Darwin's Journey Unofficial FAQ

Can an Academy action discount (e.g. gain a Wax Seal with a -2 discount) be applied to a Time Track Penalty (e.g. spend +1 coin for each Gain Scroll action)?

Yes. You can apply the discount to the entire cost of gaining the Wax Seal, including any Time Track Penalty. [1]

Can an Academy action discount (e.g. gain a Wax Seal with a -2 discount) be applied to the cost of placing the seal on my player board?

Yes. Sum the cost penalty of the scroll in the Academy (if you don't have the objective bonus) with the board placement penalty, then apply the discount over the total.[2]

Can I have two tents at same location?

No.[3]

Can I take a movement action (for an explorer or a ship) and move zero spaces?

No. You always have to move a minimum of 1 space.[4]

What happens to seals removed from the top Academy row during cleanup?

They are removed from the game.[5]

What if we run out of seals when refreshing the Academy during cleanup?

Seals are a limited resource. If you run out, you run out.

During the Rewards phase, what happens if an Envelope reward allows me to place additional stamps?

- If placed *above* the currently evaluated envelope, stamps will apply during the next round.

- If placed *in* the currently evaluated envelope, stamps will apply during the next round. Do *not* count them among the stamps to be removed for determining majority.[6]

- If placed *below* the currently evaluated envelope, stamps will apply this round when that envelope is evaluated.[7]

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When passing an Adventure Token during movement, when do I resolve the Adventure card?

Draw the Adventure card, inspect the options, and then decide when to do it during your current turn. Consider the adventures as bonus actions you are getting, which means you can trigger that bonus anytime during your turn like you do when completing a character card or objective.[8]

What if there are no more adventure cards, but there are still tokens on the board?

Reshuffle the discards to form a new deck.[9]

Discussion & Footnotes

Discussion: https://boardgamegeek.com/thread/3120091/faq-preliminary-and-unofficial

[1] https://boardgamegeek.com/thread/3070984/article/42152100#42152100

[2] https://boardgamegeek.com/thread/3106394/article/42512545#42512545

[3] https://boardgamegeek.com/thread/3056016/article/41999370#41999370

[4] https://boardgamegeek.com/thread/3058801/article/42069877#42069877

[5] https://boardgamegeek.com/thread/3066250/article/42103598#42103598

[6] https://boardgamegeek.com/thread/2591355/article/41343085#41343085

[7] https://boardgamegeek.com/thread/2591355/article/36880355#36880355

[8] https://boardgamegeek.com/thread/3067378/article/42290868#42290868

[9] https://boardgamegeek.com/thread/3115165/article/42610738#42610738