



Information and Rules

What is the OBGL

The OBGL, or Online Board Game League, is a first of its kind concept that Braided Entertainment will launch in 2024. It takes the ever growing popularity of Modern Board Gaming and provides a competitive environment for gamers using a League system.

OBGL Format

The OBGL format is a such:

- Players may purchase tickets to individual tournaments held on the Board Game Arena platform and run via Discord
- There will be 20 of these rounds in a season, each round showcasing a different game.
- Players will also earn League Points, based on the results of individual tournaments, that will accumulate over the course of the season.
- At the end of the season the player who finishes on top of the Overall League Ladder will be crowned Online Board Game League Champion.

Championships

In each OBGL Season players may register for the following championship Competitions (players may register for one, two or all 3 of these competitions simultaneously)

Overall Grand Championship

Players who register for the Overall Grand Championship will have results from ALL 20 rounds counted towards the Grand Championship league table. Players do not have to register for all 20 rounds however.

10 Round Championship

Players who register for the 10 Round Championship may pre-elect 10 of the 20 games as their games to be included in the 10 Round Championship league table. Players may choose ANY combination of 10 games from the pool of 20 rounds available. Players MUST elect their 10 games prior to the start of the tournament for the first game they elect. Players who register for this championship after the season has started, may not elect games for tournaments they have already completed.

5 Round Championship

Players who register for the 5 Round Championship may pre-elect 5 of the 20 games as their games to be included in the 5 Round Championship league table. Players may choose ANY combination of 5 games from the pool of 20 rounds available. Players MUST elect their 5 games prior to the start of the tournament for the first game they elect. Players who register for this championship after the season has started, may not elect games for tournaments they have already completed.

Note: You are allowed to compete in as many or as few tournaments as you like and still be eligible to enter all these competitions. The 5 and 10 Round Championships are designed for people who don't plan on entering all the tournaments. So even if you compete in 16 tournaments, for example, you are still eligible for the 5 and 10 Round championships, but in this case you would be nominating the games you think you will do the best at.

Likewise if you miss tournaments or don't want to compete in all tournaments you are still included in the Overall Grand Championship competition.

Season One Games and Calendar

A new tournament will commence on each Saturday morning at 10am Australian Eastern Time (Standard or Daylight Time depending on time of year) per the following schedule.

Start Date	Game	Format
Feb 3rd 2024	Wingspan	4 Player
Feb 10th 2024	Ark Nova	2 Player

Feb 17th 2024	The Castles of Burgundy	4 Player
Feb 24th 2024	Patchwork	2 Player
Mar 2nd 2024	Splendor	4 Player
Mar 9th 2024	Tapestry	3 Player
Mar 16th 2024	Gaia Project	4 Player
Mar 23rd 2024	Planet Unknown	4 Player
Mar 30th 2024	Heat: Pedal to the Metal	6 Player
Apr 6th 2024	Obsession	2 Player
Apr 13th 2024	Azul	4 Player
Apr 20th 2024	Ticket to Ride	4 Player
Apr 27th 2024	Welcome To	4 Player
May 4th 2024	Lost Ruins of Arnak	3 Player
May 11th 2024	Great Western Trail	4 Player
May 18th 2024	Kingdom Builder	2 Player
May 25th 2024	Carcassonne	2 Player
Jun 1st 2024	Cubirds	2 Player
Jun 8th 2024	7 Wonders Duel	2 Player
Jun 15th 2024	Bunny Kingdom	4 Player

Individual Tournament Format

Each game will have a Tournament format tailored to suit that game. Please see the separate tournament information documents for each game when they become available

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.

Overall League Format

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

Joining Instructions

Cost: FREE

Prizes: There are no prizes as it stands. BGA does not allow tournaments with entry fees as it stands so providing prizes for every tournament is not feasible. If this changes in future we would love to include prizes.

Yes you can join midway through the season at any time!

Tournament Organisation

- To join any tournament, players must join the Braided Entertainment Discord group at <https://discord.gg/P2GxB4ayAK>
- Sign-up for the OBGL using this form <https://forms.gle/Xy4oK4VFQnztzH3x5>
 - Within this form, players may also register for and elect their chosen games for the 10 Round and 5 Round Championships
- For individual tournaments, follow the instructions that will be provided for each games tournament.
 - Some tournaments will involve using the Tournament system on Board Game Arena
 - Some tournaments will require players to manually create their own game with the players they are drawn to compete with

Code of Conduct

The aim of the Online Board Game League is to provide players with more opportunities to enjoy the competitive side of board games in a fun and safe environment. Therefore we will be adapting (with changes) the Code of Conduct and Anti-Harassment Policy published by Mind Sports Olympiad under the Creative Commons License.

BE SAFE

Follow all policies, rules, and staff/moderator directions
Support each other in maintaining a safe environment
Report concerns to staff/moderators

PLAY NICE

Don't harass anyone
No cheating, trolling, or griefing
No playing while inebriated or under the influence of hallucinogenic or illegal drugs.

HAVE FUN

Make conversation with your opponents
Chat about the games afterwards in our Discord Channel

Remember to eat, sleep, and shower

Everyone should observe common sense rules for behaviour, personal interaction, courtesy, and respect. Harassing or offensive behaviour will not be tolerated. Braided Entertainment reserves the right to disqualify and/or ban the entry of any participant not in compliance with this policy.

ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY

Braided Entertainment is committed to providing a safe environment where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. Harassment or unwelcome conduct, whether verbal, physical, visual, or in any other form, is strictly prohibited. Braided Entertainment's anti-harassment policy applies to all persons involved in the operation or attendance of events operated by Braided Entertainment. Braided Entertainment will not tolerate harassment of anyone by anyone, including participants, arbiters, vendors, or staff.

Braided Entertainment defines harassment as any behaviour that threatens a person or group or produces an unsafe or non-inclusive environment. Harassment includes, but is not limited to, offensive verbal comments or non-verbal expressions related to gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, age, or religious beliefs. Harassment also includes, but is not limited to, sexual or discriminatory images in public and quasi-public spaces (online and offline), intimidation, stalking, following, harassing photography or recording, sustained disruption of talks or other events, inappropriate physical contact, and unwelcome sexual attention. Harassment may take the form of comments, epithets, slurs, jokes, teasing, display or discussion of written or graphic material, repeatedly standing too close to or brushing up against a person, or giving gifts of an unwanted or sexual nature. Advocating or encouraging any of the above is also considered harassment.

Harassment at Braided Entertainment does not include respectful disagreement or critique offered in good faith. Braided Entertainment reserves the right to alter or broaden its definition of harassment at its sole discretion.

No one should tolerate any conduct of this type. Should you experience or witness harassment, you may choose to take any of the following actions:

- If you feel safe and comfortable doing so, ask the offender to stop. Whether the offending behaviour is intentional or unintentional, expressing your discomfort to the offender directly often puts a stop to that conduct.
- Leave the area or online platform. While this may be unfair to you, it is sometimes best for your safety and well-being if you choose to leave the area or online platform, especially if you feel uncomfortable around the offender or their conduct. After separating yourself from the conduct, you may still choose to take additional actions.

- If you are comfortable doing so, ask Braided Entertainment staff/moderators for help.
- Report the incident formally to Braided Entertainment, on-site or online. This can also be done anytime during or after events by emailing info@braidedentertainment.com
- Contact the police or other appropriate authorities. Your health and safety is our most important concern. If you require immediate assistance from law enforcement, medical services, or other governmental entities, please do not hesitate to contact such services directly.

ANTI-CHEATING POLICY

Cheating will not be tolerated in any tournaments operated by Braided Entertainment. Braided participants agree not to cheat and understand that various anti-cheating detection methods may be used including a computer analysis of their games. Competitors agree to meet all reasonable requests by the Braided Entertainment and its representatives, to determine the veracity of tournament results.

Processing Complaints

Based on any informal or formal complaint or report of harassment, Braided Entertainment may take the following steps. Note that this list is not exhaustive, and other appropriate action may be taken as necessary.

- Read and investigate all reports. Braided Entertainment documents and reviews all reports. Reporting parties may be contacted for further clarifying information unless they have submitted a report anonymously or asked to not be contacted further. Note that Braided Entertainment will not share the results of these reports with anyone, including the person who filed the report, unless required by law.
- Intercede if and when appropriate. Braided Entertainment staff may take immediate action to address harassment concerns, including but not limited to, escorting participants to a location in which they feel safe, refunding tickets, cancelling events, moving event locations, requesting participants leave a specific area, removing offenders from the event, or banning offenders from events operated by Braided Entertainment. Bans and removals may be on a temporary basis, for the duration of a specific event, or permanent.
- Contact police and medical authorities when appropriate. If, upon review, Braided Entertainment finds that relevant local government officials should be notified, Braided Entertainment may contact such entities and/or share confidential information as required by law.
- Sanction participants based on our investigations. Braided Entertainment participants found to have violated the Code of Conduct will be subject to sanctions that are proportionate to the seriousness of the violation. Braided Entertainment will take whatever reasonable steps it deems appropriate in order to maintain its reputation for

safety, fairness and integrity. Those sanctions will include some or all of the following although this is not an exhaustive list:

- Verbal or written warning
- Requiring the participant to avoid any interaction with, and physical proximity to the party or parties involved
- Temporary suspension from any Braided Entertainment sponsored events or online services
- A permanent ban from any Braided Entertainment sponsored events or online services
- Immediate expulsion from the convention without refund
- Reporting of the incident to the appropriate authorities
- Publication to the Braided Entertainment community and/or third parties of the details of the incident

Braided Entertainment's Code of Conduct applies in all physical and online spaces within Braided Entertainment's control. This includes, but is not limited to, event venues, Braided Entertainment social media pages, and Braided Entertainment forums. Occasionally Braided Entertainment is made aware of behaviour by participants (or potential participants) that has occurred outside of Braided Entertainment—either online or offline—and is a gross violation of our Code of Conduct. These actions need not occur in Braided Entertainment-affiliated spaces to be considered for sanctions by Braided Entertainment. These include, but are not limited to:

- Individuals who have not attended Braided Entertainment events but have a history of abusive behaviour and/or known incidents that took place outside Braided Entertainment that may cause risks to a participant's safety, or which may contribute to a hostile or non-inclusive environment at the convention
- Braided Entertainment participants who have been reported for outside incidents, including, but not limited to, conduct at other conventions, threatening or abusive behaviour online, or assault

We understand that, at times, participants will have disagreements or interpersonal conflicts that do not necessarily escalate to the point of harassment or abuse. Braided Entertainment will not arbitrate such disagreements—we ask that you please leave these conflicts at home.

Braided Entertainment continuously strives to create a safe and welcoming space. Should you have any suggestions for how we can improve, please email us at [**info@braidedentertainment.com**](mailto:info@braidedentertainment.com)