



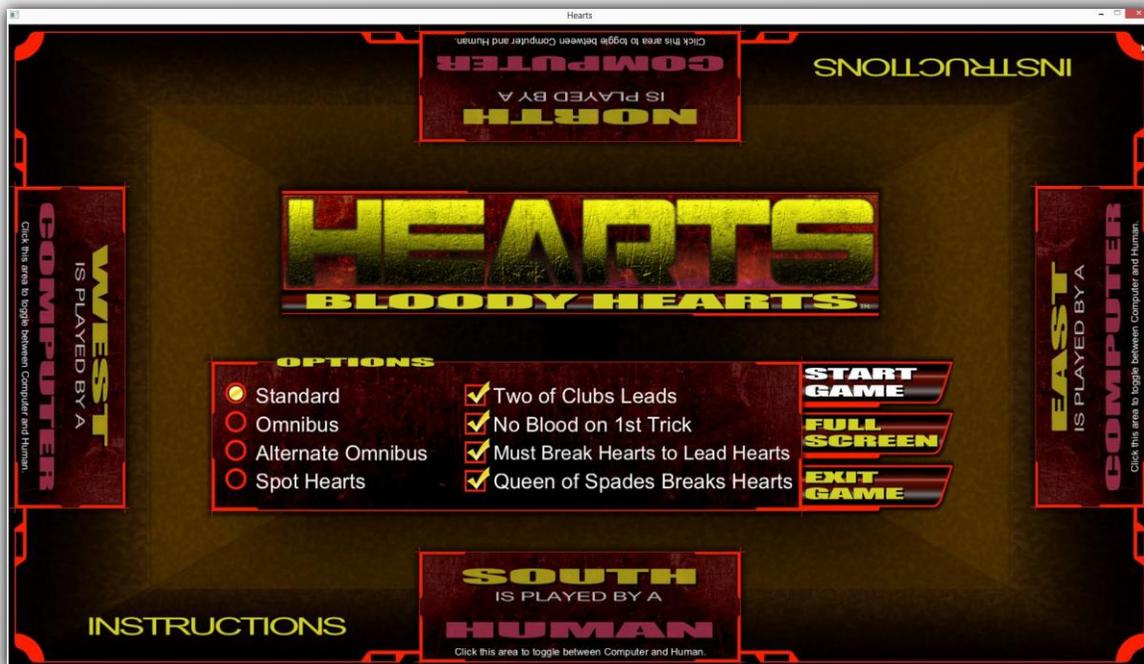
## BLOODY HEARTS



### Overview

Play a game of Hearts with up to 4 players. The game implements a variety of common rules so that you can customize the game to the way you like to play. Try to take the fewest points, or be cunning and try to take them all!

### Instructions



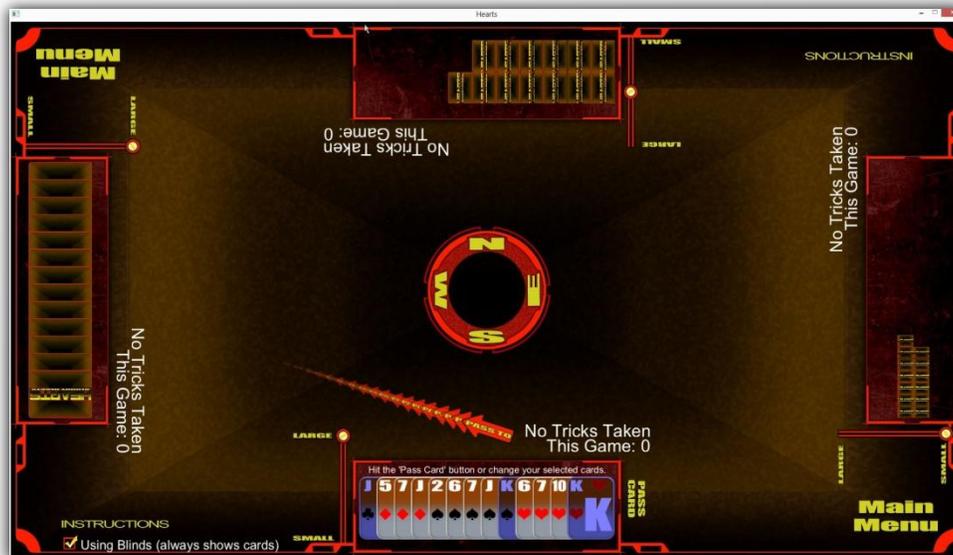
## Setup

The game always starts with 4 computer players assigned to the four seats. Click on a seat to change it back and forth between human and computer.

Select the game options you'd like to play with. The game comes configured with the most standard Heart options. To learn more about the options, see the section "Game Options" below.

Press "Start Game" to begin playing.

## Play



Each player is dealt 13 cards.

Next, each player will pass 3 cards to the player on his left. (Each round this cycles between passing across the table, to the right, a no-pass round, and back to the left again.) To reveal your cards, touch inside the card area. Drag your finger to the first card and release. (Note that this will hide your cards again.) Repeat this to select your 3 cards. A button to the right of the player's seat will appear: "Pass Card". Click this to pass the cards.

The player with the 2 of Clubs starts play. Each player in order *must follow suit* if able. Otherwise, a player can play any card (with the exception that a point card cannot be played on the first trick).

If you win the trick, you will score 1 point for each Heart card taken and 13 points for the Queen of Spades.

The round ends after all the cards have been played (13 tricks). If during one round you manage to take all of the points, every other player will score 26 points instead. This is called "Shooting the Moon". If during one round you manage to take all 13 tricks, every other player will score 52 points instead. This is called "Shooting the Sun".



Once any player reaches a score of 100 points, the player with the lowest score wins!

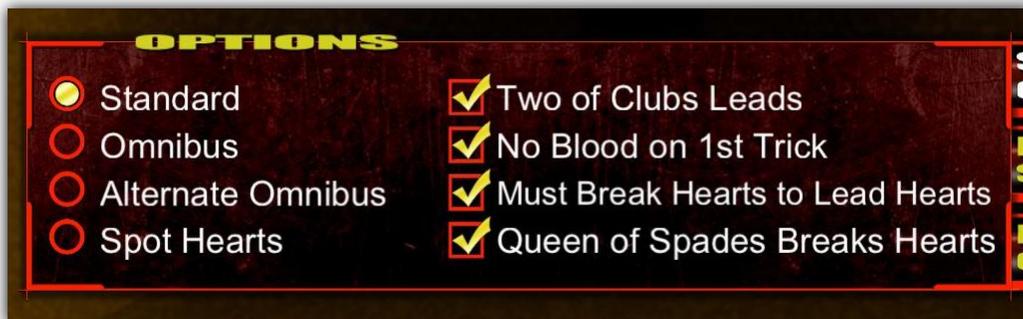
## Interface

There is an option in the corner called "Using Blinds (always shows cards)". If you have blinds that can shield the card area from the other players, feel free to use them and check this option. This will keep the cards face up.

To resize your cards, drag the dot between the "Large" and "Small" slider to the left of your seat. You may also click on a spot to instantly set the size. In addition, there are a few "snap" points to easily set the most common positions. Use this to accommodate blinds or to make it easier to shield the cards with your hand.

When you are ready to return to the main menu (at the game's end or earlier) press the "Main Menu" button.

## Game Options



- Scoring Options (only one option can be selected):
  - Standard: Each Heart is 1 point and the Queen of Spades is 13 points. A game goes to 100 points.
  - Omnibus: Same as "Standard" scoring but the Jack of Diamonds is worth minus 10 points.
  - Alternative Omnibus: Same as "Standard" scoring but the Ten of Diamonds is worth minus 10 points.
  - Spot Hearts: Each Heart is worth its value in points (the Jack being 11 points; Queen, 12 points; King, 13 points; Ace, 14 points). The Queen of Spades is 25 points. A game goes to 500 points.
- Play Options (any combination of these options can be selected):
  - Two of Clubs Leads: If selected, the player with the Two of Clubs starts each round. Else, the starting player moves clockwise around the table each turn.
  - No Blood on 1<sup>st</sup> Trick: If selected, no point cards can be played during the first trick (no Hearts nor the Queen of Spades). Else, all cards that follow the rules can be played during the first trick.
  - Must Break Hearts to Lead Hearts: If selected, Hearts cannot be lead until a player cannot follow suit and chooses to play a Heart. If your hand only contains Hearts, you may break and lead Hearts at that time, too. If not selected, Hearts can be lead at any time.
  - Queen of Spades Breaks Hearts: If selected, playing the Queen of Spades breaks hearts. Else, Hearts are only broken when a Heart is played. Note: This option is ignored if "Must Break Hearts to Lead Hearts" isn't selected.