929 points |
| 4-4-4-4: 1020 points | 6-4-3-2: 986 points | 4-4-2-2: 950 points | 6-4-4-1: 926 points |
| 5-4-4-3: 1017 points | 4-4-4-2: 985 points | 5-3-2-2: 947 points | 6-5-3-1: 923 points |
| 6-4-3-3: 1011 points | 5-4-3-2: 982 points | 4-3-2-2: 940 points | 5-4-4-1: 922 points |
| 4-4-4-3: 1010 points | 3-3-3-3: 980 points | 3-3-2-2: 930 points | 6-4-3-1: 916 points |
| 5-4-3-3: 1007 points | 6-3-3-2: 976 points | 6-4-2-2: 961 points | 4-4-4-1: 915 points |
| 4-4-3-3: 1000 points | 4-4-3-2: 975 points | 5-4-2-2: 957 points | 5-4-3-1: 912 points |
| 5-3-3-3: 997 points  | 4-3-3-2: 965 points | 5-5-5-1: 936 points | 6-3-3-1: 906 points |
| 6-5-3-2: 993 points  | 5-5-2-2: 964 points | 6-5-4-1: 933 points | 4-4-3-1: 905 points |

The player with the highest score wins the game. If several games are played, the player with the highest average score is declared the overall winner.