



**National Board
Game League**

2024 Competition Rules

Overview

The National Board Game League is a product offering of Braided Entertainment.

- Individual Tournaments held across the country on weekends.
- Each event will have a Tournament for a game on the Saturday and Tournament of a different game on the Sunday
- There will be prizes for each individual tournament as well as overall League prizes.

Individual Tournament Rules

For each game below, please click the link to go to the tournament rules for that particular game:

- [Ticket to Ride Europe](#)
- [CATAN](#)
- [Carcassonne](#)
- [Dominion](#)
- Ark Nova - Coming Soon
- [Wingspan](#)
- [Azul](#)
- Splendor - Coming Soon

Registration

- Each tournament event will take place over two days. Tickets may be purchased as single day/tournament tickets or weekend passes (entry to both tournaments that weekend)
- Participants under the age of 18 MUST have a parent or guardian in attendance.

Ticket Prices

- Tickets for each individual tournament will be priced depending on the games featured.

Tournament Format

Each Tournament will feature four rounds:

- Group Stage or Round 1
 - For games deemed short enough, either 2 or 3 games of the tournament game will be played amongst the same group with positions and scores for each game being recorded to determine who qualifies for the Quarter Finals.

- For games deemed too long to hold a group stage, only one game of the tournament game will be played by each player in Round 1
- Quarter Finals
 - 4 or 8 Tables of the tournament game will be played with the top two players from each game proceeding to the Semi Finals Round
- Semi Finals
 - 2 or 4 Tables of the tournament game will be played with the top two players from each game proceeding to the Grand Final round
- Grand Final
 - 1 Table of the tournament game will be played with the results determining the final standings and the prize winners

Final Tournament Standings

The Final Tournament Standings will be ranked determined by a method appropriate to each game. This information will be provided in each tournament's individual information.

Participant Code of Conduct

- **Games will be played according to the rules provided in the game rulebook. Any tournament specific rules will be made clear in each tournament's information.**
- Food and Drink can be brought into the event space and enjoyed whilst playing, however please take care of the games and be considerate of those around you.
- **Rule Disagreements:** If there is a disagreement or any confusion in a game about the application of the rules, try to politely resolve the disagreement amongst the group in the first instance. If unable to resolve the disagreement or confusion, raise the flag that will be provided to your group and wait for a tournament official to come and discuss the disagreement. Any ruling made by the tournament official about how to proceed with your game is FINAL
- **Shuffling Decks:** Not everyone shuffles decks of cards the same. If it looks like another player is making a **genuine** effort to shuffle a deck, please do not harass them for it. Just play on. If any concerns arise about a deck being shuffled fairly, please raise the flag provided and a tournament official will shuffle the deck for you.
- **Disqualification:** Any player may be disqualified during the tournament for any of the following conduct.
 - Cheating
 - Antisocial/Unsportsmanlike behavior - This will be at the discretion of the tournament host. But examples include:
 - Verbally or Physically abusing another player for any reason

- Persistently trying to 'shuffle' a deck to favor them
- Complaining or becoming antisocial for another player "taking a route they need" or "taking a card they need"
- Being Unsportsmanlike due to the result of a game
- Any other act considered anti-social or unsportsmanlike
- Slowing the game down

Disqualified players will not receive a refund for their entry or be eligible to win any prizes for that tournament and in some circumstances may be asked to leave the venue.

Disqualification may also result in the participant being ineligible to compete in further tournaments at the discretion of Braided Entertainment.

- **BE KIND**
 - While there are Cash prizes on offer, at the end of the day the primary purpose of this tournament is to provide a fun day for all the players. Players are encouraged to get to know their group members while playing, supporting and congratulating each other and generally being good sports.

Individual Tournament Refund Policy

- Players who cancel their entry prior to exactly 3 weeks before the event start time are eligible for a 100% refund
- Players who cancel their entry between prior to exactly 2 weeks before the event start time are eligible for a 50% Refund
- Players who cancel their entry after exactly 2 weeks before the event start time are not eligible to receive a refund.

Individual Tournament Cancellations Policy

- If a Round is canceled all entrants will receive a full refund.
- If only ONE tournament on a weekend is canceled and the other tournament goes ahead, weekend pass holders will be refunded the difference between the weekend pass and the single day ticket fee as it was at the time they purchased their weekend pass

Volunteer to be a Tournament Official

There is also the option to register to be a volunteer Tournament Official. Tournament Officials will assist with adjudicating rule conflicts on tables as well as setting up games, recording results and helping players find the correct table.

For each Individual Tournament (One Day) that a person volunteers for they will receive:

- 1 x FREE Weekend Pass to any NBGL Round of their choosing
- 1 x \$30 Food/Drink Voucher for the venue

Overall League Rules

Registration

- All players who register for at least one individual tournament will automatically be registered for the overall National Board Game League at no extra cost.
- Players may register for any tournament in any location even if they have already competed in a tournament for that particular game.

League Standings & Point System

Players will be awarded points in the overall league table based on their results in the individual tournaments, per the following points allocation:

- 1st - 50 Points
- 2nd - 40 Points
- 3rd - 35 Points
- 4th - 30 Points
- 5th - 25 Points
- 6th - 20 Points
- 7th - 18 Points
- 8th - 16 Points
- 9th - 14 Points
- 10th - 12 Points
- 11th - 10 Points
- 12th - 8 Points
- 13th - 6 Points
- 14th - 4 Points
- 15th - 2 Points
- 16th - 1 Points

Only participants' Best 6 results will be included in the overall standings table, to balance the advantage of some players being able to travel to more events.

Overall Standings Tiebreakers

If two or more players finish the season on the same total of league points, tiebreakers will be used in the following priority:

- The participant who had the most 1st place finishes in individual tournaments
- The participant who had the most 2nd place finishes in individual tournaments
- The participant who had the most 3rd place finishes in individual tournaments
- The participant who reached the most Grand Final rounds in individual tournaments
- The participant who reached the most Semi Final rounds in individual tournaments
- The participant who reached the most Quarter Final rounds in individual tournaments
- The participant who topped their group the most times in Group Stage rounds
- The participant who came 2nd the most times in the Group Stage Rounds
- The participant who came 3rd the most times in the Group Stage Rounds
- If participants are still unable to be split based on these criteria the participants will share the total prize pool for those positions.