

# MAGIC: THE GATHERING® DCI FLOOR RULES

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## **Introduction**

The **Magic: The Gathering** DCI® Floor Rules work in conjunction with the DCI Universal Tournament Rules (UTR), the DCI Penalty Guidelines, and the **Magic** game rules. Players, spectators, and tournament officials must follow these documents while involved with DCI-sanctioned **Magic** tournaments. Individuals who violate provisions of these documents will be subject to the appropriate provisions of the DCI Penalty Guidelines.

See Appendix A for a list of the changes from previous versions of this document.

See Appendix B of the DCI Universal Tournament Rules for definitions of terms in this document.

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## **100. GENERAL MAGIC: THE GATHERING TOURNAMENT RULES**

### **101. Format and Ratings Categories**

The DCI sanctions the following formats as individual, two-person team, or three-person team tournaments:

#### *Constructed Formats*

- Standard
- Extended
- Block

#### *Eternal Formats*

- Vintage
- Legacy

#### *Limited Formats*

- Sealed Deck
- Booster Draft (individual only)
- Rochester Draft (individual and three-person team only)

The DCI produces the following ratings categories:

- Constructed (includes all Standard, Extended, and Block individual matches)
- Eternal (includes all Vintage and Legacy individual matches)
- Limited (includes all Limited individual matches)
- Team Constructed (includes all Constructed team matches)
- Team Limited (includes all Limited team matches)

In the team tournaments listed above, each team member plays a one-on-one match against a member of the other team, and the results comprise the teams' match result. In a multiplayer tournament, on the other hand, all players from the two teams would play in the same game.

Open sanctioning for multiplayer (Two-Headed Giant variant only) tournaments begins on October 1, 2005. Available formats will include Standard, Extended, Block, Vintage, Legacy, and Sealed Deck.

Event results for all for two-person multiplayer tournaments will eventually be merged into a single Multiplayer rating. Multiplayer ratings and rankings will available at a date to be announced in a future version of this document.

#### 102. **Authorized Cards**

Alpha cards (cards from the first print run of the core set) may be used in decks containing non-Alpha cards only if all cards are placed in completely opaque sleeves and only if the sleeves could not be considered marked. If sleeves are not used, Alpha cards may be used only in decks that consist exclusively of Alpha cards.

Participants may not use cards from special sets or supplements with alternate backs, squared corners or gold borders. (Examples: Collector's Edition, Pro Tour Collector's Set, World Championship decks.) Players may not use silver-bordered *Unglued*<sup>™</sup> or *Unhinged*<sup>™</sup> cards. *Unglued* and *Unhinged* basic land cards **are** allowed in sanctioned **Magic** tournaments.

Players may use cards from special sets and supplements with black- or white-bordered cards published by Wizards of the Coast that do not have alternate backs and/or squared corners. (**Examples:** the *Anthologies*<sup>™</sup>, *Beatdown*<sup>™</sup>, and *Battle Royale*<sup>™</sup> box sets). However, the card(s) must be otherwise legal to play in that tournament's format.

A series of official promotional cards called textless spells, are allowed in DCI-sanctioned **Magic** tournaments. However, the card(s) must otherwise be legal to play in that tournament's format. These cards should be interpreted using their current Oracle<sup>™</sup> wordings.

#### 103. **Card Interpretation**

Cards are interpreted using the appropriate section of the Oracle card reference. During sanctioned competition, players must refer to this version of a card to settle disputes concerning the interpretation of a card's wording or abilities. Card abilities are based on card text, not artwork.

Players may not use errors or omissions in Oracle to disrupt a tournament or otherwise abuse the rules. The head judge is the final authority for card interpretations, and he or she may overrule Oracle if an error is discovered.

#### 104. **New Releases**

The following card sets are scheduled to release during 2005. They become tournament legal for DCI-sanctioned tournaments on the dates listed:

- *Ninth Edition* Limited formats: July 29, 2005  
Constructed formats: August 20, 2005
- *Ravnica: City of Guilds*<sup>™</sup> Limited formats: October 7, 2005  
Constructed formats: October 20, 2005

For certain Limited tournaments, such as official Prereleases and Sneak Preview tournaments (including their side events), new sets are legal for use before the official Limited format legal date.

These dates are subject to change. Any changes will be announced at [thedci.com](http://thedci.com).

#### 105. **Participation Minimums**

The DCI requires participation minimums for a tournament to be sanctioned and included in the official ratings and rankings. For **Magic: the Gathering** tournaments, the participation minimums are as follows:

- For individual events, a minimum of eight players must participate.
- For team and multiplayer events, a minimum of four teams must participate.

If the participation minimum is not met, the tournament is no longer DCI-sanctioned, and will not be included in DCI ratings. If participation minimums are not met for any DCI-sanctioned event, the tournament organizer should report the event as cancelled.

## 110. **MAGIC: THE GATHERING TOURNAMENT MECHANICS**

### 111. **Match Structure**

Three is the default number of games in a **Magic** match, and tournament organizers must allow three games per match. If a tournament organizer chooses, he or she may run single-elimination final rounds as best three games out of five; this choice must be announced before the tournament begins. Match results, not individual game results, are reported to the DCI for the purpose of inclusion in worldwide ratings and rankings.

Drawn games (games without a winner) do not count towards one of the games in a match. The match should continue until one player has won the majority of games as long as match time allows.

### 112. **Match Time Limits**

The **required** minimum time limit for any match is **40 minutes**.

The following time limits are **recommended** for each round of a tournament:

- Constructed and Limited tournaments—50 minutes
- Single-elimination quarterfinal or semifinal matches—90 minutes
- Single-elimination final matches—no time limit

The following time limits are **recommended** for Limited tournaments:

- Sealed Deck—20 minutes for deck registration and 30 minutes for deck construction
- Draft—30 minutes for deck registration and construction
- Team Sealed Deck—20 minutes for deck registration and 60 minutes for deck construction
- Team Draft—30 minutes for deck construction and registration

**Magic** Premier Events may have different time limits. These time limits can be found in the event or event series Fact Sheet. Fact Sheets are located in the **MagicTheGathering.com** Tournament Center: [www.wizards.com/default.asp?x=mtgcom/tournamentcenter](http://www.wizards.com/default.asp?x=mtgcom/tournamentcenter).

### 113. **Play-Draw Rule**

For the first game of a match, the winner of a coin toss (or other random method) chooses either to play first and skip his or her first draw step or to play second. The winner of the coin toss must state this choice before looking at his or her hand. If the coin toss winner states no choice, it is assumed that he or she is playing first. The player who plays first skips the draw step of his or her first turn. Each turn thereafter follows the standard order set forth in the **Magic** Comprehensive Rules. This is commonly referred to as the play/draw rule.

After each game in a match, the loser of that game (even if the game loss was due to a penalty) decides whether to play first in the next game. If the game was a draw (there was no winner or loser), the player who decided to play or draw for that game chooses for the next game.

### 114. **Pregame Procedure**

Before a game begins, players determine who plays first (see section 113). This may be done any time during the pregame procedure before the players look at their hands. (Note that players are not required to decide who plays first before sideboarding.) The following steps must be performed before each game begins:

1. Players may exchange cards in their decks for cards in their sideboards (only after the first game of the match).
2. Players shuffle their decks (see Universal Tournament Rules, section 21). Note that players may stop shuffling to perform additional sideboarding but must then shuffle sufficiently.

3. Players present their decks to their opponents for additional shuffling and cutting.
4. If the opponent has shuffled the player's deck, that player may make one final cut.
5. Players present their sideboards and put them in a clearly distinguishable place.
6. Each player draws seven cards.
7. Each player, in turn order, decides whether to mulligan (see section 115).

Once mulligans are resolved, the game can begin.

#### **115. Mulligan Rule**

Before each game begins, a player may, for any reason, reshuffle and redraw his or her hand, drawing one less card. This may be repeated as often as the player wishes, until he or she has no cards left in his or her hand.

The decision of whether to mulligan passes between players following the order established in section 113. After the participant who plays first mulligans as often as he or she likes, the decision of whether to mulligan passes to the other player. Once a player passes the opportunity to mulligan, that player may not change his or her mind.

#### **116. End-of-Match Procedure**

If the match time limit is reached before a winner is determined, the active player (as defined in the **Magic** game rules) finishes his or her turn and five total additional turns are played. For example, time is called on player A's turn. Player A finishes his or her turn. Player B takes extra turn #1, Player A takes extra turn #2, Player B takes extra turn #3, player A takes extra turn #4, and player B takes extra turn #5.

Players take any extra turns granted to them by effects as they normally would during the course of the game, but any extra turn counts as one of the five end-of-match turns. Once five extra turns are completed, the game finishes regardless of any remaining effect-generated extra turns.

If the game finishes before the fifth turn is completed, the match is over and no new game begins.

If a judge assigned a time extension (because of a long ruling, deck check, or other reason), the end-of-match procedure does not begin until the end of the time extension.

#### **117. Determining a Match Winner**

In Swiss rounds, the player with the most game wins is the winner of the match. If both players have equal game wins, the match is a draw.

In single-elimination rounds, matches may not end in a draw. After the end-of-match procedure is finished, the player with more game wins is the winner of the match. If both players have equal game wins when the end-of-match procedure is finished, the player with the lower life total becomes the loser of the current game. In the event the players have equal life totals (or are between games and the game wins are tied), the game/match should continue until the first life total change that results in one player having a lower life total than the other.

### **120. RULES FOR CONSTRUCTED TOURNAMENTS**

#### **121. Deck Size Limits**

Constructed decks must contain a minimum of sixty cards. There is no maximum deck size; however, players must be able to sufficiently randomize their deck within the time allotted.

With the exception of basic land cards, a player's combined deck and sideboard may not contain more than four of any individual card, counted by its English card title. All cards named Plains, Island, Swamp, Mountain, and Forest are basic. (The five *Ice Age*<sup>TM</sup> snow-covered lands—Snow-Covered Plains, Snow-Covered Island, Snow-Covered Swamp, Snow-Covered Mountain, and Snow-Covered

Forest—are also basic lands. Note that snow-covered lands are permitted only in formats that allow the *Ice Age* set.)

## 122. Sideboard Use

If a player wishes to use a sideboard, it must contain exactly fifteen cards.

Before each game begins, players must present their sideboards and allow their opponents to count the number of cards in their sideboards (face down), if requested. Players may not look at their sideboards during a game. The sideboard must be clearly identified and separated from all other cards in the play area. The sideboard may not be kept where it could be confused or switched with other cards.

The deck and sideboard must each be returned to their original compositions before the first game of each match. Cards transferred from a player's deck to his or her sideboard, and vice versa, must be returned before the player begins a new match. If a penalty causes a player to forfeit the first game in a match before that game began, neither player may use cards from his or her sideboard for the second game.

Before the beginning of the second or subsequent game in a match, players may change the composition of their decks by exchanging cards from their decks for cards in their sideboards. Any card exchange between decks and sideboards must be made on a one-for-one basis to ensure that the sideboards remain at exactly fifteen cards at all times. There are no restrictions on the number of cards a player may exchange this way. Players are not required to reveal how many cards he or she is sideboarding.

## 125. Standard Format Deck Construction

The following card sets are permitted in Standard tournaments:

- *Eighth Edition* (rotates out August 20, 2005)
- *Ninth Edition* (effective August 20, 2005)
- *Mirrodin*<sup>™</sup> (rotates out October 20, 2005)
- *Darksteel*<sup>™</sup> (rotates out October 20, 2005)
- *Fifth Dawn*<sup>™</sup> (rotates out October 20, 2005)
- *Champions of Kamigawa*<sup>™</sup>
- *Betrayers of Kamigawa*<sup>™</sup>
- *Saviors of Kamigawa*<sup>™</sup>
- *Ravnica: City of Guilds* (effective October 20, 2005)

Card sets rotate into the Standard environment on the dates noted in section 104. Card sets rotate out of Standard, however, in blocks (a large expansion and its two small expansions) —essentially a year of **Magic** expansions.

**Example:** The *Mirrodin* block rotated into the Standard environment when the *Mirrodin* set became legal for play. The *Darksteel* and *Fifth Dawn* sets are *Mirrodin* block expansions and are legal in Standard. The *Mirrodin*, *Darksteel*, and *Fifth Dawn* sets will rotate out of Standard together when the large expansion after *Saviors of Kamigawa* (*Ravnica: City of Guilds*) enters play on October 20, 2005—two years after the *Mirrodin* set was introduced to the environment.

The following cards are banned in Standard tournaments:

- Arcbound Ravager
- Ancient Den
- Darksteel Citadel
- Disciple of the Vault
- Great Furnace
- Seat of the Synod
- Skullclamp
- Tree of Tales
- Vault of Whispers

## 126. Extended Format Deck Construction

Card sets are allowed in Extended tournaments as described in section 104.

Every three years, three blocks (nine sets) of cards rotate out of Extended on the same day as the scheduled Standard rotation. The first implementation of this Extended rotation will occur on October 20, 2005. On that date, a new set will rotate into the Constructed environment; the three oldest blocks in Extended, *Tempest*<sup>TM</sup> block (*Tempest*, *Stronghold*<sup>TM</sup>, *Exodus*<sup>TM</sup>), Urza block (*Urza's Saga*<sup>TM</sup>, *Urza's Legacy*<sup>TM</sup>, *Urza's Destiny*<sup>TM</sup>), and Masques block (*Mercadian Masques*<sup>TM</sup>, *Nemesis*<sup>TM</sup>, *Prophecy*<sup>TM</sup>) will rotate out.

Base sets released during the same period as a departing block also rotate out of Extended. For example, *Sixth Edition*, (also known as *Classic*) was released during Urza block and will rotate out of Extended on October 20, 2005.

The following card sets are permitted in Extended tournaments:

- *Sixth Edition (Classic)*\*
- *Seventh Edition*
- *Eighth Edition*
- *Ninth Edition (effective August 20, 2005)*
- *Tempest*\*
- *Stronghold*\*
- *Exodus*\*
- *Urza's Saga*\*
- *Urza's Legacy*\*
- *Urza's Destiny*\*
- *Mercadian Masques*\*
- *Nemesis*\*
- *Prophecy*\*
- *Invasion*<sup>TM</sup>
- *Planeshift*<sup>TM</sup>
- *Apocalypse*<sup>TM</sup>
- *Odyssey*<sup>TM</sup>
- *Torment*<sup>TM</sup>
- *Judgment*<sup>TM</sup>
- *Onslaught*<sup>TM</sup>
- *Legions*<sup>TM</sup>
- *Scourge*<sup>TM</sup>
- *Mirrodin*
- *Darksteel*
- *Fifth Dawn*
- *Champions of Kamigawa*
- *Betrayers of Kamigawa*
- *Saviors of Kamigawa*
- *Ravnica: City of Guilds (effective October 20, 2005)*

\*These sets rotate out of Extended on October 20, 2005

The following cards are banned in Extended tournaments:

- Ancient Tomb
- Dark Ritual
- Dream Halls
- Earthcraft
- Entomb
- Frantic Search
- Goblin Lackey
- Goblin Recruiter
- Grim Monolith
- Hermit Druid
- Lotus Petal
- Memory Jar
- Metalworker
- Mind Over Matter
- Oath of Druids
- Replenish
- Survival of the Fittest
- Skullclamp
- Time Spiral
- Tinker
- Tolarian Academy
- Windfall
- Yawgmoth's Bargain
- Yawgmoth's Will

### 127. **Vintage Format Deck Construction**

Vintage decks may consist of cards from all **Magic** card sets, any extension of the core set, and all promotional cards released by Wizards of the Coast, with exceptions listed below. New card sets are allowed in Vintage tournaments as described in section 104.

Until October 20, 2005, cards from the following sets are **not** allowed in Vintage tournaments, or any DCI-sanctioned tournament, unless they have been reprinted in a **Magic** core set or expansion:

- *Portal*
- *Portal Second Age*
- *Portal Three Kingdoms*
- *Starter*

When these sets become legal for tournament play on October 20, 2005, the cards Personal Tutor and Imperial Seal will be added to the Vintage Restricted List.

The following cards are banned in Vintage tournaments:

- Any ante card
- Chaos Orb
- Falling Star

The following cards are restricted in Vintage tournaments:

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| • Ancestral Recall      | • Mind Twist         |
| • Balance               | • Mind's Desire      |
| • Black Lotus           | • Mox Diamond        |
| • Black Vise            | • Mox Emerald        |
| • Burning Wish          | • Mox Jet            |
| • Channel               | • Mox Pearl          |
| • Chrome Mox            | • Mox Ruby           |
| • Crop Rotation         | • Mox Sapphire       |
| • Demonic Consultation  | • Mystical Tutor     |
| • Demonic Tutor         | • Necropotence       |
| • Dream Halls           | • Regrowth           |
| • Enlightened Tutor     | • Sol Ring           |
| • Entomb                | • Strip Mine         |
| • Fact or Fiction       | • Time Spiral        |
| • Fastbond              | • Time Walk          |
| • Frantic Search        | • Timetwister        |
| • Grim Monolith         | • Tinker             |
| • Gush                  | • Tolarian Academy   |
| • Library of Alexandria | • Trinisphere        |
| • Lion's Eye Diamond    | • Vampiric Tutor     |
| • Lotus Petal           | • Voltaic Key        |
| • Mana Crypt            | • Wheel of Fortune   |
| • Mana Vault            | • Windfall           |
| • Memory Jar            | • Yawgmoth's Bargain |
| • Mind Over Matter      | • Yawgmoth's Will    |

### 128. **Legacy Format Deck Construction**

Legacy decks may consist of cards from all **Magic** card sets, any extension of the core set, and all promotional cards released by Wizards of the Coast. New card sets are allowed in Legacy tournaments as described in Section 104.

Until October 20, 2005, cards from the following sets are **not** allowed in Legacy tournaments, or any DCI-sanctioned tournament, unless they have been reprinted in a **Magic** core set or expansion:

- *Portal*
- *Portal Second Age*
- *Portal Three Kingdoms*
- *Starter*

When these sets become legal for tournament play on October 20, 2005, the cards Imperial Seal will be added to the Legacy Banned List.

The following cards are banned in Legacy tournaments:

- Amulet of Quoz
- Ancestral Recall
- Balance
- Bazaar of Baghdad
- Black Lotus
- Black Vise
- Bronze Tablet
- Channel
- Chaos Orb
- Contract from Below
- Darkpact
- Demonic Attorney
- Demonic Consultation
- Demonic Tutor
- Dream Halls
- Earthcraft
- Entomb
- Falling Star
- Fastbond
- Frantic Search
- Goblin Recruiter
- Grim Monolith
- Gush
- Hermit Druid
- Illusionary Mask
- Jeweled Bird
- Land Tax
- Library of Alexandria
- Mana Crypt
- Mana Drain
- Mana Vault
- Memory Jar
- Metalworker
- Mind Over Matter
- Mind Twist
- Mind's Desire
- Mishra's Workshop
- Mox Emerald
- Mox Jet
- Mox Pearl
- Mox Ruby
- Mox Sapphire
- Necropotence
- Oath of Druids
- Rebirth
- Replenish
- Skullclamp
- Sol Ring
- Strip Mine
- Tempest Efreet
- Time Spiral
- Time Walk
- Timetwister
- Timmerian Fiends
- Tinker
- Tolarian Academy
- Vampiric Tutor
- Wheel of Fortune
- Windfall
- Worldgorger Dragon
- Yawgmoth's Bargain
- Yawgmoth's Will

## 129. Block Format Deck Construction

The DCI sanctions a series of Constructed formats called Block formats. Each Block format consists of a maximum of three expansions (one large expansion and the two small expansions associated with it). New card sets are allowed in Block format tournaments as described in Section 104.

The DCI sanctions the following Block formats:

- *Kamigawa*<sup>TM</sup> Block (*Champions of Kamigawa, Betrayers of Kamigawa, Saviors of Kamigawa*)
- *Mirrodin* Block (*Mirrodin, Darksteel, Fifth Dawn*)
- *Onslaught* Block (*Onslaught, Legions, Scourge*)
- *Odyssey* Block (*Odyssey, Torment, Judgment*)
- *Invasion* Block (*Invasion, Planeshift, Apocalypse*)
- *Masques* Block (*Mercadian Masques, Nemesis, Prophecy*)
- *Urza* Block (*Urza's Saga, Urza's Legacy, Urza's Destiny*)
- *Tempest* Block (*Tempest, Stronghold, Exodus*)



- *Mirage*<sup>™</sup> Block (*Mirage*, *Visions*<sup>™</sup>, *Weatherlight*<sup>™</sup>)
- *Ice Age* Block (*Ice Age*, *Alliances*<sup>™</sup>, *Homelands*<sup>™</sup>)

The following cards are banned in Block Constructed Tournaments

- Skullclamp (*Mirrodin* Block)
- Lin Sivvi, Defiant Hero (Masques Block)
- Rishadan Port (Masques Block)
- Gaea's Cradle (Urza Block)
- Memory Jar (Urza Block)
- Serra's Sanctum (Urza Block)
- Time Spiral (Urza Block)
- Tolarian Academy (Urza Block)
- Voltaic Key (Urza Block)
- Windfall (Urza Block)
- Cursed Scroll (*Tempest* Block)
- Squandered Resources (*Mirage* Block)
- Amulet of Quoz (*Ice Age* Block)
- Thawing Glaciers (*Ice Age* Block)
- Timmerian Fiends (*Ice Age* Block)
- Zuran Orb (*Ice Age* Block)

## **130. RULES FOR LIMITED TOURNAMENTS**

### **131. Deck-Size Limits**

Main decks must contain a minimum of forty cards. There is no maximum deck size. All cards a player received but is not using in his or her main deck become that player's sideboard.

Players are not restricted to four of any one card in Limited tournament play.

### **132. Sideboard Use**

Any drafted or opened cards not used in a player's Limited deck function as his or her sideboard. Players may not look at their sideboards during a game.

Before the beginning of the second or subsequent game in a match, players may change the composition of their decks by exchanging cards from their decks for cards in their sideboards. Players can also request additional basic land at this time. There are no restrictions on the number of cards a player may exchange this way as long as the main deck contains at least forty cards. Cards do not need to be exchanged on a one-for-one basis. The deck must be returned to its original composition before the first game of each match.

### **133. Materials Provided**

Tournament organizers and/or the head judge may choose to provide basic lands for players to use during the tournament. If the organizer provides basic lands, the same amount of land must be available to each player. Organizers must announce before and during event registration whether they will provide players with access to basic lands. Organizers may require players to return basic land cards when they leave the tournament.

### **134. Rules for Sealed Deck Tournaments**

In Sealed Deck tournaments, players may add as many basic lands as desired to their decks during deck construction. Extra lands are allowed for sideboards, and players may add basic lands to their sideboards any time between games.

### **135. Rules for Draft Tournaments**

In Draft tournaments, players may add as many basic lands to their decks as desired; no maximum is imposed. Extra lands are allowed for sideboards, and players may add basic lands to their sideboards any time between games.

## **140. RULES FOR TEAM TOURNAMENTS**

### **141. General Team Requirements**

Each individual team must have unique, team-specific information, including:

- a team name,
- a team affiliation, if applicable (sponsor, school, retail store, and so on),
- a team city,
- a team state/province,
- a team country, and
- team members (with their respective DCI membership numbers).

Multiple teams may have the same affiliation, city, state/province, and/or country.

### **142. Team Names**

Wizards of the Coast reserves the right to disallow any team name it deems offensive and/or obscene. Tournament organizers and certified head judges should discourage teams from registering team names that may be considered offensive and/or obscene.

Once a team is registered at the professional level (meaning the team has registered and played in a team-format Pro Tour event), that name is considered taken and may not be used by any other team.

### **143. Team Composition and Identification**

A valid team consists of two or three members, as appropriate to the DCI-sanctioned team format (see section 101). A team is identified by the individual DCI membership numbers of its respective members. Individual DCI members may be members of more than one team.

A team continues to exist as long as its respective members choose to identify themselves as a team. Any change in team membership (that is, the removal and/or addition of a member) constitutes a new team, with new team-specific information (see section 141). A team may change its name, affiliation, city, state/province, or country without becoming a new team.

### **144. Valid Team Participation and Player Designation**

Sanctioned team tournaments are open to teams consisting of two or three members. Only valid teams of the appropriate size are eligible for a DCI-sanctioned team tournament. If a player drops or is disqualified from the event, the entire team is dropped from the event.

Each team entering a DCI-sanctioned tournament must provide the tournament organizer with its team-specific information (see section 141) when registering for the event. Failure to provide this information will result in the team's disqualification from the tournament.

**Example:** A sanctioned three-person team tournament is open only to teams consisting of three members; teams consisting of two members cannot compete in this event.

Teams must designate player positions during event registration. For example, in a three-player team event, each team must designate who is player A, player B, and player C. Players retain these designations throughout the entire tournament.

When two teams are paired against each other during the course of a tournament, the team members designated as player A play against each other, the team members designated as player B play against each other, and so on.

### **145. Team Constructed Tournaments**

Event results for all DCI-sanctioned team Constructed tournaments (Vintage, Legacy, Extended, and Standard) are merged into one set of Constructed ratings for each team size.

Team tournaments using any DCI-sanctioned Constructed format must adhere to all applicable sections of the **Magic** DCI Floor Rules and DCI Universal Tournament Rules for Constructed tournaments.

Team Constructed tournaments use **Unified Deck Construction** rules: With the exception of basic land cards, a team's combined decks and sideboards may not contain more than four of any individual card, counted by its English card title. (For example, if one player has four main-deck Naturalizes in a Team Constructed event, no other player on that team may have a Naturalize in his or her deck or sideboard.) If a card is restricted in a particular format, no more than one of that card may be used by the team. No players may use cards that are banned in a particular format.

**146. Team Limited Tournaments**

Event results for each DCI-sanctioned team Limited tournament (Sealed Deck and Rochester Draft) are merged into one set of Limited ratings for each team size.

Team tournaments using any DCI-sanctioned Limited format must adhere to all applicable sections of the **Magic** DCI Floor Rules and DCI Universal Tournament Rules for Limited tournaments.

**147. Team Rochester Draft Tournaments**

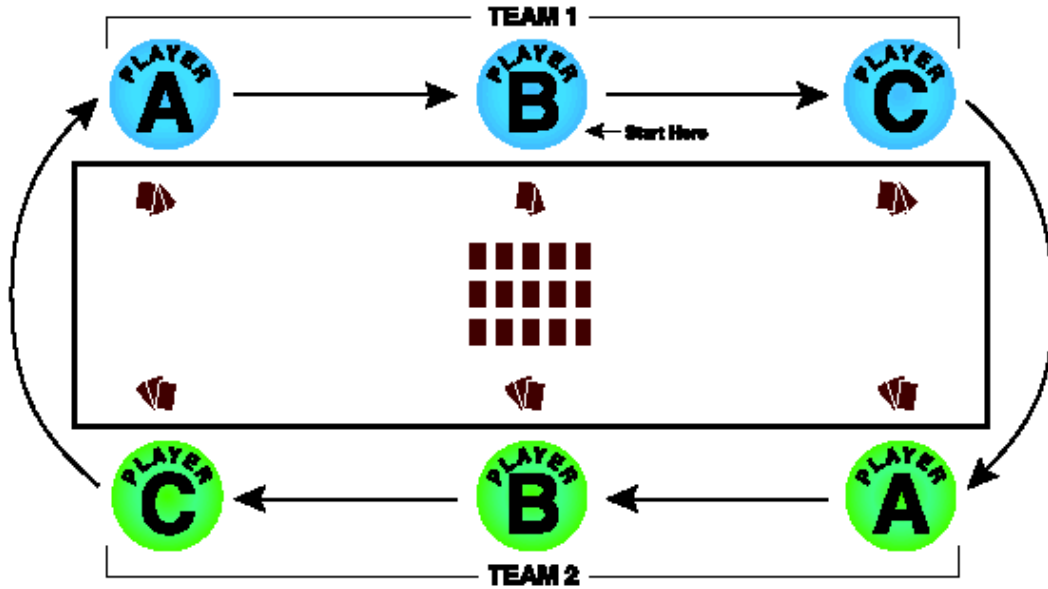
Team Rochester Draft events require teams of three players each, and two teams are seated at each table for the draft. Team members sit clockwise in A-B-C order around the table. (For example, in a three-person team event, players sit around the table clockwise in this order: 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A, 2B, 2C.)

During the draft, talking is not allowed. However, nonverbal signals such as pointing and gesturing are permitted.

A team determined at random chooses either to pick first or to allow the other team to pick first. The “B” player of the team that picks first lays out the first pack. All fifteen cards are drafted from the pack following the standard Rochester Draft rules for timing and active-player rotation (see the Universal Tournament Rules, sections 76 and 77).

**Example:** Team 1 and Team 2 are seated around a table. They are numbered 1A-1B-1C-2A-2B-2C in a clockwise order. Team 2 wins the coin toss, and the members of Team 2 choose to let Team 1 pick first. The active player for the first pack is Player 1B. The first booster pack for Player 1B is opened and placed face up in front of Player 1B. After the 30-second review period has expired, the draft order is as follows:

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| Player 1B—card 1 | Player 1A—card 6  | Player 1C—card 11 |
| Player 1C—card 2 | Player 1A—card 7  | Player 1B—card 12 |
| Player 2A—card 3 | Player 2C—card 8  | Player 1B—card 13 |
| Player 2B—card 4 | Player 2B—card 9  | Player 1C—card 14 |
| Player 2C—card 5 | Player 2A—card 10 | Player 2A—card 15 |



**148. Team Sealed Deck Tournaments**

Teams are issued sealed product based on which expansions have been released in the current block. Every team must receive the same product mix. For example, if one team receives two *Champions of Kamigawa* tournament packs, two *Betrayers of Kamigawa* boosters, and two *Saviors of Kamigawa* boosters, every team must receive two *Champions of Kamigawa* tournament pack, two *Betrayers of Kamigawa* boosters and two *Saviors of Kamigawa* boosters.

All cards must be assigned to a player's deck or sideboard during deck construction and cannot be transferred to another player during that tournament. (Players do not share main deck or sideboard cards.) All decks must contain a minimum of forty cards. Any number of the remaining cards may be assigned as a sideboard to any player. Players may add as many basic lands as they need to their main deck at the start of the tournament or to their sideboard between games.

*Three-Person Team Events*

The DCI recommends that each team receive two tournament packs and four boosters. The tournament packs will always be from the large expansion. If no small expansions have yet been released, the boosters will also be from the large expansion. If the first small expansion has been released, the four boosters should be from the first small expansion. If the second small expansion has been released, two boosters should be from the first small expansion and two boosters from the second small expansion.

*Two-Person Team Events*

The DCI recommends that each team receive one tournament pack and five boosters. The tournament pack will always be from the large expansion. If no small expansions have been released, the boosters will also be from the large expansion. If the first small expansion has been released, one booster should be from the large expansion and four boosters from the first small expansion. If the second small expansion has been released, one booster should be from the large expansion, two boosters the first small expansion, and two boosters from the second small expansion.

**150. RULES FOR MULTIPLAYER TOURNAMENTS**

On October 1, 2005 the DCI will begin sanctioning multiplayer tournaments (see section 101) for the Two-Headed Giant variant only. Game rules for the Two-Headed Giant found can be found in section 6 of the **Magic** Comprehensive Rules.

The general rules for team tournaments listed in sections 141–144 of this document also apply to multiplayer tournaments. However, multiplayer tournaments differ from other tournaments as explained in the rest of this section.

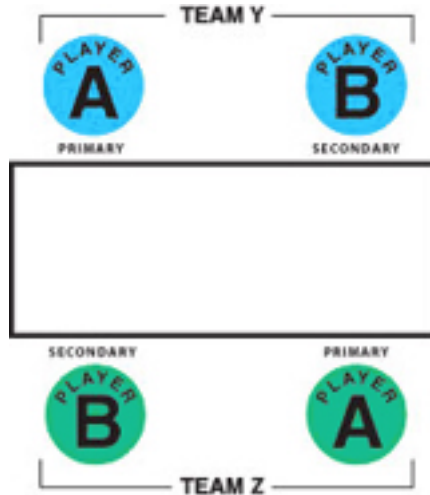
**151. Match Structure**

Multiplayer matches consist of one game.

Drawn games (games without a winner) do not count towards the one game. As long as match time allows, the match should continue until a team has won a game.

**153. Play-Draw Rule**

A team determined at random chooses either to play first and skip its first draw step, or to play second. The choice must be made before either player on that team looks at his or her hand. If either player on the team looks at his or her hand before a choice is made, that team plays first. The team that plays first skips its draw step on its first turn (neither player on the team draws a card).



**154. Pregame Procedure**

1. Players should be seated with the primary player (Player A) to the right of his or her teammate.
2. Players shuffle their decks (see Universal Tournament Rules, section 21).
3. Players present their decks to their opponents for additional shuffling and cutting.
4. If an opponent has shuffled a player's deck, that player may make one final cut.
5. Each player draws seven cards.
6. Each player, in turn order, decides whether to mulligan (see section 155).

Once mulligans are resolved, the game can begin.

**155. Multiplayer Mulligan Rule**

As part of the pregame procedure, a player may, for any reason, reshuffle and redraw a hand of seven cards. This is referred to as the "free mulligan." That player may then reshuffle and redraw his or her hand, drawing one less card. That player may repeat the process of shuffling and drawing one less card as often as he or she wishes, until he or she has no cards left in their hand.

The team that will play first resolves its mulligans first. (Teammates may communicate with each other at all times during the match, including during mulligans.) The primary player decides whether or not to mulligan; then each other player, in clockwise order, decides whether or not to mulligan. Once a player passes the opportunity to mulligan, that player may not change his or her mind.

**156. End-of-Match Procedure**

If the match time limit is reached before a winner is determined, the active team finishes its turn and five total additional turns are played. For example, time is called on Team Y's turn. Team Y finishes its turn. Team Z takes extra turn #1. Team Y takes extra turn #2, Team Z takes extra turn #3, Team Y takes extra turn #4, and Team Z takes extra turn #5.

Teams take any extra turns granted to them by effects as they normally would during the course of the game, but any extra turn counts as one of the five end-of-match turns. Once the fifth turn is completed, the game finishes regardless of any remaining effect-generated extra turns.

If a judge assigned a time extension to the match, the end-of-match procedure does not begin until the end of the time extension.

**157. Determining a Match Winner**

In Swiss rounds, the team that wins the game wins the match. If neither team has won the game after completing the end-of-match procedures, the match is a draw.

**Rules for Single Elimination Rounds**

In single-elimination rounds, matches may not end in a draw. If neither team has won the game after completing the end-of-match procedure, the team with the lowest life total is the loser of the game and the match. If both teams have equal life totals, the game continues until the first life total change that results in one team having a higher life total than the other. Should a game end in a draw during the end-of-match procedure, players start a new game and play until the first life total change that results in one team having a higher life total than the other.

**160. RULES FOR MULTIPLAYER CONSTRUCTED TOURNAMENTS**

**161. Deck Size Limits**

Constructed decks must contain a minimum of sixty cards. There is no maximum deck size; however, players must be able to sufficiently randomize their deck within the time allotted.

Multiplayer Constructed tournaments use **Unified Deck Construction** rules: With the exception of basic land cards, a team's combined decks may not contain more than four of any individual card, counted by its English card title. (For example, if one player is using four Naturalizes in a Multiplayer Constructed event, no other player on that team may have a Naturalize in his or her deck.) If a card is restricted in a particular format, no more than one of that card may be used by the team. No players may use cards that are banned in a particular format.

**162. Sideboard Use**

Sideboards are not allowed in Constructed Multiplayer tournaments.

**170. RULES FOR MULTIPLAYER LIMITED TOURNAMENTS**

When sanctioning for multiplayer tournaments (Two-Headed Giant variant only) begins on October 1, 2005, the only Limited format sanctioned for multiplayer play will be Sealed Deck.

Multiplayer Limited tournaments must adhere to all applicable sections of the **Magic** DCI Floor Rules and DCI Universal Tournament Rules for Limited tournaments.

The DCI recommends that each team receive one tournament pack and four boosters *or* seven boosters. Every team must receive the same product mix. For example, if one team receives a *Champions of Kamigawa* tournament pack, two *Betrayers of Kamigawa* boosters and two *Saviors of Kamigawa* boosters, every team must receive a *Champions of Kamigawa* tournament pack, two *Betrayers of Kamigawa* boosters and two *Saviors of Kamigawa* boosters.

**171. Deck-Size Limits**

Each player's deck must contain a minimum of forty cards. There is no maximum deck size. Neither teams nor individuals are restricted to four of any one card in Limited tournaments. Cards not used in a team's starting decks cannot be used at any time in that tournament.

**172. Sideboard Use**

Sideboards are not allowed in Limited Multiplayer tournaments.

**APPENDIX A — CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS VERSIONS**



### **Changes from March 20, 2005 version**

- Section 101: Multiplayer announcement added.
- Section 102: Authorized cards clarified to include some special sets.
- Section 122: Clarifies that players are not required to announce how many cards they are sideboarding.
- Sections 125, 126: Set list updated
- Sections 127, 128: Portal cards will be Vintage- and Legacy-legal as of October 20, 2005.
- Section 145: Unified Deck Construction rule added.
- Section 148: Clarifies that all teams must receive the same product.
- Section 160 - 172: Multiplayer rules added.

### **Changes from December 20, 2004 version**

- Section 102: Textless spells may be used in sanctioned tournaments.
- Section 112: Minimum time limits for Premier Events moved to event Fact Sheets.
- Section 121: Basic land rule clarified.
- Section 125: Standard banned list updated.
- Section 128: Vintage banned list updated.
- Section 129: Block banned list reformatted.

### **Changes from September 20, 2004 version**

- Introduction: English version of this document should be used to settle translation discrepancies.
- Current version of this document now located at [thedci.com/docs](http://thedci.com/docs).
- Section 101: Constructed format Type 1.5 is now called Legacy.
- Section 102: Except for basic lands, *Unhinged* cards are not tournament legal.
- Section 104: New sets updated.
- Section 125: Card sets updated.
- Section 127: Restricted card list updated.
- Section 128: Constructed format Type 1.5 is now called Legacy.
- Section 129: *Kamigawa* Block Format added.
- Section 132: Clarifies that Limited decks must be returned to original composition before the first game of each match.
- Section 134: Land rule for Sealed Deck tournaments updated.

### **Changes from June 20, 2004 version**

- Section 101: Vintage ratings category changed to Eternal. Type 1 tournament format changed to Vintage. "Type 1.5" format name to be changed at a later date.
- Section 104: New sets updated.
- Section 126: Extended banned card list updated.
- Section 127: Type 1 changed to Vintage. Clarifies exclusion of all Portal cards in Vintage tournaments. Restricted list updated.
- Section 128: "Type 1.5" to be renamed. Clarifies exclusion of all Portal cards in "Type 1.5" tournaments. "Type 1.5" banned list no longer tied to Vintage banned and restricted list.