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Rulebook

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PROLOGUE

Somewhere in the middle of deep space, your galaxy is overpopulated and hopes to expand across the intergalactic planets. You will grow your starfleet, expand your influence, and colonize planets in the name of intergalactic conquest. However, you are not the only empire looking to expand. Opportunistic rivals from other galaxies are growing just as fast as you and even the universe is not big enough for all your ambitions to come true. If you maneuver your fleet strategically, select the right planets, and outwit your opponents, you can control the cosmos, leaving your rivals floating on worthless space rocks.

OBJECTIVE

Galactic empires are competing to colonize newly discovered planets. Earn **victory points** (◉) by colonizing planets and increasing your empire's level. Whoever has the most victory points at the end of the game wins!

COMPONENTS

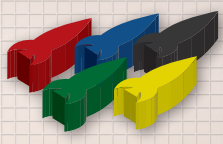
5 Galaxy Mats

1 Control Mat

40 Planet Cards

12 Secret Mission Cards

7 Action Dice



20 Ships

5 Empire Tokens

5 Energy Tokens

5 Culture Tokens

GAME SETUP

1. Give each player a **Galaxy Mat** in a color of their choice. The back of the Galaxy Mats, the Rogue Galaxies, are only used for solo play, described on page 10.

2. Give each player **4 Ships**, **1 Culture Token**, **1 Energy Token**, and **1 Empire Token** in their color.

3. Players start the game with **2 ships** on the center of their Galaxy Mat, standing upright. These are the player's starting ships. The other 2 ships are placed on the ship track on the number spaces outlined with a square.

4. Players keep track of their culture and energy levels by placing the corresponding tokens on the resource track on their Galaxy Mat. Start the game with **1 culture** and **2 energy**.

5. Players keep track of their empire's level by using the **Empire Token** on the empire track on their Galaxy Mat. The empire level determines how many dice and ships you are able to use during your turn. The level of your empire also earns you victory points. Start the game with the empire token on the Empire Token on the **first space (★)** of the empire track.

6. Shuffle the deck of **Planet Cards**. Draw 2 more than the number of players and place each one face up in the center in a line. In a 5 player game, only draw 6 Planet Cards. These are newly discovered planets, ready for colonization. *For example, in a 3 player game, you would place 5 planets in the center.* .

7. Place the **Control Mat** and the **7 Action Dice** in the center of the table.

8. Shuffle the **Secret Mission Cards** and deal **two** to each player. Each player looks at both, selects one and slides it under their Galaxy Mat, then discards the other. These cards are kept secret from other players until the end of the game. Put any remaining Secret Mission cards back into the box face down.

GAMEPLAY

The youngest player goes first or choose your own method to determine and remember first player. Players take turns rolling and activating a number of dice determined by their empire level. Play continues until one player reaches **21 or more victory points**. After that occurs, continue play until the beginning of the starting player's next turn, when the game ends instead.

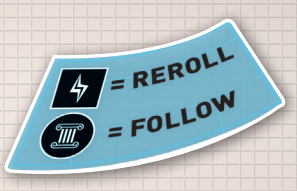
On your turn, refer to the empire track on your Galaxy Mat. Take the number of dice specified for your empire's level and roll them. *For example, on the first player's first turn, they'll get 4 dice and 2 ships.* The dice you roll determine the actions you may take that turn. You may activate the dice in any order you wish. **You do not have to activate all of the dice during your turn.**

ACTIVATING DICE

To use the action shown on a die, move the die to the Activation Bay on the Control Mat and perform the action. A die cannot be used more than once in a turn; once used it must remain in the Activation Bay.

REROLLING DICE

At any point during your turn, you may reroll any number of your dice that have not yet been activated. The **first reroll of each turn is free**; thereafter, a reroll, of any inactive dice, costs **1 energy (ϟ)**.



FOLLOW ANOTHER PLAYER

On a player's turn, after that player has activated a die and performed its action, **all other players have a brief moment to decide whether they want to follow that action.** To follow, a player must spend **1 culture (Ⅲ)**. That player may then copy that die's action immediately. Each player may only perform 1 follow action per die. Any timing disputes during following should be resolved in clockwise order, starting from the player to the left of the active player.

Dice Actions:

MOVE A SHIP

Move one of your ships from its current planet or galaxy to another planet. When arriving at a planet, a ship may do **one** of two things:

1. Land on the Planet's Surface

If you land a ship on a planet's surface (standing upright), you may immediately perform the action listed on that planet's card.

2. Orbit the Planet

If you choose to orbit the planet, place your ship (*lying on its side*) on the starting position of the card's **colony track**. The symbol at the end of the track determines which action will allow you to advance the ship further along the track: **Diplomacy** or **Economy**. The first player to reach the end of the track will colonize the planet.

General Movement Rules:

- When you move, you must switch planets. You cannot move from the surface to the colony track on the same planet, and vice versa.
- You can have ships on both the colony track and planet surface of the same planet.
- You can only have one ship on each colony track.
- You can only have one ship on each planet surface.
- Ships from different players can occupy the same colony track spaces or planet surfaces. If at any point during the game your ship becomes displaced, it is returned to your Galaxy Mat.
- You may move from a planet back to your Galaxy Mat. Multiple ships can land on your galaxy.
- You may not land on another player's Galaxy Mat or their colonized planets.

ACQUIRE RESOURCES

Energy

Culture

Planets can produce two different kinds of resources: **Energy** and **Culture**. When an Acquire Resource die is activated, acquire 1 of that resource for each of your ships on, or orbiting, planets with the matching symbol. Acquire 1 energy for each ship on your Galaxy Mat. *In the example on the right, the player would acquire* **2 culture** *from this planet if an* ***Acquire Culture*** *die is activated (1 for orbiting plus 1 for landed).*

Move the culture or energy token up the resource track to show how much you have acquired. You may only have a **maximum of 7** of either resource. If you spend all of a resource, remove the token from your Galaxy Mat until you acquire more.

ADVANCE COLONIZATION

Diplomacy

Economy

While orbiting a planet, ships work toward colonizing it by advancing along its colony track. Depending on the planet, you can use either **Diplomacy** or **Economy** to do so. The symbol on the last space of the colony track determines which action you must use. Activate the die to advance one ship forward one space on one colony track.

Colonizing Planets:

When you advance to the end of the track and reach the diplomacy or economy symbol, you have colonized the planet! All ships on the card are returned to their owners' Galaxy Mats.

Take the planet card and slide it under the action section on your Galaxy Mat so that the planet's text and point value are still visible. Announce your new victory point total. **A new planet card is then drawn to replace it and is placed in the gap left by the colonized planet.**

UTILIZE A COLONY

Activate this die to perform either the action on your Galaxy Mat or the action on one of the planets you have colonized. For instance, in the setup on the right, you can use one of the three actions listed. *For additional clarification on planet actions, refer to the inside of the bottom of the game box.*

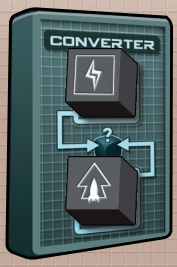
Galaxy Mat Action:

Upgrade your empire; spend only or

Spend the number of resources equal to the next level of your empire track. This cost must be paid either entirely in energy or entirely in culture; **they cannot be combined**. *For example, to upgrade from the second to the third space, empire level 3, you need to spend either 3 energy or 3 culture, not a combination.*

Upgrading your empire increases the number of victory points it is worth, as indicated by the leftmost track. It also increase the number of dice and ships you can use. If you gain a ship, immediately place it on the center of your Galaxy Mat. This ship can be used on the same turn. If you gain another die, it will be available to you at the start of your next turn. After upgrading your empire, announce your new victory point total.

CONVERTING DICE



The Converter, found on the Control Mat, is used to turn a die to a face of the player's choice. To use the Converter, place any two inactive dice into the two slots in the Converter, then change the face of a third inactive die to the face of your choice. This can only be done once per turn. The two dice in the Converter are considered spent, may not be activated, and cannot be followed.

FINISHING YOUR TURN

Once you have activated as many of your dice as you wish to activate, your turn is over. Other players get a brief moment to follow the last die activated. Remove all dice from the Control Mat, and then play passes to the next player in the clockwise direction.

END OF GAME

Once a player reaches **21 or more victory points,** the end of the game is triggered. Victory points from the Secret Missions do not count towards ending the game. Play continues until all players have taken an equal number of turns.

REVEAL SECRET MISSIONS AND SCORE

After the last player finishes their turn, all players reveal their Secret Mission card. If a player has completed the objective on their card, they are awarded the bonus points detailed on the card. Add the victory points you've gained from colonized planets, empire level, and your secret mission card. The player with the most victory points wins! If tied, the player with the most colonized planets wins. If still tied, the player with the highest galaxy level wins. If still tied, the player with the highest combined total of resources wins. If still tied, enjoy your shared victory.

THE ROGUE GALAXY - Rules for Solo Play

From the blackest depths of the universe, a Rogue Galaxy rises from the chaos. Its savage inhabitants have only one mission: conquer all life in the cosmos. Our galaxy's only hope is you, Commander! You alone must lead our empire and use our power to defeat the oncoming Rogue armada. If you fail, there will be nowhere safe for us amongst the stars.

GAME SETUP

The game is set up like a normal 2 player game with the following exceptions:

- Select a Rogue Galaxy Mat, which can be found on the reserve side of a normal Galaxy Mat, for your opponent. Each player color has a unique Rogue Galaxy with a different difficulty level. Difficulty levels range from beginner to epic!
- The Rogue Galaxy starts with **zero energy** and **zero culture**, but starts with all **4 ships** on the center of its Galaxy Mat.
- Do not deal out Secret Mission Cards.

You will take the first turn. You play your turns as usual, but the Rogue Galaxy plays by a different set of rules...

ROGUE ACTIONS

On the Rogue Galaxy's turn, one die is rolled at a time. The die is placed in the Activation Bay on the Control Mat, and the action is taken by the Rogue Galaxy. This continues until all of the Rogue Galaxy's available dice have been rolled.

By spending **1 energy and 1 culture**, you can force the Rogue Galaxy to **reroll a die** it would otherwise activate. You can do this as many times as you have resources to spend.

You can follow a die activated by the Rogue Galaxy by spending 1 culture. However, if a **die's action is unusable** by the Rogue Galaxy (*such as a "Move a Ship" action without available ships*), **the die is rerolled one time**. If still unusable, the die is **discarded and it cannot be followed**. The Rogue Galaxy never follows your actions.

MOVE A SHIP

If any ships are still on the Rogue Galaxy Mat, move one to the leftmost planet that does not have a Rogue ship orbiting it. Place the ship on that planet's colony track. A Rogue ship will never land on the surface of a planet.

ADVANCE COLONIZATION

When a Diplomacy or Economy action is taken, **advance ALL rogue ships** on that type of colony track up forward one space. Colonized planets are placed under the Rogue Galaxy Mat as usual.

ACQUIRE RESOURCES

The Rogue Galaxy acquires resources just as if it were a player, except that its galaxy produces both energy and culture. At the end of its turn, if a resource marker is at max level, one (or both) of the special actions below will occur. If both special actions occur, resolve energy first then culture. These special actions cannot occur again until the end of the Rogue's next turn.

- **At Max Energy** - The Rogue Galaxy upgrades its empire level. After this is done, move the energy token back to zero (*off the mat*). The Rogue Galaxy can upgrade its empire level only once per turn.
- **At Max Culture** - After all dice are activated, clear the Control Mat. The Rogue Galaxy takes an extra turn, but with only 3 dice and without these special actions reoccurring. After this is done, move the culture token back to zero (*off the mat*).

UTILIZE A COLONY (ATTACK)

A die for the Rogue Galaxy is typically an attack against your empire. The actions are listed on the Rogue Galaxy Mat (do not use any action from a colonized planet) and depend on the empire level of the Rogue Galaxy. Only the action on the current level is executed. If the action is noted "*only once per turn*", any additional Utilize a Colony actions are treated as unusable actions that are rerolled, and if still unusable, are discarded and cannot be followed.

END OF SOLO GAME

The Rogue Galaxy wins instantly if it reaches **21 or more victory points** or if its empire token reaches the **skull and crossbones** space on the empire track. You win instantly if you reach 21 or more victory points.

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