# 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

### **Passing**

- Allowed only if *Event* taken
- May take Minor Actions on same Turn
  - @ gained from Passing may be spent
- 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*
  - If PR has taken their final Turn, they are considered to have Passed

## 3. PEACE & REBELS

#### A. Remove CB tokens & Truces

- Lose (2) if not at War with the CB target
- **B. NPR Invasions** (advanced rules)
- NPRs at War might invade PRs

NPR Invasions (p. 36)

• Invasion takes place if

Adjacent to the NPR

• It contains Hostile ❷/�, and

• An Area is eligible if

Bots suffer max 1 NPR invasion. Priority:
 1. most NPR Units; 2. A→Z (p. 2)

• The NPR is not an Active Ally, and

Areas without Hostile Units, and

• The NPR or its Vassals have 1+ Prov. in

• There is at least one eligible target Area

• If Adj. by Sea only, a connecting Sea

• It contains no non-Hostile PR Units

Zone contains no Hostile Ships, and

• Resolve NPRs in alphabetical order

### Peace Resol. Sequence (p. 29-30)

- Treat Vassals as part of their Overlord
- Making Peace flips respective War token(s)
- In each step, resolve Peace in Turn order
- On PR's Turn, they resolve all Wars in that step using Terms whose req. are met -
  - 1 Enemy at a time in any order, except normally Active Allies are resolved together with their PR Ally
  - Bots use Peace Resolution chart (p. 15)

#### 1. Automatic White Peace

- Must be resolved, using White Peace terms
- 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, and
  - Allied Units =  $\frac{1}{2}$  of pre-War NPR Str.

#### • Requirements

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

## 3. Remaining Wars

- 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 human Enemy, Deployed Land Units must outnumber Enemy 2:1
- If NPR or Bot Enemy, your Deployed Land Units must outnum. in your Areas plus Enemy Depl. Land Units
- Units on Dist. Continents where the other Realm has no 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 Enemy > Tax Val. of Enemy Provinces 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 ❷ in the Area have \* or ❸
- Replace Fully Annexed Bots (p. 3, 6)

## C. Rebels Siege or Move

- Within steps 1 and 2, resolve by Area in order of: 1. most ♠; 2. A→Z
- **1.** In **Areas with** ★, Rebels Siege ★. Priority:
  - 1. Large Provinces
  - 2. If 2+ PRs with  $\frac{1}{2}$  in the Area, PR with lowest Tax Income (no tie) in the Area chooses (p. 37)
  - 3. A→Z

#### 2. In Areas with no \*

- If an Area with \*x is Adj. by Land and
   will not be outnum. there by PRs
  - Move all but 1 ♣. Priority:
     1. most \*; 2. most PR •; 3. A→Z
  - Resolve Battle immediately
- Otherwise remove 1

## D. Peace Resolutions

- While **Def. the HRE** is active (p. 44)
  - External Aggressor may <u>never</u> resolve Peace separately with NPR Imp. Subj., <u>unless</u> Victory over Emp. is achieved
  - Treat NPR Imp. Subjects as Emp.'s &
- When Emperor makes Peace with an External Aggressor (p. 44-45)
  - If Emperor won <u>and</u> no HRE Prov. is ceded, raise \* by 1
  - If Emperor lost, drop 🗰 by 1
- Raise/drop \* by # of Areas joining/leaving HRE (p. 45)
- PR is the Victor if (p. 29-31)
  - They achieved Total/Partial Victory, or
  - Their Enemy Surrendered, or
  - It was agreed in Negotiated Peace

## Invasion sequence

- 1. 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
- 2. Add % to 2 Enemy **②**/**●** in the target Area (pick A→Z)
- 3. Place NPR Units = ½ of current NPR Str., ignore Prov. in Areas with Hostile Units
- **4.** Resolve Battle immediately (if any)
  - Place Bot Army in the Area (p. 2)
- 5. Leave the NPR Units on board as 👫

- 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
  - Untag Def. the HRE
  - Empty Imperial 🗫 pool
  - New Emp. may place a CB token on any non-HRE Realm at War with NPR HRE Members

## **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 directly beneficial to the Bot or bad for an Opponent
  - Prioritize highest Tax Value
- When applying effects directly bad for the Bot 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 \$\infty\$, take according to the following priority
  - 1. Take 📦 from Spent 🗐
  - 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 Base Tax
  - 4. Take from Available 📦

#### **Towns**

• If out of **②** (and has +20 income token), Bot will not Siege Prov. or Colonize Terr.

#### 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)

- Bot's Covert Actions can be countered with *Counterespionage* as normal
- Bots never counter Covert Actions

## **BOT WARFARE** (p. 4-6)

- Bot recruits always into its Army
- 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, but not 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
    - 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 NPR target's Areas
- All target's Prov. already owned by Bot

#### • Invalid diplomatic targets

- Opponent
- At War with the Bot
- DNPR with 10+ Base Tax
- All target's Provinces Owned by other Realms (PRs or DNPRs)
- If **Invalid target**, choose another:
  - 1. Substitute (if a valid one exists)
  - 2. Roll between children nodes
  - 3. If no valid descendant nodes
    - 1. Next sibling (increase die value, wrap around)
    - 2. Next cousin (increase die value, wrap around)

## **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 

   from same Area(s)
- PRs may place in each Area where they lost 1+ ② or ◆

#### **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 ★/譽
- 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)

#### Humiliation

- Requirements
  - Partial or Total Victory to Enforce
  - Victor must Occupy Loser's Capital or Loser must have Surrendered
  - Loser must be a PR
- 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)

#### **Vassalization** (advanced rules)

- 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 ★/Ձ
- Victor may discard 

   in Area(s) of gained

   to remove 2 

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

#### Force Conversion (advanced rules)

- 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
- All Occupied Provinces must be returned

- Loser must change State Religion and Rel. of Capital Area to State Rel. of Victor
- Victor gains (3)
- Victor may add 2 in Loser's Cap. Area
- Loser loses (5)
- Loser must remove 4 ��

### Secure Desired Succession (adv. r.)

#### • Requirements

- Partial or Total Victory to Enforce
- Loser's 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**/**⑤** and **☆**/**⑤**, except Victor's, from the Loser's Capital
- Victor scores (3) per \$/6 removed
- PRs whose **2**/**6** was removed, lose (3)
- If Victor has 🚳 on Loser's Capital, 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 (advanced rules)

- Requirements
  - Not Enforceable
  - Both sides must be human players
- May agree who is Vict./Loser (if anyone)
- May agree on any other Peace Term, except Vassalization and Full Annexation, but other requirements must be met
- If agreeing on Keep Current Board State
  - Both sides may exchange Occupied Provinces for @
  - Both sides may Liberate Provinces (with no (P) 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

## E. Prestige Penalties

- Flip all 🚳 to 🕏
  - Lose (3) per (4), except for (5) on Vassals, and your Allies with whom
    - No other PR has \*, and
    - If NPR, you have most �� (min 2)

#### F. Interregnums

- Lose 14
- Flip all & on your Realm

## G. Religious Dissent

- In Areas following a different Religion from your State Religion
  - In each Area containing your 🕥
    - Add 1% to any **②** of yours
  - In <u>1</u> Area containing your 
    Add 1<sup>th</sup> to any 
    of yours, or
    - 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  $\times$  to your  $\Theta$
- If  $\geq +2$ , remove 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  from your
- Bots with Adm. Ideas remove 1-2% (p. 3)

### I. Roll Rebel Dice

• In Turn order, each PR rolls Rebel Dice

### +1 tokens (p. 36)

- Count as +1 Tax Value when calculating
  - MC
  - Base Tax
  - NPR Strength
- Do not affect Sieges
- Removed if Prov. is Annex. or Vassalized

## **REBELS ( )** (p. 37)

#### Rebel Dice

- Roll Area by Area
- Roll 1 die per 🛠 you have in a given Area
- Rebellion
  - If you have Military Units in the Area
    - Lose 1 Unit per 🕲 as Casualty
  - If no Units to lose
    - Assign each **®** to one of your **⅍**
    - Core Province gets Occupied
    - Occ. or non-Core Prov. gets Liber.
- **3**: Lose 1**4**. If unable to, then pay 2**3**
- **③**: Exhaust 1**❖**. If unable to, pay 2**④**
- @: Lose 2@
- \*: Remove 1 \* in the Area

### Bot rolls (p. 4)

- Roll for all Areas at once (max 5 dice)
- @ **(a) (a)**: Lose 1 **(a)** 
  - 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 (1)

- # are Hostile to all PRs
- Sieging
  - Each has Siege Strength of 1
  - If Province is Core of PR who has
    - ❷/� on it <u>and</u> not Occupied
    - Place son top of it
    - Cover Town/Vassal slot with a 🛊
  - Otherwise
    - 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 of another PR, they place 🕥
  - If **Territory**, replace **②** with a **O** (color chosen by the Active Player)
  - PR whose Province is Liberated by Rebels must place a CB token on new Owner's Capital and remove any Truce
  - Bot **places** a **U** 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)

- NPRs and Vassals change State Religion if the Religion of their Capital Area changes
- Counter-Reformed Realms and Areas are also considered to be Catholic
- The >Papal States is always Catholic (p. 5)

### Religion abilities

- Catholicism
  - Have access to Papal Curia
  - May Change State Religion
- Protestantism
  - Conv. Area and Developm. cost -11
  - May Change State Religion
- Orthodoxy
  - Discount of 1¶ when *Increasing*Stab. from -1 to 0 or from 0 to 1
- Islam
  - May replace default 3 Dice with 3

#### **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 6 in Capital Area, and
  - Change State Religion to match the Religion of Capital Area

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

- # of Regular Slots = # of Cath. PRs + 1
- Only Catholic PRs may have Cardinals
- 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 (left-most breaks ties)
- Bonuses
  - +1 in Phase 4, Step D
  - Discount of 1@ per Advisor in Phase 4, Step B
  - Discount of 1# for Actions Incr. 4
  - Has Access to Papal Actions

#### • Uncontested Papal Controller

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

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

## Missions (p. 42)

• Rewards follow Event guidelines

### Milestones (p. 42-43)

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

## HRE (p. 43-45)

## Imperial Authority (\*) (p. 43)

- Max **※** = # of Elector Areas + 1
- Drop ₩ 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 removed to *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
- 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 🚳)
  - 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)

- If HRE has official Religion, Emp. may only *Change State Rel.* to HRE Religion
- If Emperor adopts Revolutionary Ideology, then HRE is permanently dissolved

## NPR Emperor (p. 45)

- 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)

## 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		
	⅓@ 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>		
+/- 🏞 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 11

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### D. Collect Monarch Power

- Gain **1**/**3**/**3** = Ruler's + Advisor's Skill
- Bots discard all spent @ (p. 3)
- Bots gain 6/7/8/9 📦
- If Bot has 20+ Small , receives +1
- If Bot has 8 Large ♠, receives +1 ♦
- If +3, receive +2 of any type
- If -3 ♣, receive -1 �� of any type
- Papal Controller receives +1 ★ (or 🗐)
- 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**≫**
  - $\implies$  = 4 or 5: Receive +1 $\implies$  and +1 $\implies$
  - $\gg = 6$ : Receive  $+2 \gg$  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 & 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)
  - 1. Elec. Area where it would take least •• to have more •• than any other PR
  - 2. Any Elector Area not full
  - 3. 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  $\bigcirc/$  \* there (only on the Main Map)
  - **(1)** for at least 1 **\* / ½** 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 **\*\*\*** = # of Colonial **■** (max 4 per PR)
- 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 Base Tax  $\geq 10@$
- Remove all **v** from Map
- Adjust Imperial and redistribute
- If Emperor is at Peace with all Ext. Aggressors
  - 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

- Skip if not end of Age <u>or</u> Final Scoring triggered
- Place the Event deck for the next Age
- Replace all Milestones
- Replace unresearched non-Basic Ideas
  - If Age III/IV, add new Ideas to deck
- PR with least (P) (no ties) may choose replacement for 1 new Milestone or Idea
- PRs with 1+ **2** score (1)
- PRs, except Bots (p. 3), in Turn order
  - Remove 1 & (prefer NPR), or pay 2
- Reset Bot decks (p. 3)

## FINAL SCORING

- Trigger Final Scoring after Phase 5 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  $\langle P \rangle = 2 \times \Phi$
- Subtract (1) per Tax Value of Occup. •
- Subtract 🕩 per 🗣
- PR with most (P) wins, tie breakers: 1. most (4), 2. most (4)

## **OTHER RULES**

## **GENERAL NOTES** (p. 2-4)

## Concepts & Terms

- · Adjacency:
  - Prov./Unit/token is Adj. to its Area, bordering Areas, Prov. in those Areas
  - Port is also Adj. to its Sea Zones, Ports facing same Sea Z., Areas of such Ports
  - Areas/Sea Zones are Adj. if they share a border. Areas are also Adj. to Areas with Ports facing the same Sea Zone
  - Realm is Adjacent to anything its Own Provinces are Adjacent to
- Deployed: Unit on board or in Army/Fleet
- Friendly:
  - Armies/Units/Prov. Controlled by you/☆/◆
  - Non-Hostile Areas with Friendly Prov.
- Hostile:
  - Armies/Units/Prov. Controlled by \*
     or Realms at War with you
  - Areas with Hostile Units/Prov.
  - Sea Zones with Hostile Ships
  - Sea Zones facing Hostile NPR Ports whose Naval Capacity is not blocked
- Neutral: neither Friendly nor Hostile
- Opponent: player other than you
- Player: human or Bot
- You: the Active Player
- Own Province has its Realm's flag/♀/O and is non-Occupied
- Realm consists of Own Provinces and Areas with Own Provinces
  - (N)PR: (Non-)Player Realm
  - Distant R.: with Dist. Capital
- Realm's Core Prov. has its flag/O on Prov. or O in Area (O/O supercede flags)
- Colonial ♥: ♥ on vacant Territory (p. 12)

#### **Token Limits** (p. 2)

- Generally limited. If nothing in supply, take from anywhere. Exceptions below
- May not be (re)moved
  - Towns (**②**). If out of (p. 21)
    - Large ❷, use 2 Small ❷ instead
    - Small , use a # instead
  - Vassal tokens ( )
  - Alliances (♦/♦), Marriages (♦/♦)
  - Crusade/Excommunicated token
  - Mercenary and Allied Units
  - Deployed and Exhausted Units
  - "Unlimited" tokens

#### • Cubes (♠)

- Take from anywhere, except
  - Roma 🛳
  - Changed Nat. Focus slot
  - • covering income slots

#### • Unlimited

- Ducats (@)
- War/Truce tokens
- Occupied/Battleground tokens
- +1₺ tokens
- Ill Health/Interest tokens (♥/♣)
- Negative Prestige tokens
- Tag chits
- Tokens used to indicate State Religion

#### Rounding

• Round up unless stated otherwise

## **GOVERNING PR** (p. 19-21)

### **Monarch Power (4)** (p. 19)

• No more than 10 @ of any type

### Characters (p. 19)

- Max 1 Ruler
- Max 1 General/Admiral per Army/Fleet
- Max 1 Advisor per 🚭 type

## **Stability (季)** (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)

- If a PR cannot pay a mandatory @ cost and cannot take a Loan, they
  - First pay as much @ as they can, then
  - Lose 3 **4**
  - Lose (5)
  - Discard 3 from Treasury
  - Disband all Mercenaries
  - Fire all Advisors
  - Lose ½ of per type (max 3 per type)

#### Core Provinces $(\nabla)$ (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 are 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

## **Marriages** (**2**) (p. 32)

- Max 3 ("Cabinet" Idea allows 1 more)
- & 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
- May not enter Marriage
  - Christian and non-Christian partner
  - Muslim and non-Muslim partner
  - Revolutionary PR
  - PR and other PR's Vassal
  - During Interregnum

## **Alliances (\*)** (p. 32)

- Max 3★ ("Cabinet" Idea allows 1 more)
- NPR may only be Allied to 1 PR
- 🍪 are part of every War you are involved in (or enter into while they are active)

### **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
  - When Vassalizing your Ally
    - Remove your 🛠
    - Place on their Prov. (2 on Large)
    - All other PRs must remove their &
  - If the target has Vassals
    - You need a & to Vassalize that target
    - If you also discard from target's Vassals equal to their Base Tax
      - They also become you Vassals
    - If not, they become NPRs, you may
      - Place \* on their Capital, or
      - Place **■** in one of their Areas
  - When **Annexing** 
    - Replace with •, remove any &
- >Papal Stat. and Emp. cannot be Vassalized
- Vassals in Wars
  - ■ on Vassal counts as on Overlord
  - Vassals do not defend themselves

# **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** count as part of Overlord during War and Peace Resolution
  - May be ceded in Peace Resolutions
- Released Vassals (Overlord does not exist, or was removed) become NPRs

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

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

## **ACTIONS**

## **GENERIC ACTIONS**

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

- Must be taken exactly once per Round
- Select a face-up Event, collect @ on the card and move Round Status marker
- 2. Add 2 @ to remaining face-up Events
- 3. Resolve effects
- 4. Resolve secondary effects, left to right
- 5. Replace Ruler (opt. if other PR's Turn)
- 6. If everyone has taken an *Event* and unpicked Event remains
  - Auto-resolve secondary effects
  - 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 ightharpoonup = exchanged @ / 10

### **Buy/sell Provinces**

- May only sell Own Provinces
- Buyer must have in those Areas
- Price: 3-15@ per Province
- Both pay 1
- PR selling Core Provinces
  - Loses  $(P) = 2 \times \text{Tax Value}$

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

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

#### Research Idea (X🏟) (p. 12)

- Mark it with a Tag
- Apply immediate effects
- Score (2)
- If ≤2 other PRs tagged it, they score (1)
- If you *Research* another Government Form Idea while having one (p. 21)
  - Lose the previous one (no (P) loss)
  - Score (P) as normal for the new one

### General Event guidelines (p. 40)

- In lists, word "or" is inclusive
- Ignore effects if conditions are not met
- Pick only one of A/B options (p. 12)
- When cannot pay required cost for one of A/B options and can pay for the other one, then must pick the other one
- 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
- May replace if all target Areas are full

#### Gain Alliance

- Target must be Independent 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 ❷ or �

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

#### 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

#### Develop a Small 2 into a Large 2

• • must be Owned

#### 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 to, lose Allied Units = ½ of NPR's pre-War Strength
- Enemy places War tokens on former &

### 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 *Declare War* Action, do steps 3-7
- · DoW restrictions apply
- PR that has Passed cannot Declare War

## Change State Religion (p. 13)

- Only from Age II onwards
- If HRE has official Rel., **Emp.** may only change to HRE Rel. (adv. rules) (p. 45)
- Do one of the following

#### Convert between Catholic and Protestant

- Change State Rel. to Catholic/Protestant
- Lose ② <u>and</u> 14
- Lose 1 **and** 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

#### Adopt Counter-Reformed Catholicism

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

## **Distant Trade** (p. 35) **←**

## **Explore** (1**3**+ 1**X**) (p. 12)

- 1. If having "OftNW", may move 1 Light **4** 
  - Must move to a Distant Sea Zone
  - May not enter a Hostile Sea Zone
- 2. Roll. May reroll for 13, max 2×
  - Use the last result
    - No **9**: Discover a matching Territory or an (D)NPR Province or **o** or **o**
    - **9**: Pay 1**3** to Discover a matching vacant Territory, <u>or</u> lose 1**4** on a Distant Continent
  - Any Discovery must be Adjacent to
    - Your Realm, or
    - If having "QftNW", your **4**
  - Place on Discovered Area
- 3. If first **♥** on a Dist. Cont., add Tr. Cards

### **Warfare vs NPRs** (p. 36) **←**

- NPR Strength = Tax Value of all Prov.
   Owned by NPR or its Vassals
- # of def. **NPR Units** = MC or NC
  - Always Infantry or Light Ships
  - Active Ally defends with ½ of MC
  - Extra Units defending HRE Members in HRE Areas if Emp. is NPR (p. 45)
    - (3 × ₩) (2 × # of HRE Areas with non-HRE Units before this Turn)
- NPR Provinces on **Distant Continents** 
  - Double MC/NC for defense (if no ♥)
  - Some Ports are Inactive (grayed out) until they have a ♥, ♥ or ♥
- NPRs defend at normal strength even if not enough tokens in Supply
- If multiple Battles, NPR's priorities:
  - 1. Capital Area and Adj. Sea Zones
  - 2. Largest Enemy force
  - 3. First Battle

## **Recruit Units** $(1 \times + X \textcircled{3})$ (p. 17)

- May recruit as many as you can afford
- May recruit in multiple Areas/Sea Zones
- Only Regular Infantry/Light Ships can be deployed outside Armies/Fleets
- Artillery Units require "Cannons" Idea

### Regular Units

• In your or P Areas (up to your MC)

#### -Allied Units

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

#### Mercenary Units (Max 3 per Turn)

• In your or • Areas (MC irrelevant)

#### Ships

- 1 Ship per Own Port (2 if Large (p. 4))
- Place in Own 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@	-	-
Galley	2@	-	-

## 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 end
- If Port becomes non-Friendly by any means other than Sieges
  - Ships move to Adj. non-Hostile Sea Z.
  - If can't move, must be disbanded

## Battle Triggers (p. 27, 28)

- Land Units/Ships Hostile to each other end up in the same Area/Sea Zone
- Land Units are in Area with Hostile NPR Prov., or Ships in Sea Zone facing Hostile NPR Ports, unless Units/Ships Hostile to
- that NPR were there before current Turn
- PR wishes to fight Pirates Adj. to where their Activated Ships ended Naval Activ.
  - Attacking Ships must be in the same Sea Zone (p. 25)
- If 2+ Battles, Active PR decides the order

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

- Ships vacate Trade Prot. slots (p. 28)
- Attacker is Active PR or who Decl. War
- If Bot is Attacker or Main Defender, follow Bot Action charts on p. 16 (p. 5)
- If Bot fights alongside another PR (p. 6)
  - Bot's **4** counts as 3 NPR **4**

#### 1. Battle Preparations

- Emperor may add all Imperial 🕸 (p. 44)
  - Only usable in HRE Areas <u>or</u> Emp.'s Areas Adj. by Land to HRE
  - May not be used when Enemy force consists of only NPR HRE Members
  - Add as Allied Infantry (keep separately)
- If 2+ PRs defend, pick **Main Defender**:
  - 1. Humans before Bots (p. 5)
  - 2. PR with the most Units
  - 3. PR defen. who last took a Turn decides
- Only Attacker and Main Defender may
  - Assign a General to the Battle
  - Play Battle Actions
  - Roll Dice
- 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 their 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
  - 34 or 34 for Muslim PRs (p. 38)
- If Naval Battle, default 3. Dice
- Additional Dice from Leaders and 
  1 hit per your Unit matched with 
  ↑
  - Ships are matched with 🗷

  - +1 automatic hit per Heavy Ship

#### 4. Assign Casualties

- If **multiple factions** on same side, 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, <u>and</u> eliminated all Enemy Ships
- Capt. 1 Enemy Casualty per 👫 (last roll)
  - Enemy decides which Ships
  - You may deploy Fleet if available
- Capt. Heavy Ships are damaged (p. 24)

### 6. Retreat

- Attacker chooses first, then defender
- Resolve separately for each PR
  - Retreating PRs suffer 1 more Casualty
- NPRs Retreat (remove from board) if outnumbered, 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

## • Retreat destinations

- Units that moved to this space Retreat to previous space(s)
- Others to Adjacent space where no Battle is triggered, or may not Retreat
  - Mil. Access, Nav. Bridge rules apply
  - All Units of the same PR must Retreat to a single space

#### 7. Proclaim a Winner

- The side with Units left in the Area wins
- If Active PR won, gains 1X (max 1/Turn)
- Return surviving Imperial & (p. 44)
- Remove remaining NPR units (p. 36)

## 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 2

- 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

#### Ruler - Free Change National Focus (p. 13)

- Only once per Round
- 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@ and 2@ to instead pick 1 of the cards from the top 5 discards of type matching paid @
- Place of in Change Nat. Focus slot

#### MINOR ACTIONS

• 🖲 – May be taken outside your Turn, under specific circumstances

## Appoint Advisor/Leader (p. 13)

**Advisor** – Pay the @ cost

**Admiral** – Pay the X cost

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

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

#### Attrition (18)

• 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-resol.: PRs choose for themselves

#### DNPR Expansion



- 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 Province
    - 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 instead place the **O** on any vacant coastal Territory
    - 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 % to the ❷/●
  - If **O** was placed on a PR's NPR \*
    - That PR may place a CB token on the DNPR's Capital

#### • Auto-resolution:

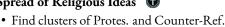
- All DNPRs with matching colors target an Adjacent NPR Province. Priority:
  - 1. In Areas where they Own Provinces
  - 2. In Areas Adjacent by Land
  - 3. Owned by NPR with lowest Str.

• Allowed if no Ruler or Ruler is "Interregn."

• **I** – When Ruler is discarded with no

4. A→Z

### Spread of Religious Ideas ①



- (bodies of Areas connected by Land)
- For each cluster, place in an Adjacent Area (except Muslim or Orthodox), but
  - Max 4 in total
  - If 2 of one type already placed, then must place the other type if possible
  - May not replace placed this 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
- If placing Diverse Faith, go  $A \rightarrow Z$

### Spread of the Revolution 0



- Find clusters of 🚱
- For each cluster (max 4)
  - Place (9) 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 (6), then select targets by: 1. lowest **4**; 2. random

### Activate Power Struggle (adv. rules) 🚇



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

## Take/Repay Loan (p. 14)

Take - Gain 5@, gain 1 4

- Allowed only if <5 **₽**
- **■** When must cover a cost

Repay – Pay 6@, remove 1

## PAPAL ACTIONS (p. 46)

- You must be the Papal Controller
- Max 1 Papal Action per Round
- · Only in Ages I and II

## Excommunicate Ruler (2**&**)

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

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

- Remove any number of your ◆ or ■
- End any number of Alliances
- For each ended Alliance (p. 33)
  - Lose 5 from former Ally's Realm
  - Add Truce
  - If former Ally is at War, then also • Lose 24

    - Lose all �� from their Realm
    - If they were &
      - Lose Allied Units =  $\frac{1}{2}$  of their pre-War Strength
      - Enemies add War tokens on them

### **Replen.** Manp. $(1 \times \text{per } 3 )$ (p. 14) • Move \* from Exhausted to Available

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## 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 d
  - If all Prov. in Area are Owned by PRs, you need permission from one of them
- In **HRE** while *Def. HRE* is active (p. 44)
  - Free for
    - Emperor
    - Anyone at War with Emperor

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

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

## Activate Units (p. 16)

• Do Land Activation or Naval Activ.

### **Land Activation** $(1\times)$ (p. 16, 25-26)

• Do Land Movement or Siege

#### **Land Movement**

- Move an Army or a Unit up to 2 spaces
  - Check **Military Access** (p. 25)
  - May use Naval Bridge
  - Stop when entering a Distant, Hostile or Neutral Area (p. 25)
- 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 1× per 3 Units
- **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

#### **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

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

- 1. Pick an Area with 1+ Enemy Controlled Provinces, where you have 1+ Units
- Calculate total Siege Strength of Units you will use and pay X cost
  - Strength (round down) (p. 24):
    - $= 1, = \frac{1}{2}, = 2$
  - Pay +1× per Sieging Unit beyond the first (Action cost pays for the first 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 **%**)
  - Hostile PR's ❷/•

    - 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 😜
  - Rebel/Enemy Occupied Province whose Lawful Owner is your Enemy
    - Replace Occupier's ♀/⑤ with your
       (with \*/)
- 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 Bridge (p. 26)

- Across any number of Sea Zones
- A Sea Zone may be crossed by up to 3
   Units per 1 Friendly 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
- Movement must end in the Area where Units disembark

## 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 Val. of Own Prov. + in the Area and Adjacent to the Area
- Blocking MC
  - Occupied Provinces provide no MC
  - 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 Sea Zone = # of Own Ports facing the Sea Z. (Large Ports count as 2 (p. 4))
- Blocking NC
  - Occupied Ports provide no NC
  - NC is blocked in Sea Z. with Enemy **4**

## Naval Activation $(1\times)$ (p. 16, 25-26)

- Do Naval Movement or Undock
- May fight Pirates in Trade Node Adjacent to a Sea Zone where Ships ended *Naval Activation* (p. 25, 28)
- Activated Light Ships may occupy vacant Trade Protection slots in non-Hostile destinations (p. 25)

### **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
  - May not pass through Hostile or Distant Sea Zones (p. 25)
- 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
- A **Battle is triggered** when destination
  - Contains Enemy Ships, or
  - Faces Enemy NPR Ports (unless there already are Ships Hostile to the NPR)
- May move (after Nav. Battle if any) a Land Unit/Army via Naval Bridge if (p. 26)
  - It includes destination Sea Zone, and
  - Moving Unit/Army is Adj. to Bridge

#### Undock

• Move any number of your Ships from Ports to Adjacent non-Hostile Sea Zones

#### Call Crusade (2**3**)

- 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

## **HRE ACTIONS**

## Increase (1 = 1 + current ) (p. 43)

- You must be the Emperor
- Increase 🗱 by 1

## **ADMIN. ACTIONS**

### Incr. Stab. $(5 \% \pm \text{current } \Phi)$ (p. 14)

- Increase 4 by 1
- If Papal Controller, pay 11 less (p. 46)
- If Orthodox and current **‡** is -1 or 0, pay 1**1** less (p. 38)

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

- Replace one of your **■** on a vacant Territory with a Small **⑤**
- Must be connected to your Capital Area by your and/or Light

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

- Must Own 1+ Province in Area(s) governed by the Religion slot, and
  - All Provinces must be owned by Realms of the same State Religion
- If Protestant, pay 11 less (p. 38)
- Change Religion to your State Religion
- Add 1% to your affected ♀
- Roll Rebel Dice in affected Area(s)

### **DIPLOMATIC ACTIONS**

#### *Forge Alliance* (1-3**ॐ**) (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
  - **1** count as **1** (p. 32)
- If target has Alliance, then must have more
   ★ than previous Ally and remove that ★
- Pay  $\Rightarrow$  =  $\frac{1}{2}$  of target's Base Tax (max 3)
- Add ★ to target's Capital
- Add 1 to target's Capital Area, if there is space

## *Trade* (1**3**) (p. 15)

- Must have an available (upright) Merchant
- 1. Reveal 3 Trade cards
- 2. May collect 2@ and end Action
- 3. May move 1 Light **4** 
  - The 

     must move Adjacent to the

     Trade Node that will be selected, or
     create connection to that Trade Node
  - May displace a **4** if no vacant slot
  - May not enter a Hostile Sea Zone
- 4. Select an eligible Trade Node
- 5. Select an available (upright) Merchant
  - Move it to the selected Node
    - Max 1 Merchant per PR (p. 34)
  - Activate it (lay it on its side)
- 6. Eligible PRs collect the Trade Income

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

- Pay 1**୬** or 3**ⓓ** per **◆** (min 1**୬**)
- 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

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

- 🕖 may be countered by *Counterespion*.
- In Areas listed on Active or Upcoming Power Struggle, costs 1 per (p. 43)
- Requirements
  - You must be at Peace
  - May be placed only in Areas adjacent to your Realm
  - 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, 🏶 or 😂

### **Trade Income** (p. 34-35)

- Human PRs collect Trade Inc. if the Node
  - Has their Merchant, and
  - Is eligible: connected to Capital Area by ②, ♣, ♣ or Light ▲ (not required in Inland Trade Node's Area; Occupied ②/♣ count)
- Expanded red column, otherwise green
- 1 PR per row may collect Trade Income. Priority (losers are pushed to lower row):
  - 1. Highest Trade Power
  - 2. Active PR breaks ties as they please
- Each Pirate Ship lowers all PRs by 1 row

#### **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

### Trade Power ( ) in eligible Node

- 1 🏶 for your Merchant
- 1 🕸 per Key Province you Own
- 1 ♣ per ▲ in Adj. Trade Protection slots (only for Maritime Trade Nodes)
- Key Prov. with "+" provide +1 per "+"
- Key Prov. do not count for Sec. Node

## Bot Trade (p. 4)

- Bots have 1 Merchant (never exhausted)
- When human PR *Trades*, Bots collect Trade Income if Node is eligible for them
  - Maritime Trade Node (-1@ per Pirate)
    - Main Map Nodes: 2@
    - Distant Nodes: 3@
  - Inland Trade Node: 29
    - Bot must have 1+ Adjacent 🕥
  - -1@ if human PR has 3+ 🍪 from Key Prov. and "Mercantilism" Idea
- When Bot collects Trade Income, move its Merchant to that Node

## **Action Cards** X + Y (10 (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
- Papal Controller pays 1 ₱ less for actions increasing ₱ (p. 46)
- If Orthodox and current **‡** is -1 or 0, pay 1**1** less for actions increasing **‡** (p. 38)

#### Covert Actions (1)

- Can be countered by *Counterespionage*
- When countered, pay cost and wuses

## Display cards (1891)

- Max 2 in play per player (must be diff.)
  - Must discard 1 of them to play another
- Fully charge the card with when played
- 1+ charges are exhausted per use (in addition to ⊕ cost)

#### Reactions ( )

• May be played outside your Turn, under specific circumstances

#### Card specific rules

- One Step Ahead, Forced March: May not be played on Army with ►> (p. 24)
- Development: Protest. pay -1 **1** (p. 38)
- Integrate Area: see Core Prov. (p. 21)
- Subjugate: see Vassals (p. 33)

## 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 that you have no CB for
- g. During an Interregnum

#### **Exceptions:**

- If you have 🚳 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

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

- Apply regular **4** penalty for missing CB
- Emp.'s DoW on Subject
  - Lose 1₩
  - Remove 3 from HRE Areas
- · Subject's DoW on another Subject
  - Human Emperor must place a CB token on Aggressor's Capital

## Defending the HRE (p. 44)

## External Realm's DoW on Imp. Subject

- Bot Emp. also defends Subjects if attacked by another Subject without CB (p. 6)
- PR Emperor automatically receives Defensive CtA if
  - $\gg 1$ , and
  - 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)

### External Realm's DoW on the Emperor

- If Emperor's Capital is in HRE
  - May activate Defending the HRE
    - Bot Emperor activates it (p. 4)

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

## **MILITARY ACTIONS**

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

- 1. Pick target Realm(s), place War tokens
- 2. Penalties for no CB and DoW on your &
  - 24 per missing CB =
  - 1 r per your & on targets, exceptions
- 3. Calls to Arms (in listed order, a to d)
  - 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
    - Bot sends *Def. CtA*s to all valid \* Adjacent to the Aggressor (p. 4)
- 4. PRs gain 1× if they are
  - Target PR, or
  - Accepting Def. CtAs from NPRs (unless already at War with Aggressor)
  - Bots gain 1@ instead (p. 4)
    - If then the Bot has < 5/5/6/7 **(a)**, 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 map
- 5. Remove all your �� from target Realms
- 6. Resolve triggered Naval Battles
- 7. Resolve triggered Land Battles
- 8. If no Battle is triggered, may Activate *Units* or *Recruit Units* (no × cost)

- · Human PRs
  - Add Allied Units to Available 🗱 equal to 1/2 of NPR Strength (max 5)
  - Gain 1X if ❖ is Adj. to new Enemy, and activated as part of CtA (p. 13)
- Bots gain 2@ (p. 4)

## Activating NPR Ally (♦) (p. 33) ←

- Flip the 🛠 to 🕸

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

- Defensive CtAs can always be accepted
- Offensive CtAs must be refused in case of DoW restrictions
- Bot accepts *Defensive CtAs*, unless at War with an Opponent (p. 4)
- Bot always refuses Offensive CtAs (p. 4)

## Accepting a CtA

- If Defensive CtA
  - Enemy places War tokens on you
  - \* with PRs on opposing side end
  - If from NPR, you may
    - Make them Active Ally or not
      - Bot chooses not to
    - Send Def. CtA to other NPR Allies
      - Bot sends Def. CtAs to all valid \* Adj. to the Aggressor (p. 4)

## Casus Belli (p. 22)

**Conquest (Claim)** – Have (or (p. 21)) in Area where target Lawfully Owns or Controls any Prov., or has any Vassals (p. 33)

Call to Arms – Receive a CtA

General CB - Have CB token on target

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

• Also negates penalty for DoW on & **Disputed Succession** – Any **₼** 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 diff. State Religion (except other Christians), incl. any Distant Realms
- If you are Catholic
  - Target Realm is a target of a *Crusade*
  - Tag Commit. to Crus. if using this CB

**Imperial Liberation** – You are the Emperor and target Controls any Provinces or has any Vassals in HRE <u>and</u> is not HRE member

## *Call to Arms* (0-2 ♠ per ♦ ) (p. 13)

- Call Allies to join your War (Minor Act.)
- Only during your own DoW, or as 🖲 in response to DoW on you or your NPR \*
- Calling a PR Ally has no cost =
- 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
- To call an NPR, remove �� from its Areas
  - Offensive CtA 2.◆
  - Defensive CtA 1◆
  - If Dist. NPR, use instead (p. 32)
- · Activate called NPR Allies

• If Offensive CtA, place War tokens on your Ally's Enemies

## Refusing a CtA

- Remove \*
- If this was an Active Ally
  - Lose Allied Units = ½ of Ally's pre-War
  - Enemy must place a War token on your former Ally
- If *Defensive CtA*, <u>and</u> 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 token on your Capital
- Place Truce tokens, unless former Ally is PR who has CB token on your Capital