

# Slammin' Bananas Card Game



## Instructions

### Basic Game

Ages 7+  
2 players

**Object:** To be the first player to get rid of all the cards in your 4 stock piles.

**Set Up:** Shuffle the cards and deal them all face down. Each player should have 26 cards. Each player lays out 10 cards in 4 stock piles in a single row as follows:

Stock Pile 1 – 1 card face up

Stock Pile 2 – 1 card face down and 1 card face up

Stock Pile 3 – 2 cards face down and 1 card face up

Stock Pile 4 – 3 cards face down and 1 card face up

Stack the rest of the cards face down at the far left of the row. This is the banana pile.

**How to Play:** Together, players count down 3, 2, 1 and shout "Bananas!" and take the top card from their banana pile and place it face up in the center between them. As quickly as possible and at the same time, and using only 1 hand, both players play cards in sequence up or down from their face up stock piles onto either of the center cards. For example, if one of the center cards is a 4, either a 3 or a 5 can be played on it. Then a 4 or a 6 can be played on the 5, and so on. Aces are both low and high, meaning an Ace can connect to a King or a 2. When a player plays a face up stock pile card, he should turn over the next card in that pile. If neither player can play a face up stock pile card, both players shout "Bananas!" and turn a banana pile card face up onto a center pile. If neither player can play a card onto the cards just played, they shout "Bananas" again and put out another card. If a player's banana pile runs out, he takes a center pile (leaving the top card in the center), shuffles it, turns it over to become his banana pile, and continues playing.

**Game End:** The first player to play all of his stock pile cards wins.

## Speedy Monkeys: A Slammin' Bananas variation

**Object:** To be the first player to play all of the cards in your hand and stock pile.

**Set Up:** Shuffle the cards and deal 26 cards to each player. Each player then divides his cards as follows: 11 cards to a banana pile, 10 cards to a stock pile, and 5 cards to a hand pile. Players keep their 5-card hands hidden from each other. Other piles remain face down.

**How to Play:** Together, players count down 3, 2, 1 and shout "Bananas!" and take the top card from their banana pile and place it face up in the center between them. As in Slammin' Bananas, players play cards in sequence up or down onto the two center piles, only in this version players play cards from their hands. Players can play as many cards as possible from their hands and then should draw new cards from their stock piles so there are always 5 cards in their hands. If neither player can play, though both have 5 cards in hand, players simultaneously shout "Bananas!" and turn a banana pile card face up onto a center pile. If a player's banana pile runs out, he takes a center pile (leaving the top card in the center), shuffles it, turns it over to become his banana pile, and continues playing. When a player's stock pile runs out he continues to play from his hand without replenishing it.

**Game End:** The first player to play all of the cards in his stock pile and his hand wins!