then takes the entire discard pile and places it in a neat discard pile next to the draw pile. If the top card is a number card, the player can play a number card from their hand, if they have one. The number card is played on the top of the discard pile, followed by the turn (i.e., the player must say “HIT THE DECK” when placing a card on the top of the discard pile). Once a number card is played on the top of the discard pile, the next player to play, after saying “HIT THE DECK,” will then play a THE card. A THE card can only be played on a HIT card, and a DECK card can only be played on a THE card.

The SPECIAL CASE: If you are in a situation where you cannot play a card, you can make a special play. You must say, “HIT THE DECK.” The player will call out either Yellow, Green or Purple. That is the color of the card that the next player must play.

The WILD CARDS: A Wild card can be used in two ways:

1. When placed on any number card or any Reverse card, the player will call out either Yellow, Green or Purple. That is the color of the card that the next player must play.
2. A Wild card may also be used to replace a card in a HIT THE DECK sequence. The Wild card can be used as a THE or a DECK after it has been played, or as any of the three cards if all three are being played at the same time.

A Reverse card cannot be played after a Search card.

The SPECIAL CARD: These cards can only be used in certain circumstances. There is an easier to play (and starts the HIT THE DECK play sequence). A HIT card may be played on any number card or on a Reverse card. A THE card can only be played on a HIT card. A DECK card can only be played on a THE card.

PENALTY: If a player is the dealer, the next player starts the discard pile on a Reverse card. The next player to the left of the dealer begins play by playing any number card from their hand. If the player has no number card to play or does not wish to play a card from their hand, the player must draw one card from the deck (i.e., the top of the deck is the card that is being played). The draw pile starts the discard pile by playing any number card from the draw pile. If the play is going to the left and a Reverse card is the top card, the player will call out either Yellow, Green or Purple. That is the color of the card that the next player must play.