Cabanga: Review by Grace

Cabanga is a medium paced game filled with colour, strategy and a bit of luck. The theme is simple but engaging, you have to try to get rid of all your cards which involves taking your minds back to mathematics. It is a competitive game that encourages some thinking and a little friendly rivalry.

Cabanga uses colourful cards that are simple yet appealing. The numbers and colours are easy to distinguish, the special action cards have fun, funky faces with different colours in the background. In Cabanga, players aim to discard their hand of cards quickly, but carefully, trying to avoid penalties. The game involves placing cards of the same colour in to matching discard piles.

Game Set Up:

Each player receives a hand of 8 cards. The row cards (representing 4 colours) and starting cards are placed in the middle.

Game Play:

Players take turns playing one card of the same colour as the row card they choose to play on.

Cabanga!

If a number gap is created between the discarded card and the opposite discard pile, other players can yell "CABANGA!" Card discarded, the active player must draw a penalty card from the penalty pile.

Penalty draw.

For each "CABANGA!" Card discarded, the active player must draw a penally card from the penalty pile.

Round end

A round ends when a player has no cards remaining in their hand.

Scoring

Players calculate penalty points based on the cards remaining in their hands at the end of the round.

The player with the least penalty points after reaching 18 points total wins.

I really enjoyed playing the game "CABANGA!" Because of its bright vicid colours and all of the funky faces. I liked how it involved friendly rivalry and quite a bit of thinking. I also enjoyed how fast and exciting the game was, especially being cheeky with giving my friends' penalty points.

I would really recommend this game to anyone who likes to think and play at the same time.

