## **Expanding Your Landscape**

The following placement rules apply during both the Wet and Dry seasons:

Cards may be oriented either horizontally or vertically (including your first card).

At least 1 side of the card you are placing must at least partially touch the side of an adjacent, previously placed card. Corners touching diagonally do not count as adjacency.

Cards cannot overlap each other.

Paddy paths and furrows that extend to the border of an adjacent card must connect with other paths or furrows.

When closing a paddy, the paddy may not contain extra paths that end inside the paddy.



**A note on gaps:** A gap is any uncovered space within your landscape that is completely surrounded by paddy cards. While gaps are



allowed, an enclosed paddy containing a gap is considered to be an open paddy and will not score (including features within), no matter how small the gap is.

# **Scoring Closed Paddies**

When a player closes a paddy on a Wet or Dry Season turn, the closed paddy is immediately scored based on its size, as well as for features contained within it. Some ancestor cards also provide an opportunity to score bonus points in-game, either throughout both seasons (those with the symbol) or else just during the Dry Season (1). Multiple paddies can be closed on the same turn. Closed paddies score for the following:

### Paddy Size (squares+houses):

To determine size, count the squares in a closed paddy, increase size +1 for each house in the paddy, and score as follows:

	Size	1	2	3	4	5	6+
	Pts.	1	2	4	7	10	6



#### Farmers:

1/3/5/8 points for a set of 1/2/3/4+ farmers in a closed paddy.



#### **Buffaloes:**

2 points per buffalo in a closed paddy.

### **End-of-Game Scoring**

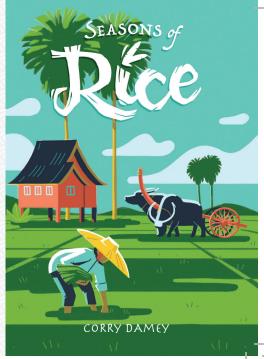
Once all Dry Season cards have been placed, end-of-game scoring takes place:

1pt. per closed paddy in a player's landscape.

-1pt. per buffalo "stranded" in an open paddy.

Ancestor cards with a 🕣 symbol.

The player with the most points wins. In case of a tie, the player with more farmers wins.



#### 2 PLAYERS - AGES 8+

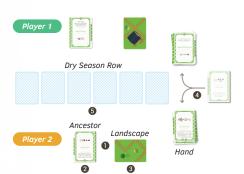
In Seasons of Rice, players are Cambodian farmers expanding their rice paddies to ensure the most bountiful of harvests.

### **Components**

18 cards with paddies (green fields) on one side and ancestors (text) on the other.

### Setup

1 Shuffle the deck and deal each player 2 cards. 2 Players choose 1 card to use as their personal ancestor, which will provide them an additional way to score, placing it in their play area, ancestor side up. 3 Players then place their second card in front of them paddy side up to begin their landscape. 4 With the deck ancestor side up, deal each player a hand of 7 cards from the 14 that remain and proceed to the Wet Season phase. 5 Players should leave enough room for the Dry Season row, which at the start is empty but will later be made up of 6 cards.

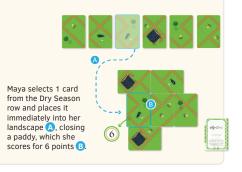


### Wet Season | Draft Phase 1

The game begins during the Wet Season. Each turn during this season, players will simultaneously select 2 paddy cards from their hand: 1 to immediately place into their landscape (2) and 1 to place into a communal row of Dry Season cards (3). Players then exchange their hands and repeat. This continues until each player has a single card left in hand. After exchanging and placing these cards, the Dry Season begins.

### **Dry Season** | *Draft Phase 2*

In the Dry Season, players take turns. The player who is trailing at the end of the Wet Season goes first by selecting 1 card from the Dry Season row and **immediately** placing it into their landscape. The second player then does the same. Alternating turns, players select and place cards until the Dry Season row is empty. **Players then proceed to end-of-game scoring.** 





Ancestor

A player's landscape is

separate from, and will never

connect with, an opponent's.

### **Paddies, Paths, and Furrows**

On paddy cards, "paths" are the thick tan lines and "furrows" the thin dark lines that delineate the grid of squares a player's landscape must always adhere to.

A "closed" paddy is a green area completely surrounded by paths. It is scored upon completion. An "open" paddy is an area that has yet to be completely surrounded. "Landscape" always refers to a player's **entire** network of open and closed paddies.