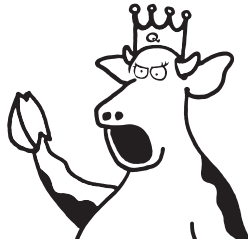


Quao

Pronounced "Cow"
The Ultimate Dictatorship Card Game



QUAO is the absolute, supreme ruler of an unruly wasteland at the edge of civilization where attempts at democracy are futile. There is only one law in the land and that law is **QUAO** (pronounced 'cow'). The mighty and all-powerful bovine of the badlands, **QUAO** governs the province by sheer antagonism. Only she knows the Rules and she hands them down with iron hoof.

WHAT'S UP WITH THE QUAO? First of all, she's not just a cow, she's a dictator and you better get used to playing by her Rules!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE QUAO? When you play this game, being **QUAO** means you know the Rules and everyone else has to figure them out. You also hand out all the penalties! Use your secret Rules and the help of your loyal subjects **Quak**, **JaQuas** and **BullyQ** to win this game. Just watch out for **Cheata'**, because she could be your downfall!

RULES:

- **QUAO** is the only player that may force players to draw a card when they disobey a **QUAO** Rule card or fail to perform a **Quak**, **JaQuas**, or **BullyQ** card (anything but **Cheata'** cards).
- **QUAO** may choose whether to enforce penalties, or to be a benevolent ruler and let the rules slide.
- **BullyQ** cards may not be assigned to **QUAO**.
- **QUAO** must enforce penalties immediately when they are disobeyed. If a player does not obey a rule or fails to perform a card (except **Cheata'**) and **QUAO** does not catch them during that turn, **QUAO** may not give a penalty.
- When discarding your final card, you must complete the card in order to win. If you complete the card and someone else ends up not having any cards as a result, then they win the round instead.
- If you discard your final card and break one of the **QUAO** Rules by playing that card, **QUAO** may make you draw another card. In other words, keep playing because you haven't won yet!
- Everyone, including **QUAO**, must obey **Cheata'** cards.
- Players must show the number of cards in their hand if anyone asks.
- If a player has a **BullyQ** card in front of them, they may discard it instead of discarding a card from their hand.
- **JoQuers** can be used at any time to avoid a **Quao** Rule penalty or discarded during any turn just like a regular card.

OPTIONAL RULES & HINTS

- When playing with four or more players, you may choose to deal only four cards each round to speed the game up.
- If you find that players are getting too many cards in their hands, you may limit the number of cards in any player's hand to eight.
- For more challenging play, keep **BullyQ** cards from previous rounds in play for all five rounds once assigned.

DIRECTIONS:

OBJECT: Each player is dealt five white cards. Each player has a chance to discard one card during each turn. The person that successfully completes and discards all the cards in their hand first, wins the round and becomes the dictator **QUAO**. Whoever wins the fifth and final round is the ultimate dictator and the winner!

SET UP: Open the deck and separate the white cards and the black cards (**QUAO** Rule cards). **DO NOT READ THE QUAO RULE CARDS!** Shuffle the white cards and deal each player five cards face down. Keep the remaining white and black cards face down on the table in separate piles for easy access.

HOW TO PLAY: There are four different 'suits' of white cards and each suit is played differently when discarded. During each turn a player may discard one of their cards from their hand to the table.

YOUR TURN: During your turn you must:

- 1) Pick a card to discard and **READ THE ENTIRE CARD OUT LOUD.**
- 2) Perform or assign the card to another player depending on the card suit.
- 3) Discard the card (either to the discard pile, into another player's hand, or in front of another player, again depending on the card suit).
- 4) Your turn is now over and play goes to the left.

SAMPLE GAME:

Round 1: Deal five white cards to each player. The oldest player goes first and play moves to the left. There is no **QUAO** and no **QUAO** Rule cards in play this round. The winner is the first person to discard all their cards.

Round 2: Winner of Round 1 becomes **QUAO** and draws one **QUAO** Rule card, reads it to themselves (**NOT OUT LOUD**) and places it face down in front of them. Shuffle **ALL** the white cards and deal each player, including **QUAO**, five cards. **QUAO** is now in charge of penalizing players when they break a **QUAO** Rule, or fail to perform a **JaQuas**, **Quak** or **BullyQ** card. Play begins with **QUAO** and proceeds to the left.

Round 3: Winner of Round 2 becomes the new **QUAO** and takes the previous rounds' **QUAO** Rules card and also draws an additional **QUAO** Rule card. Two **QUAO** Rules are now in play. Shuffle **ALL** the white cards and deal each player, including **QUAO**, five cards. The new **QUAO** is in charge of penalizing players when they break a **QUAO** Rule, or fail to perform a **JaQuas**, **Quak** or **BullyQ** card. Play begins with **QUAO** and proceeds to the left.

Round 4: Similar to Round 3, but now there will be three **QUAO** Rule cards in play.

Round 5: Similar to Round 4, but now there will be four **QUAO** Rule cards in play. The winner of this round is the ultimate dictator!

THE CARDS:

JaQuas Embarrassing revelations. **HOW TO PLAY:** Read this card out loud, perform the card and then discard it to the discard pile.

Quak You, the entertainer. **HOW TO PLAY:** Read this card out loud, perform the card and discard it into the discard pile.

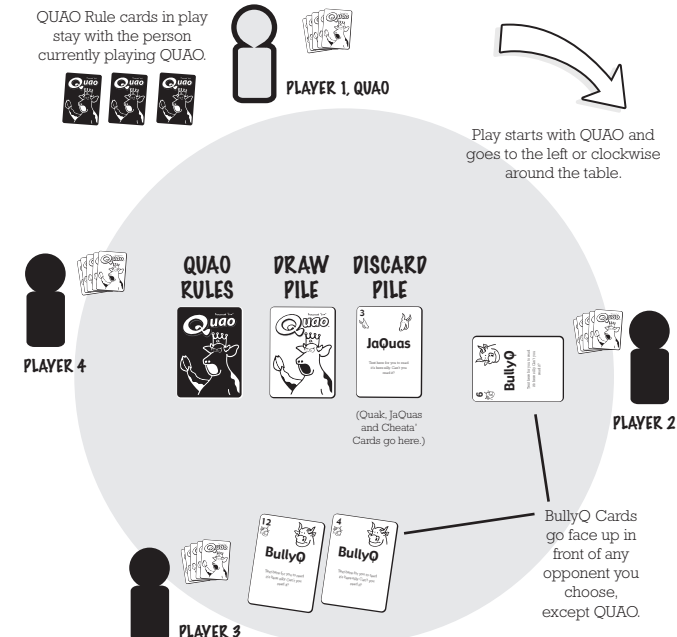
Cheata' Reward or abuse those you choose. **HOW TO PLAY:** Read this card out loud, then pick **ANY** player (including yourself or **QUAO**). The person you choose must perform this card, then discard it to the discard pile.

BullyQ Lather, rinse, repeat. **HOW TO PLAY:** Read this card out loud, then pick any **OTHER** player (except **QUAO**) and place this card face up in front of that player. That player must perform this card for the rest of the round.

JoQuer The joke's on **QUAO**. **HOW TO PLAY:** Read this card out loud, and discard. You may discard this card at any time to avoid a **QUAO** Rule penalty or discard it during your turn.

Quao For **QUAO's** eyes only. **HOW TO PLAY:** At the beginning of each round, **QUAO** draws a new **QUAO** Rule card, reads it and keeps it **SECRET** (along with any **QUAO** Rule cards from previous rounds). When any other player disobeys one of the **QUAO** Rule cards, **QUAO** reads the sentence on the bottom of the card out loud and the offending player must draw a card.

EXAMPLE :



[Example shown is with 4 players in Round 4 of play.]