## **Quick Start Instructions**

# Cockroach Poker (2-6 players)

### Setup (For 3+ players. \*See below for 2 -player games):

• **Shuffle and deal out all cards** face-down to players. It's okay if cards aren't dealt evenly. Look at your own cards but keep them hidden from others.

### How to Play:

- Decide who goes first. On a turn, pick a card from your hand and slide it face-down to a player of your choice, saying, "This is a \_\_\_\_\_". You can either tell the truth or bluff about the card.
- The player receiving your card can do one of two things, depending on how sure they are that you are bluffing or telling the truth:
  - 1. **Accept the card:** Before flipping the card over, **say out loud** whether you believe the player is telling the truth or bluffing.
    - Guessed correctly? Return the card to the player, who must put it face up in front of them.
    - Guessed wrong? You keep the card face up in front of you.
  - 2. Pass the card on: Before looking at the card, say out loud, "I pass".
    - Look at the card and pass it along to the next player, making your
      own claim about what it is. "This is a \_\_\_\_\_". This next player decides to
      accept or pass.
    - If the new player accepts the card and guesses correctly, the last player to make a claim must put the card face up in front of them.
    - You can't pass the card to anyone who has already seen it. If you can't pass the card to anyone, you must accept the card.
- The player who receives the face-up card will start the next turn.

#### **Game End:**

• The game ends when a player loses by having **4 face-up cards of one type** or **when a player has no more cards** in their hand. All other players win!

\*2 Player version: Remove 10 random cards before dealing. Passing is not allowed. The game ends when a player gets 5 of a kind or runs out of cards.