# **SEQUENCE** (p. 8-11)

### 1. DRAW CARDS

• May not score Missions in Phase 1 (p. 42)

#### A. Reveal Events

• Draw # of PRs + 1, reveal 3 of them

### Optional Rule 7: Revealing More (p. 39)

• If 6 PRs, reveal 4 Events

#### **B.** Draw Action Cards

• Draw 3 cards (may draw one by one)

#### C. Pay for Action Cards

• 2 @ per drawn card you keep

### D. Pick/Replace Missions

- Mission can be picked if 1+ prerequisite Missions are completed (p. 42)
- Max 2 in hand

### 2. ACTIONS

- On each Turn, must take 1 Action, and
- May take any # of Minor Actions
- Bots use Main Turn Structure (p. 7)

### **Passing**

- Allowed only if *Event* taken
- May take Minor Actions on same Turn
- First 2/3/3/4 PRs to Pass gain @
- If no more PRs eligible to gain ①,
   End of Action Phase is triggered
  - Each remaining PR may take 1 more Action of their choice, then
  - PRs who still have not taken *Event*, get one more Turn to take *Event*

#### **NPR Invasions** (p. 36) **<**

- Resolve NPRs in alphabetical order
- Invasion takes place if
  - The NPR is not an Active Ally, and
  - There are no Hostile Units in Areas where the NPR Controls Prov., and
  - There is at least one eligible target Area Adjacent to the NPR

### • An Area is eligible if

- It contains Hostile (\*), and
- If Adj. by Sea only, a connecting Sea Zone contains no Hostile Ships, and
- It contains no non-Hostile PR Units

#### Invasion sequence

- Pick an eligible Area. Priority:
  - 1. NPR's Capital Area
  - 2. Area with the most NPR's Core Prov.
  - 3. Area Adjacent by Land
  - 4. Random
- Add ¼ to 2 Enemy (pick A→Z)
- Place NPR Units equal to ½ of Tax Value currently Controlled by the NPR (including Vassals)
- NPRs invade at normal strength even if not enough tokens in Supply (p. 2)
- Resolve Battle immediately (if any)
  - Place Bot Army in Area (p. 2)
- Leave the NPR Units on board as #
  - If PR has taken their final Turn, they are considered to have Passed

### 3. PEACE & REBELS

#### A. Remove Casus Belli & Truces

- Lose 2 if not at war with the CB target
- **B. NPR Invasions** (advanced rules)
- NPRs at War might invade PRs
- Bots suffer max 1 NPR invasion. Priority:
   1. most NPR Units; 2. A→Z (p. 2)

### C. Rebels Siege & Move

- Resolve by Area: 1. most  $\P$ ; 2. A $\rightarrow$ Z
- In **Areas with** \*, Rebels Siege \*. Priority:
  - 1. Large Provinces
  - 2. If 2+ PRs with % in the Area, PR with lowest Tax Income (no tie) in the Area chooses (p. 37)
  - 3. A→Z

#### • In Areas with no \*

- If an Area with % is Adj. by Land and
   will not be outnum. there by PRs
  - Move all but 1 \( \mathbb{\text{\*}} \). Priority:
    1. most \( \mathbb{\text{\*}} \); 2. most PR \( \mathbb{\text{\*}} \); 3. A→Z
  - Resolve Battle immediately
- Otherwise remove 1

#### D. Peace Resolutions

- When Emperor makes Peace with an External Aggressor (p. 44-45)
  - If Emp. won <u>and</u> no HRE Prov. is ceded, raise **\*** by 1
  - If Emp. lost, drop 🖝 by 1
- Raise/drop \* by # of Areas joining/leaving HRE (p. 45)
- Making Peace flips respective War token(s)

### Peace Resolution (p. 29-30)

- While **Def. the HRE** is active (p. 44)
  - PRs at War with Emperor may enforce Peace on Imp. Subjects only if Victory over Emp. is achieved
  - Emp. negotiates on behalf of NPR Imperial Subjects as for Active Allies
- Peace is resolved with 1 Enemy at a time, except Active Allies, in any order
- Treat Vassals as part of their Overlord
- In each step, resolve Peace in Turn order
- Victory is only assigned to PR
  - Who achieved Total/Partial Victory, or
  - Whose Enemy Surrendered, or
  - If agreed as such in Negotiated Peace
- Bots use the Peace Resolution chart (p. 15)

#### 1. Automatic White Peace

- Must be resolved
- Requirements
  - Neither side Occupies any Enemy Prov. (incl. Vassals and Active Allies)

#### 2. Total Victory

• Must be resolved

- Treat Active Allies separately
- If Peace is made with an **Active Ally**, the Allied PR must remove
  - **\*** with that NPR, <u>and</u>
  - Allied Units = ½ of pre-War Tax Income of the NPR

#### • Requirements

- Occ. all single Enemy's de jure Prov.
- Enemy has no Deployed Land Units

### 3. Partial Victory or Inconclusive

- May decide not to resolve
- If Enemy **Surrenders** 
  - Gain (2), Enemy loses (2)
  - May enforce Peace as if Part. Victory
  - War must end this Round
- Optional Rule 3: No Surrender
- Partial Victory requirements
  - If Enemy is a PR, your Deployed Land Units must outnumber Enemy 2:1
  - If Enemy is NPR or Bot, your Depl.
     Land Units must outnum. in your
     Areas plus Enemy Depl. Land Units
  - Units on Dist. Continents where the

other Realm has no **②** do no count

- If PR Enemy has Active Allies
  - If and only if achieved against PR, then achieved against their Active Allies
  - Only a single Peace Term may be chosen for the PR and their Act. Allies

#### • If inconclusive

- NPR accepts White Peace
- Bot accepts White Peace if Tax Value of their Occupied by you > your Occupied by them

### 4. Aftermath

- PRs at Peace must move Units to the nearest Friendly Area (count 1 for each Area/Sea Zone)
  - If equally close, then PR may choose
  - This movement has no cost
- PRs at Peace flip their & back to \*
- PRs at Peace remove Allied Units
- If a Bot is now at Peace (p. 2-3)
  - Remove Bot's Army, unless Bot's in the Area have ∜ or □
- Replace Fully Annexed Bots (p. 3, 6)

#### E. Prestige Penalties

- Flip all 🚳 back to 😫
  - Lose (3) for each unless
  - Only you have \* with them, and
  - If it is an NPR, you have the most
     (min 2) in that Realm
- Lose (P) = Tax Val. of Occup. (max 5)

#### F. Interregnums

- Lose 1 季
- Flip & on your Realm

#### G. Religious Dissent

- In Areas following a different Religion from your State Religion
  - In each Area containing your 🖴
    - Add 1<sup>th</sup> to any **②** of yours
  - In 1 Area containing your 🕈
    - Add 1% to any **●** of yours, <u>or</u>
    - Remove 1 •
- Bots gain max 1 \* (p. 3)

#### H. Gain/Remove Unrest

- If at War, add 2 \* to your •
- If  $\leq$  -2 $\clubsuit$ , add 1 % to your  $\clubsuit$
- If  $\geq +2$  +, remove 1  $\times$  from your  $\Theta$
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- Bots with Adm. Ideas remove 1-2\* (p. 3)

#### I. Roll Rebel Dice

• In turn order, each PR rolls Rebel Dice

#### **Peace Terms** (p. 30-31)

- One Peace term per War/Enemy
- Any gained may displace other if the Area is full

#### White Peace

- Requirements
  - Total Victory to Enforce
- All Occupied Provinces must be returned to their Lawful Owners
- All involved PRs lose (1)

### **Keep Current Board State**

#### • Requirements

- Partial or Total Victory to Enforce
- Occupied Capitals must be returned
  - 10@ ransom to the Occupier
- By default both sides keep all non-Capital Provinces that they Occupy
- Victor, instead of keeping them, may
  - Exchange them for Prov. of equal Tax Val. that the Loser Occupies
  - Return them for 3@ per Tax Value
  - Liberate them, except Loser's Core Prov. and their Active Ally's Prov.
    - Score (1) per Tax Value Liberated
    - May gain \* with 1 Liber. NPR
    - Place 2 in that NPR's Areas
- Max @ demanded is 2× Tax Income of the Loser (after return of the Provinces)
- PRs may discard **▼** from Area(s) of gained Prov. to remove 2 **½** from same Area(s)
- PRs may place in each Area where they lost 1+ ② or ●

#### Vassalization

#### • Requirements

- Partial or Total Victory to Enforce
- Loser must be an NPR
- Victor must Occupy Loser's Capital
- Victor must Occup. 1+ Loser's *de jure* Prov. in non-Cap. Area (if any)
- With Active Allies (p. 30)
  - Only apply for Realms for which the Victor satisfies all requirements
  - For other Realms, treat as White Peace without (P) loss
- Loser becomes a Vassal of the Victor

- Victor places on all Loser's de jure Prov., except Prov. Occup. by other PRs
- Victor may place 2 🔷 in Loser's Realm
- Add % to all Provinces gained in Areas where the Victor Occupied no Provinces
- Remove all Loser's ★/譽
- Victor may discard 

   from Area(s) of gained 

   to remove 2 

   from same Area(s)
- Remove War/Truce tokens from the Loser

#### **Force Conversion**

- Requirements
  - Partial or Total Victory to Enforce
  - Victor must Control all Provinces in Loser's Capital Area
  - Victor's Religion differs from Loser's
- With Active Allies (p. 30)
  - Only apply for Realms for which the Victor satisfies all requirements
  - For other Realms, treat as White Peace without (P) loss
- Loser must change State Religion and Rel. of Capit. Area to State Rel. of Victor
- All Occupied Provinces must be returned
- Victor gains (3)
- Victor may add 2 � in Loser's Cap. Area
- Loser loses (5)
- Loser must remove 4 ��

### Humiliation

#### • Requirements

- Partial or Total Victory to Enforce
- Victor must Occupy Loser's Capital or Loser must have Surrendered
- Loser may not be an NPR
- All Occup. Provinces must be returned
- Victor scores (P) = 2× Tax Value of Provinces returned to Loser (max 10)
- No (P) from Prov. of Active Allies
- Loser loses the same amount of (P)

#### **Full Annexation**

- Requirements
  - Total Victory to Enforce
  - Loser must be an NPR or Bot
  - With Active Allies only possible when resolved separately (p. 30)

- Remove all Loser's ★/袰
- If Loser is &, the Allied PR loses (2)
- Victor may discard 

   in Area(s) of gained

   Prov. to remove 2 

   from same Area(s)
- If Emp. enforces Full Annex. on Subject with the same State Religion, drop \* by 1 (p. 45)

#### **Secure Desired Succession**

#### • Requirements

- Partial or Total Victory to Enforce
- Loser Capital must have a 🚳
- Victor must Occupy Loser's Capital
- Ignore Loser's Active Ally status
- All Occupied Prov. must be returned
- If Loser is NPR, all their other Wars end on White Peace terms
- Remove all **②**/**③** and **☆**/**③**, except Victor's, from the Loser
- Victor scores 3 per \$\square\$/\omega\$ removed
- PRs whose **2**/**6** was removed, lose (3)
- If Victor has **6** on Loser, they
  - Flip their 🚳 back to 🕏
  - Score (P) = Loser's Tax Inc. (max 5)
- Victor may
  - If Loser is an NPR, add 4 to Loser's Capital Area
  - If Loser is a PR, replace Loser's Ruler with a Leader from any discard pile
  - May then gain \* with the Loser

### **Negotiated Peace**

- Requirements
  - Not Enforceable
  - Both sides must be human players
- May agree who is Vict./Loser (if anyone)
- May agree on another listed Peace Term, but other conditions must be met
- If agreeing on Keep Current Board State
  - Both sides may exchange Occupied Provinces for @
  - Both sides may Liberate Provinces (with no ② gained)
- In addition, may agree on one side taking an immediate *Cut Ties* and/or *P-to-P Diplomacy* (normal cost), disregarding restrictions for being at War

### 4. INCOME AND UPKEEP

• May Take Loans during this phase

#### A. Cut costs

- May (must if needed to avoid Bankrupt.):
  - Fire Advisors
  - Disband Units
    - Regular Units → Available 🚱
  - Recall Ships at sea
    - Move to Ports in range via non-Hostile Sea Zones (no X cost)

### **B.** Collect Income minus Costs

+ Base and Vassal Tax	Do not count slots		
Income	with 🏶 (p. 28)		
- Advisor Upkeep	Papal Controller pays		
	1@ less per Advisor		
- Military	1@ per Regular Unit		
Maintenance	2@ per Mercenary		
	½@ per Ship at sea		
- Plague	1/2 per Tax Income		
	in <b>v</b> Areas (r. up)		
- Interest on Loans	1 <b>@</b> per <b>₽</b>		
+/- <b>T</b> Modifier			
+ Emperor's 🗱	ⓓ = ₩		
+ Income from Ideas			

### C. Corruption

- May discard @ to avoid costs
- 0-49 @: No cost
- 50-59 @: Pay 11, gain 4 per unpaid 1
- 60-69 @: Pay 2**1**, gain 🗣 per unpaid **1**

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#### D. Collect Monarch Power

- Ruler's Skill + Advisor's Skill
- Bots discard all spent @ (p. 3)
- Bots gain 6/7/8/9 @
- If a Bot has 20+ small , they gain +1@
- If +3  $\clubsuit$ , receive +2
- If -3**本**, receive -1**②**
- Papal Controller receives +1**୬** (or **③**)
- If Emperor is NPR (p. 45) or Bot (p. 3)
  - Roll a 6-sided die
    - If  $6 \underline{\text{or}} \ge \text{curr.} * + 2$ , raise \* by 1
    - If 1 <u>or</u> ≤ curr. **\*\*** 2, drop **\*\*** by 1
- Emp. receives extra @ (or @) (p. 43):
  - 🗱 = 2 or 3: Receive +1 🐿
  - $\gg = 4 \text{ or } 5$ : Receive  $+1 \gg \text{ and } +1 \times$
  - $\gg = 6 \text{Receive} + 2 \implies \text{and} + 1 \times$
- Additional @ from Gov. Form Ideas

#### E. Score Prestige

- Uncontested Papal Controller scores (P) = # of Catholic PRs 1 (max 3)
- If 🗱 = 6, Emperor scores 🕕
- PRs with "Abs. Mon." and #>0, score (1)
- Active Crusades
- Active Power Struggle
- Remove Crusade/Excom. and ds tokens

### **Manpower** (p. 23) <

- Indicated by Town/Vassal Tracks and +1₺ tokens
- Emperor has additional 🕪 = 🐺 (p. 43)
- Max 20, Bots have min 3 (p. 3)
- When increases, add to Available &
- · When decreases
  - Remove from Depl., Exh. or Avail. &
  - Bots remove from Reserve first (p. 3)

### Imperial Influence (p. 44)

- # of Imperial •• = \*\*
- Must be placed in HRE Areas with 1+ Prov. Owned by NPR HRE Members
- Bot priorities (tie breakers: 1. Areas with Bot's ★; 2. A→Z) (p. 3)
  - Elec. Area where it would take least to have more than any other PR
  - Any Elector Area not full
  - Any HRE Area not full

### HRE Religion (p. 45)

- If all Elector Areas are Protestant but HRE Religion is not
  - HRE Religion becomes Protestant
  - \* drops by 1
- If all Elector Areas are Catholic
  - HRE Religion becomes Catholic
- If Elector Areas have different Religions
  - HRE has no official Religion (mark with Diverse Faiths token)

### Reshuffling Bot Deck (p. 3)

- EVENT is always reshuffled
- IDEA is always reshuffled
- Cards used for FOCUS are not reshuffled
- Half of the rest is reshuffled

# Crusade Scoring (p. 46)

- Catholic Realms Committed to Crusade
  - Score (2) if target Area
    - Contains their Units, and
    - Has no Provinces Owned by Muslim Realms
  - Lose 2 otherwise
- If no Realm is Committed to Crusade
  - Papal Controller loses (2)

### Scoring Power Struggles (p. 43)

- For each Battleground Area, score
  - (1) per Tax Value of Provinces Controlled (\* count as half)
  - ① for being the only PR with ❷/◆ there (only on the Main Map)
  - 1 for at least 1 \*/ there
- Additional criteria on the card
- Discard the card

### 5. CLEAN-UP

### A. Update and Refresh

- Allied Units in Armies → Available **\***
- Update Manpower
- Refresh ½ Exhausted Units (min 3, max 6)
- Repair Heavy Ships in Port
- Refresh Merchants
- Add **\$ii** = # of Colonial **♥** (max 4)
- Discard Bot if there is no vacant Territory (p. 3)
- Remove from Changed Nat. Focus slot

### B. Board and Status Mat clean-up

- Remove 🛠
  - Between Bots and PRs (p. 3)
  - From DNPRs with Tax Income ≥ 10@
- Remove all v from Map
- Adjust Imperial and redistribute
- If Emperor is at Peace
  - Remove Imperial 🚱
  - Remove Tag from *Defending the HRE*
- Remove Tags from Committed to Crusade
- If Age III or IV, check HRE Religion (advanced rules) (p. 45)
- PR 1st to Pass gets the First Player token
  - If already has it, PR 2nd to Pass gets it
- Reshuffle Bot decks (p. 3)

# C. Discard down to 5 Action Cards D. End of Age Routine

- If end of Age and no Final Scoring
  - Place the Event deck for the next Age
  - Replace all Milestones
  - Replace unresearch. non-Basic Ideas
  - The player with least (P) (no ties) may replace 1 new Milestone or Idea
  - Players with 1+ & (in turn order)
    - Score (1)
    - Rem. 18 (prefer NPR) or pay 2
    - Bots do not remove & (p. 3)
  - Reset Bot decks (p. 3)

# FINAL SCORING

- Trigger Final Scoring if <
  - No more Events left, or
  - PR has  $\geq 100$  (P) and lead of  $\geq 20$  (P), or
- PR has all **②** and **ᢀ** on the Map
- Score Missions from hand (no effects)
- Score (P) = Base and Vassal Tax Income
- Score (1) per ♥, (1) per ♥, (2) per ❖
- Papal Contr. scores (P) = # of Cath. PRs
- Emperor scores (P) = \*\*
- Score  $(P) = 2 \times \Phi$
- Subtract (1) per Tax Value of Occup. 🕥
- Subtract 🔱 per 🗣
- PR with most (P) wins, tie breakers: 1. most (4), 2. most (4)

# **ACTIONS**

### **GENERIC ACTIONS**

### **Event** (p. 12)

- Must be taken exactly once per Round
- Collect on the card and move Round Status marker
- 2. Add 2 @ to remaining face-up Events
- 3. Resolve effects
- 4. Resolve symbols
- 5. Replace Ruler (opt. if other PR's Turn)
- 6. If everyone has taken an *Event* and unpicked Event remains
  - Auto-resolve symbols
  - Ruler may be appointed for 21
- 7. Flip a face-down Event, if any remain

### Player-to-player Diplomacy (p. 12)

- May interact with one player per Action
- May not do Monetary Support and Buy/Sell Provinces on the same turn
- If one of the PRs is at War, then may only do Monetary Support

#### Marriage

- Active Player pays 13
- Place & tokens on both Capitals
- Both may draw an Action card of a type chosen by Active Player

#### Alliance

- Active player pays 13
- Place \* tokens on both Capitals

#### **Monetary Support**

• Active player pays **>** = exchanged **(a)** / 10

### **Buy/sell Provinces**

- Buyer must have **■** in those Areas
- Price: 3-15@ per Province
- PR selling Core Provinces
  - Loses  $(P) = 2 \times \text{Tax Value}$
- cannot be sold

#### **Optional Rule 1: Secret Negotiations**

- Pay 1 b for a private 3-minute conference
- All other communication must be public

#### Change National Focus (p. 13)

- · Only once per Round
- Place of in Change Nat. Focus slot
- Do one or both in order:
  - 1. Move 0-1@ from 2 pools to 3rd pool
  - 2. Choose ≤3 cards to discard from hand (discard after this Action)
    - Draw 1 fewer from any Act. Decks
    - May pay 1<sup>®</sup> and 2<sup>®</sup> to instead pick 1 of the cards from the top 5 discards of type matching paid <sup>®</sup>

### General Event guidelines (p. 40)

- In lists, word "or" is inclusive
- Ignore effects if conditions are not met
- When cannot meet req. or pay for one of A/B options, must pick the other one
- When cannot pay for either of A/B options, choose either one of them
- If an effect/choice affects >1 PR, resolve starting from Active player
- PR that "gains/loses" makes the choice
- NPRs say "yes", when offered Alliance or when they "may" do something
- Word "you" refers to Active player or player making A/B choice

### Standard Event effects (p. 40)

### Gain/place Influence

- 1+ Province in Area must be Owned by NPR/Vassal
- If Area is full, then may replace ��

#### Gain Alliance

- Target must be Independ. and at Peace
- If target is NPR \* of an Opponent
  - Your �� must be ≥ Opponent's ��
- If out of ★, may remove one (except ♣)
  with no penalties

#### Gain Royal Marriage

- Target must be eligible
- If out of **2**, may remove one (except **6**)

#### Gain U

• May have only 1 per Area

#### Gain/place ♀ or �

• Target Prov. may not have Opp.'s ❷/◆

#### Develop a Small @ into a Large @

•  $\bigcirc$  must be Owned by you

#### Gain Merchant

• Only if you have 2 merchants

#### Gain Military Unit

- Must take Reg. Units from Available 🚱
- May not trigger a Battle

#### **Gain Action**

• Must be taken immediately

#### Research Idea

- Score (P) as normal (Active PR first)
- If the Idea is not on display
  - Replace unpicked non-Basic Idea of the same type
  - If no unpicked non-Basic Idea, add the Idea to a new row

### Placing DNPR tokens

- Use the token with C as Capital (underlined in Event text)
- If target Province has **②**/**●**, then **O** goes underneath
- May not be placed on PR's Core Prov.
- If first **O** on a Dist. Cont., add Tr. Cards

#### Terminate/remove Alliance

- If &
  - Lose Allied Units = ½ of NPR's pre-War Tax Income
  - Your Enem. must add War tokens on it

#### Reject Ruler

 Discard current Ruler and Event's ruler once Event is resolved

#### **Area Leaves HRE**

• Loss of \* is accounted for in the text

#### Wars triggered by Events

- If not marked as *Declare War* Action, do steps 3-7 (DoW restrictions apply)
- PR that has Passed cannot Declare War

### Eligible Marriage Partners (p. 32)

- Christians may Marry only other Christ.
- Muslilms may Marry only other Muslilms
- Revolutionary PRs may not Marry
- PR may not Marry other PR's Vassals

# *Explore* $(1 \gg + 1 \times)$ (p. 12)

- If having "QftNW", may move 1 Light **▲** 
  - Must move to a Distant Sea Zone
  - May not enter a Hostile Sea Zone
- Roll. May reroll for 1**⋄**, max 2×. Use the last result
  - No **9**: Discover a matching Territory or an NPR Province or **O** or **P**
  - **9**: Pay 1**>** to Disc. a match. Terr., <u>or</u> remove 1 of your **△** on Dist. Cont.
- Any Discovery must be Adjacent to
  - Your Realm, or
  - If having "QftNW", your **4**
- If first 

   on a Distant Continent, add
   Trade Cards

#### Change State Religion (p. 13)

- Only from Age II onwards
- For **Emperor**, only allowed if HRE Rel. is diff. from Emp.'s Rel. (adv. rules) (p. 45)
- Do one of the following

### Convert between Catholic and Protestant

- Lose (2) and 1 4
- Lose 1 & <u>and</u> total of 5 🍲 from Areas of abandoned Religion
- Place removed to Areas of new Rel.
- In each of your Areas of abandoned Rel.
  - Gain 1 \*
  - Roll Rebel Dice

### **Embrace the Counter-Reformation**

- Allowed only when
  - 1+ Counter-Ref. token is in play, and
  - You are Catholic
- Pay 3**≇**
- Convert to Counter-Reformed
- Place Ctr-Ref. token to your Capital Area

### Secondary Event Effects (p. 41)

• When auto-resolving, no one is Active Player (you)

#### Native Uprising 🕡

- Each player
  - Loses 1
  - Gains ★ in 1 Distant •
- You may ignore one of the effects (even the only one affecting you)

### Disloyal Vassals 🤣

- Every PR having Areas with , but no
  - ♦ or fewer ♦ than any Opp., must
  - Pick such Area with most of their •
  - Gain \* on all their in the Area
  - Place 🔭 = Tax Val. of their 🎔 in Area
  - You place no **\***

### Pirates 2

- Place a Pirate into maritime Trade Node
  - Trade Node must have 1+ Merchant, if possible
- Auto-resolution: Node with most Merchants. Tie breakers: 1. Exp. Node; 2. random

#### Cardinal Dies 🏼 🥝

- Remove any , except the Roma
- Auto-resolution:
  - Remove rightmost from the PR with most
  - If tied, remove rightmost of those

#### Character Mortality **(90)**

- All matching characters gain an 👽
- After the second **v**, the character dies

#### Unrest/Rebellion

- All PRs roll Rebel Dice

# • You roll max 1 Rebel Die

### NOTE: When resolving Event effec. for Bots, there are differences not covered here (p. 9)

### Distant Trade (p. 35)

• When the first **U/O** is placed on a Distant Continent, add matching Trade Cards and shuffle Trade Deck, including discard pile

#### Government Form Ideas (p. 21)

- Max 1 at a time
- If you *Research* another
  - Lose the previous one (no (P) loss)
  - Score (P) as normal for the new one
- If \ ≥ 3, Imperial Subjects may not

### *Research* Government Form Ideas (p. 44)

### **Research Idea** (X**@**) (p. 12)

- Mark with a Tag
- Apply immediate effects
- Score (2)
- If ≤2 other PRs have it, they score (1)

#### Attrition 🕲

• All PRs at War, except you, lose 1 for every 4 Deployed Land Units as Casualties

#### Lost at Sea 🚇

- Remove 1 Ship of each Opponent not Adjacent to a Friendly Port
- Auto-resolution: Each player chooses for themselves

#### DNPR Expansion (III)

- Pick a DNPR per matching color (not &)
- For each picked DNPR
  - Place **O** on an Adj. Prov. that is not
    - Capital, unless NPR's last Prov.
    - Occupied
    - Owned by the DNPR's Ally
    - Core Province of a PR
  - If DNPR has a Port facing any Main Map Sea Zone without \*/†, and it is Age II or later
    - May place the **O** on vacant Territor.
    - If first **O** on a Distant Continent, add Trade Cards
  - If **O** was placed on a PR **②**/**●**, then
    - **O** goes underneath the **②**/
    - Add  $\frac{1}{2}$  to the  $\bigcirc/$
  - If **O** was placed on a PR's NPR \*
    - That PR may place CB on the DNPR's Capital

#### • Auto-resolution:

- All DNPRs with matching colors target an Adjacent NPR
- Area selection priority: 1. where they Own Provinces; 2. Adjacent by Land
- Prov. selec. prio.: 1. Owned by Realm with lowest Tax Income; 2.  $A \rightarrow Z$

#### Spread of Religious Ideas ①



- Find clusters (bodies of Areas connected by Land) of Infectious Faiths (Protestant, Counter-Reformed)
- For each cluster but max 4 in total, max 2 of one type if >1 Inf. Faith in play
  - Place in an Adjacent Area (except Muslim or Orthodox)
- May not replace placed on same Turn
- If no clusters, then place Diverse Faiths tokens in any 2 Catholic Areas not Adjacent to Sea Zones marked with †

#### • Auto-resolution:

- Start with Protestant
- Alternate between Prot. and Ctr-Ref.
- Area selection priority: 1. Areas with ②; 2. highest Area Tax Value; 3. A→Z
- If placing Diverse Faith, go  $A \rightarrow Z$

#### Spread of the Revolution 0



- Find clusters of 69
- For each cluster (max 4)
  - Place ? in an Adjacent Area
- If no (9), place (9) in 2 PR Capital Areas
- If only 1 cluster, then also add a 🐧 in an Area not Adjacent to this cluster
- Place on top of existing Religion tokens
- If out of (9), then may take (9) from board
- Auto-resolution:
  - Area selection priority: same as ①
  - If no existing **(?)**, then select targets by: 1. lowest 4; 2. random

#### Activate Power Struggle 🚇



- Move Upcoming Power Struggle to the Active Power Struggle slot
- Place & on Areas named on the card

## **HRE ACTIONS**

### *Increase* **※** (1**1** + current **※**) (p. 43)

- You must be the Emperor
- Increase \* by 1

#### MINOR ACTIONS

### Appoint Advisor/Leader (p. 13)

**Advisor** – Pay the @ cost

**Admiral** – Pay the × cost

**General** – Pay the × cost (reassign for free)

- D When attacked in your Realm
- May assign/remove Ruler for free (p. 25)

### Ruler – Free

- Allowed if no Ruler or Ruler is "Interregn."
- 🔊 When Ruler is discarded with no replacement

# **Replen.** Manp. $(1 \times \text{per } 3 )$ (p. 14)

• Move 🕻 from Exhausted to Available

### Take/Repay Loan (p. 14)

- Take Gain 5@, gain 1 4
- Allowed only if <5 **₽**
- **■** When must cover a cost

#### Repay – Pay 6<sup>(1)</sup>, remove 1 <sup>(2)</sup>

May be done immediately after Passing

### **Cut ties** (p. 14)

- Remove any number of your �� or U
- End any number of Alliances
- If Ally at Peace (p. 33)
  - Lose 5 from their Realm
  - Add Truce
- If Ally at War (p. 33)
  - Lose 24
  - Lose all from Ally's Realm
  - If Active Ally
    - Lose Allied Units =  $\frac{1}{2}$  of their pre-War Tax Value
    - Enemy adds War token on them

# PAPAL ACTIONS (p. 46)

- Max 1 Papal Action per Round
- Only in Ages I and II

### Excommunicate Ruler (2\subseteq)

- Target must be Catholic
- Place Excom. token on target's Capital
- Target loses (1)
- Target loses 1 ♠ (except Roma ♠)
- Target loses 4 � from Cath. Areas
- Cath. Realms have Excom. CB against the target

### Call Crusade (2\subseteq)

- Target Area must have at least 2 Provinces Owned by Muslim Realms
- Place Crusade Token on the target Area
- You may immediately take a free *Declare* War Action against Muslim Realm(s)
   with Provinces in target Area to
  - Score (1)
  - Gain 2 free Mercenary Infantry Units
  - Tag Committed to Crusade
- Cath. Realms have Holy War CB against Muslim Realms Owning Prov. in the Area

#### **ADMIN. ACTIONS**

*Incr. Stab.* (5**1** ± current **4**) (p. 14)

• Increase **4** by 1

### Colonize (41/11) (p. 14)

- Replace one of your on a vacant Territory with a Small
- Must be connected to your Capital Area by your and/or

### **Convert Area** (2**1** + 3**3**) (p. 14)

- Must Own 1+ Province in Area(s) governed by the Religion slot
- All Provinces must be owned by Realms of the same State Religion
- Change Religion to your State Religion
- Add 1<sup>th</sup> to your affected ♀
- Roll Rebel Dice for all your \* in affected Area(s)

### **DIPLOMATIC ACTIONS**

### *Influence* (1**୬**/3**@** per **◆**) (p. 15)

- Pay 1**3** or 3**3** per **1** (min 1**3**)
- May place ◆ in Areas Adj. to your ♠,
  ♠,
  ♠,
  ♦ that were there at the start of the Turn
- Max 2 per Area per Turn
- Area may contain max 5 🏶
- No on Distant Continents

### *Forge Alliance* (1-3**୬**) (p. 15)

- · Only with an NPR
- Both must be at Peace
- Must have at least 2 in target Realm
- If target is a Distant NPR, then must have
   a on 1+ of target's Areas
- Pay 🐿 = ½ of target's Tax Inc. (max 3)
- Add \* to target's Capital
- Add 1 to target's Cap. Area (if not full)

#### *Fabricate Claim* (2**୬** per **■**) (p. 15)

- 🕖 may be intercepted by *Counterespion*.
- In Areas listed on Active or Upcoming Power Struggle, costs 1 ▶ per ■ (p. 43)
- Requirements
  - You must be at Peace
  - May not place on Areas where you
    - Own all Provinces, or
    - Have a ■
  - To fabricate a **■** on Distant Area
    - It must be Adjacent by Land, and
    - Have an NPR Province, P or

### *Trade* (1**୬**) (p. 15)

- Must have an available Merchant
- 1. Reveal 3 Trade cards
- 2. May collect 2@ and end Action
- 3. May move 1 Light **4** 
  - Only if
    - It increases Trade Power in Node you will select, <u>or</u>
    - It creates a connection to the Node you will select
  - May displace Opp.'s 🕹 if no vac. slot
  - May not enter a Hostile Sea Zone
- 4. Select eligible Trade Node (connected to Capital Area by ♠, ♣, ♠ or Light ♣)
- 5. Select an available (upright) Merchant

### **Action Cards** (p. 18-19)

- Action cost can never go below 0
- Cards in hand are secret
- Discard piles are public information
- If deck is empty when need to draw
  - If >5 cards in discard pile, keep the top 5, shuffle others
  - If ≤5 cards in discard pile, shuffle all

### Display cards (🖲)

- Max 2 in play per player (must be diff.)
- If already having 2 and playing another
  - Must discard one in play

#### Covert Actions (1/2)

- Can be countered by *Counterespion*.
- When countered
  - Cost must be payed
  - Display Card uses must be spent

### Bot Trade (p. 4)

- Bots have only one Merchant
- Bots gain 1@ fewer per Pirate
- Bot 🚣 do not occupy Trade Prot. slots
- Bot's Merchants are never exhausted

#### **Humans Trading**

- When human PR *Trades*, Bots collect Trade Income if eligible in that Node
  - Maritime Trade Node
    - Main Map Nodes: 2@
    - Distant Nodes: 3@
  - Inland Trade Node: 2@
    - Bot must have 1+ Adjacent ♀
- If hum. PR has 3+ **№** from Key Prov. and "Mercantilism" Idea, Bots gain 1**۞** fewer
- When Bot collects Trade Income, move its Merchant to that Node
  - Move it to the selected Node
  - Activate it (lay it on its side)
- 6. Calculate Tr. Power for all eligible PRs with Merch. in selec. Node and collect @

### Merchants (p. 34-35)

- Merchant may be activated once per Round
- Trade Node may contain any number of Merchants, but max 1 per player

# **Trade Power ( )** (p. 35)

- 1 & for your Merchant
- 1 🏽 per Key Province you Own
- 1 per in Trade Protection slots in Adjacent Sea Zones (only for Maritime Trade Nodes)
- Key Prov. with "+" provide +1 per "+"
- Key Provinces do not count for Secondary Nodes

### Income Rows

- 1 PR per row may collect Trade Income
- If 2+ PRs qualify for the same row
  - PR with highest Trade Power pushes others down
  - Active PR breaks ties as they please
- Each Pirate Ship pushes all players down

#### **Secondary Trade Nodes**

- If Active PR has highest (may be tied)
  Trade Power in eligible Sec. Trade Node
  - They may collect Income from the lowest row of the Secondary Node
  - Other players collect income from Primary Node as normal
- May not select a Sec. Node with a Pirate

### Activating Def. the HRE (p. 44)

- Tag Defending the HRE slot
- If human PR is Emperor, add NPR
  Units to Imperial & = Emperor's &
  (incl. Imperial ) in Elec. Areas (max 8)
- If a **Bot is Emperor** (p. 6)
  - No Imperial 🚱

### • Human Imperial Subject must

- Exhaust 2 (max ½ of total ), or
- Lose 6@ (max ½ of Tax Inc.), or
- Lose (1), or
- Place CB on Aggressor's Capital
- Bot Imperial Subject loses 1, unless at War, including this DoW (p. 6)

### Imperial \* in Battles (p. 44)

- Works like Allied Units
- Only usable in
  - HRE Areas
  - Emp.'s Areas Adj. by Land to HRE
- May not be used when Enemy force consists of only NPR HRE Members
- Add as Infantry when Battle starts
- Return surviving Units to Imperial 🚱

### HRE Int. Wars with no CB (p. 45)

- Emp.'s DoW on Subject
  - Apply normal penalties
  - Lose 1₩
  - Remove 3 from HRE Areas
- Subject's DoW on another Subject
  - Human Emperor must place CB on Aggressor's Capital
  - Bot Emp. defends targeted Subj. (p. 6)

### Defending the HRE (p. 44)

### External Realm's DoW on Imp. Subject

- PR Emperor receives Defensive CtA if
  - **\*** ≥ 1, <u>and</u>
  - They are at Peace with the Subject
- If the Emperor accepts
  - Apply "Accepting a CtA" procedure
  - Activate Defending the HRE
- If the Emperor refuses
  - Lose 1 (no normal penalties)
- Bot Emperor accepts, unless (p. 6)
  - At War with an Opponent

#### External Realm's DoW on the Emperor

- If Emperor's Capital is in HRE
- May activate *Defending the HRE*

### **MILITARY ACTIONS**

### **Declare War** $(1\times)$ (p. 16)

- 1. Pick target Realm(s), place War tokens
- 2. Lose **‡** 
  - - 1 per your  $ext{@}$  on targets, exceptions
- 3. Calls to Arms (in listed order)
  - a. You may send Offensive CtAs
  - b. Target HRE Members might send Defensive CtA to the Emperor
  - c. Target NPRs send Defensive CtAs
  - d. Target PRs may send Defensive CtAs
- 4. PRs gain 1X if they are
  - Target PR, or
  - Accepting Def. CtAs from NPRs (unless already at War with Aggressor)
- 5. Remove all your �� from target Realms
- 6. Resolve Naval Battles
- 7. Resolve Land Battles
- 8. If no Battles, may *Activate* or *Recruit Units* (no × cost)

NOTE: If Bot is Attacker or Main Def., then Batt. Seq. has differ. not covered here (p. 5-6)

### Battle Sequence (p. 26-28)

- Order if multiple Battles (p. 22):
  - 1. Naval before Land Battles
  - 2. Active Player decides
- Ships vacate Trade Prot. slots (p. 28)

#### 1. Battle Preparations

- Emperor may use Imperial & (p. 44)
- Multiple Defenders defend together
- If 2+ PR Def., pick Main Defender
  - Priority for Main Defender selection:
    - 1. Humans before Bots (p. 5)
    - 2. PR with the most Units
    - 3. PR who last took a Turn decides
  - Only the Main Defender may
    - Assign a General to the Battle
    - Play Battle Actions
    - Roll Dice
  - If one of the Defenders is a Bot (p. 6)
    - Main Defender gets +3 NPR Ships on their side in Naval Battle
- Attacker may Appoint Leader
- Def. may *App. General* if in their Realm
- May not App. Leader later in the Battle
- Max 1 Leader on each side (p. 25, 27)
- If more than 1 Leader, then player may choose which one to use (p. 25)
- If only **NPR/Rebel Defenders** with total of 3+ Units (p. 36, 37)
  - Draw 🛭
  - Use as Defender's Leader, if any
- Apply Military Ideas effects

#### 2. Play Battle Actions ( )

- Attacker plays all 🖲 before Defender
- In each Battle Round, each side may only benefit from 1 use of the same (p. 19)
- Effects of a last for the duration of Battle, unless stated otherwise (p. 26)
- Opt. Rule 4: Helping Hand (p. 36)
  - All PRs may play to back NPRs (start from Active PR)

#### 3. Roll Battle Dice

- If Land Battle
  - Default 3 Dice
    - 3\\ /3\\ for Muslim PRs (p. 38)
- If Naval Battle
  - Default 3. Dice
  - 1 automatic hit per Heavy Ship
- Additional Dice from Leaders and 🕑

#### 4. Assign Casualties

- If multiple Defenders, then
  - Alternate, largest to smallest faction
  - Attacker decides ties

#### • If Land Battle

- Alternate between Merc., Regular and Allied Units in that order
  - PR taking hits chooses within these
- Regular Units go to Exhausted \*
  Discard Mercenaries, Allied Units

#### • If Naval Battle

- PR taking hits chooses Ships taking hits
- Heavy Ships can take 2 hits
  - Lay it on its side after first hit

#### 5A. Wounded Generals/Admirals

- If you inflicted 1+ Casualty
  - Enemy Leader gets 1♥ per your 2♣♡
- A Leader receiving the second **v** dies

#### 5B. Captured Enemy Ships

- Only if you have
  - Ships remaining, and
  - Eliminated all Enemy Ships
- Capture 1 Enemy Casualty per your
  - Enemy decides which Ships
  - You may deploy Fleet if available
- Capt. Heavy Ships are damaged (p. 24)

### 6. Retreat

- Attacker chooses first, then defender
- NPRs retreat if outnum., unless (p. 36)
  - Fighting alongside Rebels, or
  - In their Capital Area, or
  - In Sea Zone Adj. to Capital Area, or
  - In last Area where they Control Prov.
- **Rebels** never retreat (p. 37)
- If nobody retreats, then go back to step 2
- If PR chooses to Retreat, +1 Casualty
- Retreat destination
  - Attacker Previous space(s)
  - Def. Adj. sp. with no Enemy Units
    - Military Access rules apply
    - Each PR may choose diff. dest.

#### 7. Proclaim a Winner

- The side with Units left in the Area wins
- Victorious Active PR gains 1× (max 1 per Turn)

### Restrictions on DoW (p. 22)

- **a**. Your Ally
- **b**. Truce
- c. PR who has Passed
- **d**. NPR Ally of PR who matches (**b**) or (**c**)
- e. HRE Member at Peace with Emperor if Emperor matches (a), (b) or (c)
- f. Distant Realm undiscovered by you

### g. During an Interregnum

#### **Exceptions:**

- If you have **6** on target and use Disputed Succession CB, then (a) and (g) do not apply, but Alliance ends
- No restrictions when answering Def. CtA
- Events may specify other exceptions

### Casus Belli (p. 22)

Conquest (Claim) – Have **■** in Area where target Owns Provinces

Call to Arms – Receive a CtA

General CB - Have CB token target

**Event** – Event that lets you Declare War

• Also negates penalty for DoW on &

**Disputed Succession** – Any **6** on target

• Also against PRs at War with the target

• Also negates penalty for DoW on &

Excommunication - You are Catholic and the target is Excommunicated

### Holy War (Crusade)

- If you have "Deus Vult" Idea and target
  - Is Adjacent to you, and
  - Has different State Religion (except other Christians), or is a Distant Realm
- If you are Catholic
  - Target Realm is a target of a *Crusade*
  - Tag Committed to Crusade slot when using this CB

**Imperial Liberation** – You are the Emperor and the non-HRE target Controls Provinces or has Vassals in HRE

### **DoW on Bot or their Ally (p. 4)**

- 3. Calls to Arms
- Bot refuses Offensive CtAs
- Bot accepts *Defensive CtA*s, unless
  - At War with an Opponent
- Bot Emp. activ. Def. the HRE if they can
- Bot sends *Def. CtA*s to \* Adj. to Aggres.
  - They gain 2@ for each such Ally
  - Flip those 🛠 to 🕸

#### 4. Gaining @ and Recruiting

- Targeted Bots and Bots joining the War by accepting a CtA from NPR, gain 19
- If then the Bot has < 5/5/6/7 , it gains until it reaches 5/5/6/7
- If Bot has any Available &, they spend 1 to recruit 7/9/9/11 Units, and check MAC if Army is on the map

### Call to Arms (minor Action) (p. 13)

- Only
  - With your own DoW, or
  - 🖲 If DoW on you or your NPR 🛠
- If receiving a CtA from your NPR Ally, you may call other NPR Allies
- Calling a PR has no cost
- To call an NPR, remove from its Areas
  - If Offensive CtA, 2
  - If Defensive CtA, 1

- Only def. may call PR Allied to both sides
- NPR Allies can only be called if they are
  - At Peace, and
  - Adjacent to you or your new Enemy
- For each NPR Ally called to arms
  - Flip the \* to &
  - Add Allied Units to Available 🕻 equal to ½ of Tax Value of the Ally + its Vassals (max 5)
  - Gain 1X if Ally is Adj. to a new Enemy

#### Refusing a CtA Receiving a CtA (p. 32-33)

- Defensive CtA can always be accepted
- Offensive CtA must be refused in case of DoW restrictions

#### Accepting a CtA

- If Offensive CtA, place War tokens on your Ally's Enemies
- If Defensive CtA
  - Enemy places War tokens on you
  - If from NPR, you may
    - Make them Active Ally or not
    - Send *Def. CtA* to other NPR Allies
  - If you are Allied to a PR on opposing side, this Alliance ends

- Remove \*
- If this was an Active Ally
  - Lose Allied Units = ½ of Ally's pre-War Tax Value
  - Enemy must place a War token on your former Ally
- If *Defensive CtA*, and you have not Passed, and you are not already at War
  - Lose (2)
  - Rem. 5 from former \* 's Areas
  - If your former Ally is a PR, they may place a CB on your Capital
- Place Truce tokens, unless former Ally is PR who chose to place a CB

### Warfare vs NPRs (p. 36)

- # of def. **NPR Units** = MC or NC
  - Land Units are Infantry
  - Ships are Light Ships
- Active Ally defends with ½ of MC
- NPRs defend at normal strength even if not enough tokens in Supply
- If multiple Battles, priorities:
  - 1. Capital Area and Adj. Sea Zones
  - 2. Largest Enemy force
  - 3. First Battle
- NPR Provinces on **Distant Continents** 
  - Double MC/NC for defense
    - Except from Areas with **v**
  - Some Ports are Inactive (grayed out) until they have a O, O or

#### **Recruit Units** $(1 \times + X \textcircled{1})$ (p. 17)

- May recruit as many as you can afford
- Artillery Units require "Cannons" Idea

#### **Regular Units** (up to your MC)

- In your Areas
- In your Vassal's Areas

#### Allied Units

- In your Areas (up to your MC)
- In Areas of & (up to their MC)

#### Mercenary Units (MC irrelevant)

- In your Areas
- In your Vassal's Areas
- Max 3 per Turn

#### Ships

- In your Own Ports
- 1 Ship per Port (2 per Large Port (p. 4))
- Place in Port or Adj. non-Hostile Sea Zone, optionally on vacant Tr. Prot. slots

#### Costs

	Regular	Merc.	Allied
Infantry	2@	4@	free
Cavalry	5@	7 <b>@</b>	3@
Artillery	6@	8@	-
Light Ship	4@	-	-
Heavy Ship	10 <b>@</b>	-	-
Galley	2@	-	-

### Suppress Unrest $(1 \times \text{per } \times)$ (p. 17)

- **②**/**●** may not be Occupied
- Area may not contain any Hostile Units

## **Armies/Fleets** (p. 24)

- To deploy an Army, assign Unit(s) to it
  - From its Area (Land Activ.), or
  - From Available **\*** (during *Recruit*)
- To deploy a Fleet, assign Ship(s) to it
  - From Sea Zone (Naval Activ.), or
  - From your Supply (during *Recruit*)
- If it becomes empty, remove from map

### War Capacities (p. 22-23)

• A Province may contribute to MC/NC once per Turn (but for both)

#### Military Capacity (MC)

- MC in Area = Tax Value of Own ♀ + ₱
  in this Area and Adjacent to this Area
- Blocking MC
  - Occupied Provinces
  - MC from Adjacent Area blocked by Hostile Units in that Area
  - MC from Provinces only Adj. by Sea blocked by Hostile Sea Zones

### Naval Capacity (NC)

- NC in a Sea Zone = # of Own Ports facing this Sea Zone (Large Ports count as 2)
- Blocking NC
  - Occupied Ports

### Activate Units (p. 16)

• Do Land Activation or Naval Activ.

### Land Activation $(1\times)$ (p. 16)

• Do Land Movement or Siege

#### **Land Movement**

- Move an Army or a Unit up to 2 spaces
  - May use Naval Bridge
  - Stop when entering a Distant, Hostile or Neutral Area (p. 25)
  - Stop when disembarking (p. 26)
- On **Distant Cont.** only allowed in (p. 26)
  - Friendly Areas
  - Areas with an Enemy Province
  - Vacant Terr. with your or Enemy ■
- Crossing a **Mountain Border** to a Hostile or Neutral Area (p. 25)
  - Action cost pays for first 3 Units
  - Pay additional 1X per 3 Units
- Check **Military Access** (p. 25) =
- **Army reorganization** may be done at any point during its movement (p. 25)
  - May pick up or drop off Regular Infantry Units
  - May shift Units between Armies
  - May be split up or merged with another Army
- A **Battle is triggered** when Units enter an Area containing
  - Hostile Units
  - Enemy NPR Provinces (unless there are already Units Hostile to the NPR)
- Optional rule 2: Available Mercenaries
  - Only if activating an Army for Land Movement in your Own Area
  - May recruit up to 3 Mercenary Units (normal cost)
  - They must move with the Army

### **Siege** (p. 28)

- 1. Pick an Area with 1+ Enemy Controlled Provinces, where you have 1+ Units
- 2. Calculate total Siege Strength of Units you will use and pay ★ cost
  - Strength:  $$ = 1, $ = \frac{1}{2}, $ = 2 (p. 24)$
  - First Unit is included in Action cost
  - Pay 1X per additional Sieging Unit
- 3. Siege total Tax Val. ≤ Siege Strength
  - To Siege an Island Province (blue Port), you need 1+ Ship in a Sea Zone it faces
- 4. Resolve effects of "Defensive Mentality"
- 5. When successfully Sieging
  - Rebel Occupied Province
    - Remove
    - Remove 🛠
  - NPR Province
    - Add Occupied token
    - Add your **②** (with **½**)
  - Hostile PR's ❷/�
    - Add your **②** (with **½**) on top of it
    - That player must cover a slot on their Town/Vassal track with a
  - Enemy Occupied Province whose Lawful Owner is Friendly or Neutral
    - Remove Occupier's **②**
  - Rebel/Enemy Occupied Province whose Lawful Owner is your Enemy
    - Replace Occupier's **②**/**③** with your **②** (with \*/)

### Naval Bridge (p. 26) «

- Across any number of Sea Zones
- A Sea Zone may be crossed by up to 3
   Units per 1 Friendly Ship in that Sea Zone
- Does not count as a space
- May include Ships of PR Allies, unless
  - That Sea Zone has Enemy Ships, or
  - Disembarking in a Hostile Area where the Ally has no Enemies

### Military Access (p. 25)

- In Areas with 1+ Province whose *de jure* or *de facto* owner is **Friendly** or **Enemy** 
  - Always available
- In Neutral Areas
  - Not available in Areas with your lacktriangle
  - You must be at War
  - Remove 1 from the Area or pay 3 @
  - If all Prov. in Area are Owned by PRs, you need permission from one of those PRs
- In HRE while Def. HRE is active (p. 44)
  - Free for
    - Emperor
    - Anyone at War with Emperor

- 6. Ships move out of successfully Sieged Ports and may trigger a Battle
- 7. Players regaining Control of Provinces remove from Town/Vassal track

#### Naval Activation $(1\times)$ (p. 16)

• Do Naval Movement or Undock

#### **Naval Movement**

- Select 1 Sea Zone or Friendly Port as destination
- Move any number of Ships within range to the destination (Ports have limits)
  - Ship/Fleet may move up to 2 spaces
  - Stop when entering Distant or Hostile Sea Zone (p. 25)
  - May not pass through Hostile Sea Zones
- On **Distant Continents** (p. 26)
  - If you have no ■, o or Adj. to Dist.
     Sea Zone, you must *Explore* to enter it
  - To move across the Pacific Ocean, spend an additional **©** of any type
- Galleys are disbanded if the Fleet moves to a Sea Zone without \*/† (p. 24)
- Fleet reorganization may be done at the start and destination (p. 25)
  - May pick up or drop off Light Ships
- If destination Sea Zone is not Hostile
  - Light Ships may occupy vacant **Trade Protection** slots there (p. 25)
- A Battle is triggered when destination
  - Contains Enemy Ships, or
  - Faces Enemy NPR Ports (unless there already are Ships Hostile to the NPR)
- May choose to **fight Pirates** in a Trade Node Adjacent to Activated Ships (p. 28)
- May use **Naval Bridge** if (p. 26)
  - Destination Sea Zone is part of it, and
  - Moved Land Units are Adjacent to it

#### Undock

- Move any number of your Ships from Ports to Adjacent non-Hostile Sea Zones
- May choose to **fight Pirates** in a Trade Node Adjacent to Activated Ships (p. 28)

### Ships in Port (p. 26)

- Max 2 in a Small Port
- Max 4 in a Large Port
- Max 6 in a Large Port in a single Fleet
- Heavy Ships are repaired at Turn/Round
- If a Port ceases to be Friendly due to an ending ❖
  - Ships must move to Adjacent non-Hostile Sea Zone
  - If can't move, must be disbanded

# **OTHER RULES**

# **GENERAL NOTES** (p. 2)

#### **Token Limits**

- Generally limited. If nothing in supply, take from anywhere. Exceptions below
- May not be moved
  - Towns (♠), Vassal tokens (♠)
  - Alliances (★/�), Marriages (Ձ/ゆ)
  - Crusade/Excommunicated token
  - Mercenary Units
  - Allied Units
  - Religion tokens in State Religion slot
  - Ill health tokens (\*) on Characters
  - "Unlimited" tokens
- Cubes (\*)
  - Take from anywhere except
  - · Roma Cardinal
  - · Changed Nat. Focus slot
  - Cubes covering income slots
  - No more than 10 @ of any type (p. 3)
- Unlimited
  - Ducats (**(((()**)
  - War/Truce tokens
  - Occupied tokens
  - +1₩ tokens
  - Tag chits

### Rounding

• Round up unless stated otherwise

# **GOVERNING PR** (p. 20-21)

#### Stability (p. 20)

- If gaining  $\Phi$  and  $\Phi = 3$ , gain  $2 \mathbb{1}$  per step
- If losing  $\Phi$  and  $\Phi = -3$ , lose  $2\Phi$  per step
  - If <2♥, lose any 

    per missing 

    #
  - If no @, ignore this penalty

#### Bankruptcy (p. 21)

- When cannot pay a mandatory cost and cannot take a Loan
  - Lose 3**季**
  - Lose (5)
  - Discard all ⓐ and 3₺ from Treasury
  - Disband all Mercenaries
  - Fire all Advisors
  - Lose ½ of @ per type (max 3 per type)

#### **Towns** (p. 21)

- If out of Large 🔾, use 2 Small 🔾 instead
- If out of Small ②, use a 🏓 instead

### Core Provinces (p. 21)

- To place a ♥, a player needs to Own all Provinces in the Area
- may not be placed to an Area where all Provinces already that PR's Core Prov.
- Placing ♥ displaces any ♥/♥ in the Area
- **□** counts as

# **DIP. RELATIONS** (p. 32-33)

### Influence (p. 32)

- Area may contain max 5 🖜
- • may not be placed in Areas where all Provinces are owned by PRs
- Once all Provinces in an Area are Owned by PRs, all must be removed
- No may be placed in Distant Areas
- **\$\text{\$\text{if}}** may be used as **\$\text{\$\ext{\$\text{\$\text{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\text{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\ext{\$\text{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\text{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\text{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\text{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\exititit{\$\exitit{\$\exitit{\$\exitit{\$\exitit{\$\exititit{\$\exitit{\$\exitit{\$\exititit{\$\exitit{\$**

#### Marriages (p. 32)

- Max 3 ("Cabinet" Idea allows 1 more)
- May not enter Marriages during Interregn.
- & counts as , but cannot be removed and is excluded from Area's 5 limit
- When taking an Action that requires to remove , remove 1 fewer if you have 1+ in the Area

#### Alliances (p. 32)

- Max 3★ ("Cabinet" Idea allows 1 more)
- NPR may only be Allied to 1 PR
- Active Allies (p. 33)
  - Part of every War you are involved in (or enter into while they are active)
  - They defend their Areas with ½ of MC
- Alliances with **Distant NPRs** (p. 33)
  - Use **♦♦♦** instead of **♦♦♦** for sending CtA
  - They contribute Allied Units as normal (despite double MC for defense)

### Vassals (p. 33)

- Vassals are a separate category of Realms (not part of Overlord's Realm, not NPR)
- Using Subjugate Action Card
  - Target may not be a Distant Realm
  - Without \$\mathbb{E}\$, your Base Tax must be ≥
     2× target's Base Tax
  - With &, your Base Tax must be > target's Base Tax
  - Discard from target Realm = target
     Tax Inc. + Oppon.
     in target Realm
  - When **Vassalizing** your Ally
    - Remove your 🛠
    - Place on their Prov. (2 on Large)
    - All other PRs must remove their &
  - When **Annexing** 
    - Replace with •
    - Remove any &
  - If the target has Vassals
    - You need a & to Vassalize them
    - If you also discard from target's Vassals equal to their Tax Income
      - They also become you Vassals
    - Otherwise, they become independent and you may
      - Place \* on their Capital, or
      - Place in one of their Areas

- >Papal States and Emp. cannot be Vassal.
- · Vassals in Wars
  - on Vassal counts as on Overlord
  - Vassals do not defend themselves
  - Vassals contribute to Overlord's MC, but not NC
  - Overlord may Recruit Regular Units and Mercenaries in their Vassals' Areas

# **NPRS** (p. 35-36)

- If natural Capital is Owned by another Realm, then pick a new Capital. Priority:
   1. Large Provinces; 2. A→Z
- NPR's Vassals
  - Assist in Wars as if part of Overlord
  - May be ceded in Peace Resolutions
  - If Overlord does not exist, or PR was removed, Vassals become independent

### **DNPRs** (p. 35)

- When a DNPR's Province is Annexed or Vassalized, keep **O** underneath the **⊘**/◆
- O cannot be placed on PR Core Provinces

### +1 tokens (p. 36)

- Provide +1 MC
- Count as +1 Tax Value for the purposes of
  - Resolving Peace
  - Contribution of Allied Units
  - Subjugation
- Do not affect Sieges
- Removed if Prov. is Annex. or Vassalized

# **REBELS** (p. 37)

## Rebel Dice

- Roll Area by Area
- **®**: Rebellion
  - If you have Military Units in the Area
    - Add 🕈 per 🕲 result
    - Any Battle is triggered after all Rebel Dice rolls have been resolved
  - Otherwise
    - Assign each **(a)** to one of your **(x)**
    - Core Province gets Occupied
    - Occ. or non-Core Prov. gets Liber.
- **(a)**: Lose 1 **(d)**. If unable to, then pay 2 **(d)**
- **③**: Exhaust 1**♣**. If unable to, pay 2**④**
- @: Lose 2@
- \*: Remove 1 \*

#### Bot rolls (p. 4)

- Roll for all Areas at once (max 5 dice)
- ② **③ ③**: Lose 1 **③** 
  - Lose max 1 , even if more rolled
- \*: Remove 1 \*
- **®**: Rebellion
  - If possible, apply in Area with Bot's Army
  - If Prov. gets Liber., place in the Area

#### **Rebel Units**

- # are Hostile to all PRs
- Sieging
  - If Province is Core of its Owner
    - Place on top of it
  - If Occupied or not Core of its Owner
    - It is Liberated
- Liberation
  - If Occupied by an Enemy of Province's Lawful Owner, remove Occupier's •
  - If **not a Core Province** of PR who Owns or has Vassalized it
    - Remove **②**/
    - If Core Province of another PR, they place a there
  - If Territory, replace with a O (color chosen by the Active Player)
  - A PR whose Province is Liberated by Rebels must place a CB on the new Owner's Capital and remove any Truce
  - Bot places a if their Province gets Liberated by Rebels (p. 4)
- Optional rule 5: Religious Rebels
  - Turn/place all pentagram side up in Areas with Religious Dissent
  - If Religious Rebels Occupy your Capit.
     and 2+ other Provinces, you may
    - *Change State Religion* to the Religion of your Capital Area, <u>and</u>
    - Remove \* and in Areas of your new State Religion

# RELIGION, FAITH (p. 38)

#### Catholicism

- Counter-Reformed Realms and Areas are also considered to be Catholic
- Abilities
  - Have access to Papal Curia
  - May *Change State Religion* to Protestantism from Age II onwards

#### Protestantism abilities

- Discount of 1 no Convert Area
- Discount of 1 on Development
- May *Change State Rel.* to Catholicism

### Orthodoxy abilities

• Discount of 1♥ when *Increasing Stab*. from -1 to 0 or from 0 to 1

#### Islam abilities

 May replace the default 3 Infantry Dice with 3 Cavalry Dice

#### Diverse Faiths

- Means no dominant faith in the Area
- Cannot be State Religion

#### Revolutionary Ideology

 Token is placed on top of existing Religion (instead of replacing it)

- If Revolutionary Realm Researches Gov.
   Form other than "Revolutionary Regime"
  - They remove ? in Capital Area, and
  - Change State Religion to match the Religion of Capital Area

# **PRESTIGE (P)** (p. 42-43)

#### **Missions**

- May not be completed in Phase 1
- Rewards follow Standard Event Effects

#### Milestones

 When completed at same time, then tie breaker is Turn order (starting with Active Player in Phase 2, otherwise with the First Player), unless otherwise stated on the Milestone

# **PAPAL CURIA** (p. 45-46)

- # of Regular Cardinal Slots = # of Catholic PRs + 1
- Roma Cardinal belongs to PR who
  - Is Allied to the >Papal States, or
  - Controls Roma
    - This supersedes the Alliance
    - PR may not have other 🛳

#### Papal Controller

- PR with most 🛳
- The left-most breaks ties
- Bonuses
  - +1 in Phase 4, Step D
  - Discount of 1@ per Advisor in Phase 4, Step B

  - Has Access to Papal Actions

#### Uncontested Papal Controller

- PR with most , min 2 and no tie
- Extra (P) in Phase 4, Step E

# HRE (p. 43-45)

### Imperial Authority (p. 43)

- Max 🗱 = # of Elector Areas + 1
- Emperor's bonuses
  - Additional 🗱 = 🗱
  - Additional Tax Income = 🗰
  - If  $\Re \geq 1$ , may use *Defending the HRE*
  - If # = 2 or 3, then +1
  - If \* = 4 or 5, then +1\$, +1\$
  - If \$ = 6, then +2\$,  $+1\times$ , +(1)
- Gaining 1 🗰
  - *Increase Authority*: Pay **1** = 1 + current **★**
  - Win a War vs non-HRE Aggressor (if no HRE Provinces ceded (p. 44))
  - Reincorporate HRE Area
  - If **\*\*** < 3 upon Election

#### • Losing 1

- Refusing CtA when non-HRE Aggressor Declares War on an Imperial Subject
- An Area leaves the HRE
- Lose a War vs non-HRE Aggressor
- Emperor Declares War on HRE Member without a CB
- Emp. enforces Full Annex. on HRE Member with the same State Religion
- Lose ₩ if max ₩ goes below current ₩

### Imperial Influence (p. 44)

- Works like regular �� except
  - Is placed only in Phase 5, Step B
  - Must be placed in HRE Areas with at least 1 NPR HRE Member
  - Removed when Area leaves HRE
  - May not be used for Subjugate

#### HRE Lands (p. 44)

- HRE Members Realms with Capital in HRE (can be PRs, NPRs, Vassal Realms)
- Imperial Subjects HRE Members except the Emperor
- Unlawful Occupant Capital not in HRE but
  - Occupies **②** in HRE, or
  - Owns ② in HRE, or
  - Has 🕈 in HRE
- Elector Area
  - Marked with 🗱 on the Map
  - Must have Capital of 1+ HRE Member

### PR as Imperial Subject (p. 44)

• May leave HRE only by Mission or Event

# Leaving and Rejoining HRE (p. 45)

- When all Provinces in an HRE Area are Owned by external Realms except Emp.
  - The Area leaves the HRE (place ②)
  - Lose 1₩
- If all HRE Prov. in an Area are Owned or Vassal. by HRE Members or Emperor
  - The Area is reincorporated (remove ②)
  - Gain 1

### HRE Religion (adv. rules) (p. 45)

- Emp. may *Change State Rel.* only when HRE Rel. is different from Emp.'s Rel.
- If Emperor adopts Revolutionary Ideology, then HRE is permanently dissolved

### NPR Emperor (p. 45)

- Changes in 🕷
  - When Area leaves the HRE, lose 1
  - When Area rejoins, gain 1
  - Based on a die-roll at the end of Round
- Number of Units defending an HRE Area
   MC of Defending NPRs (as normal)
  - a 12 v 2003
  - -2 × number of HRE Areas with non-HRE Units prior to this Turn

- Emperor cannot be Vassalized
- If Emp. is Fully Annexed, HRE dissolves

### Imperial Elections (adv. rules) (p. 45)

- Not used when Emp. is NPR or Bot (p. 6)
- Triggered when
  - $\gg \leq 4$ , and
  - Emp.'s Ruler is replaced/discarded
- Eligible candidate Realm
  - Must be a PR
  - Must follow official HRE Rel. (if any)
  - May be non-HRE Realm
  - May have Interregnum
- If there are no eligible candidates
  - The current Emperor retains the title
  - \* drops by 2
- Elector Areas vote for candidates
  - Elec. Area votes for candidate that has most ◆ (incl. Imp. ◆) in that Area
  - Elec. Area with no NPR Prov. where all belong to the same PR
    - Votes for that PR, if eligible
  - If PR has Capital in an Elector Area
    - If eligible, that PR gets the vote
    - If not, the Area does not vote
  - All ties are decided by current Emp.
- If **\*\*** < 3 following election of a new Emp.
  - \* increases by 1
- If new PR is elected and *Defending the HRE* is active
  - New Emp. may place CB on any non-HRE Realm at War with NPR HRE Members
  - Imperial \* stays the same and can be used as normal by the new Emperor

# **BOT RULES**

# CHOICE PROC. (p. 3)

#### At War?

 If no Enemy has Provinces remaining, consider the Bot not at War for all choices

#### **Realm Selection**

- Use Targeting Charts
- Priorities for picking a Realm in an Area
  - 1. Capital in the Area
  - 2. Highest tot. Tax Val. Owned in Area
  - 3. Random

#### Province, Area, Sea Zone Selection

- When applying effects beneficial to them or bad for an Opponent
  - Prioritize highest Tax Value
- When applying effects bad for them or beneficial to an Opponent
  - Prioritize lowest Tax Value
- Otherwise,  $A \rightarrow Z$

#### **Opponent Selection**

- 1. Opponent at War with Bot (if applicable)
- 2. Roll a die
  - 1-3: Highest (P)
  - 4-6: Highest Tax Income
- 3. Human players before Bots
- 4. Random

# **IDEAS** (p. 3)

• Bots do not take Idea effects into account

# **TOKEN LIMITS (p. 4)**

#### Cubes

- If out of \$\circ\$, take according to the following priority
  - 1. Take 📦 from Spent 🗐
  - 2. Take ◆ from Areas w/o Bot's ★/② (prefer furthest from Bot's Cap. Area)
  - 3. Take from Areas of an Ally with the lowest Tax Income
  - 4. Take from Available 🗐

#### **Towns**

 If out of ②, the Bot will not Siege Provinces or Colonize Territories

#### Claims & Core Tokens

- Max 6 **■** (numbered 1-6)
- Max 2 ♥ (numbered 7-8)
- If out of **U**, take according to the following priority
  - 1. Take non-Colonial Distant
  - 2. Take from a Main Map Area with the lowest Tax Value
  - Tie breakers
    - 1. Furthest from the Capital Area
    - 2.  $A \rightarrow Z$

#### **Other Limited Tokens**

- Avoid removing directly beneficial
- Prefer removing directly harmful
- Otherwise  $A \rightarrow Z$

# **BOTS & ALLIANCES (p. 4)**

 Bots never enter into Alliances with Opponents (unless through an Event)

# **COVERT ACTIONS (p. 4)**

- PRs counter Bot's Cov. Act. as normal
- Bots never counter Covert Actions

# **BOT WARFARE** (p. 5)

When recruiting, Bots always pay full price, even if less Available

#### Maximum Army Capacity (MAC)

 Area with land connection to Capital (continuous chain of Bot's that are Adjacent by Land) – unlimited

- Otherwise Bot's MC for the Area + 3 (min 9, if Naval Bridge closes the only gap in land connection to the Capital)
- When *Defending the HRE* is active (p. 6)
  - Treat all HRE Areas as connected to Emperor's Capital for MAC purposes

#### Movement

- Normally up to 2 spaces and stops when entering Hostile or Neutral Area
- Bot's **Naval Bridge** can be crossed by up to 9 Units, excess Units are laid down
- Bots ignore Mountain Borders
- Moving into Neutral Areas
  - Remove 1 if any
  - Not allowed if Bot's **■** in the Area

### Ship placement

- Never on Trade Protection slots
- Adjacent to own Ports or Ships

# **TARGETING CHARTS (p. 6)**

- Target types
  - Realms
  - "Owner of [Province]"
    - Lawful Owner if Occupied
  - "Realm in Area", preference:
    - 1. Valid Realm with Capit. in the Area
    - 2. Valid Realm with Highest Tax Value Owned in the Area
    - 3. A→Z
- If mil. target is NPR, place ■. Priority:
  - 1. In named Area or Area of named Prov.
  - 2. In target's Capital Area
- Vacant Territory as target
  - If Bot has "QftNW", place ■, end Turn
  - Otherwise, invalid target

### • Invalid military targets

- Vassal → Substitute: Overlord
- All target's Prov. Owned by PRs or DNPRs → Substitute: Owner of target's Capital
- Bot's Ally
- Truce with the Bot
- Opponent who has Passed, including their NPR Allies and HRE Subjects
- Bot has 4+ in target's Areas
- All target's Prov. already owned by Bot

### • Invalid diplomatic targets

- Opponent
- At War with the Bot
- DNPR with 10+ Tax Income
- All target's Prov. Owned by PRs or DNPRs