

# Edge of Extinction

## Tournament Rules

Welcome to EDGE of EXTINCTION: The Educational Trading Card Game official tournament rules. These rules are designed to serve as guidelines for both tournament deck construction and competitive play. The rules are designed to make play fair and enjoyable for everyone.

### **I. Deck Construction**

- A. Each player will have only one deck that they will use for the tournament. A player cannot change decks mid-tournament. This is done so a player cannot simply swap out entire decks to target a single opponent.
  
- B. Each deck must contain at least 63 cards. Players may have more cards than this number, but keep in mind it will often be hard to get needed cards if the deck is too large.
  
- C. Only regions can have multiple copies in a deck. You can have 10 standing waters, but you cannot have 10 muskies.
  
- D. Each player may have a sideboard to use during the tournament. If a player decides to have one, it must consist of exactly 15 cards. The sideboard's purpose is to change the nature of your deck to aid you against an opponent in some fashion. These cards are to be exchanged with a card already in your deck for the second game (and third, if needed). For each sideboard card you put into your deck, you must take another card out.

Example: Cards such as acid rain, forest fire, etc. that effect specific regions and cards that effect certain game mechanics may be useful against some opponent,

but not against others. Having these cards in a sideboard enables you to change the nature of your deck for the second and third games and enables you include cards in your base deck that will be useful against all other players in the first game.

## **II. Tournament Format**

A. A tournament will consist of the following people:

1. Judge: The judge has the final say over all rules questions. He or she will also serve as a scorekeeper for the tournament unless there is a designated scorekeeper. All players should report their match results to the judge and best score for the match to the judge and/or scorekeeper. The judge will decide on matchups for matches after the first round of play.
2. (Optional) Asst. Judge/scorekeeper: For large numbers of people, an assistant judge/scorekeeper may be needed to aid with a judge's duties. The official judge still will have final say on a rules question, if there is any doubt.
3. Players: The participants in the tournament who will compete for prizes.

B. The format of the tournament will go by the following rule set:

1. The first round of the matches in the tournament will be decided by random draw. The official judge will decide the method of the random draw.
2. Each match will consist of up to three games. The player who wins two of the three games will be the match winner. Players may use their sideboards only for the second and third games of each match, if they have a sideboard.

3. At the end of the match, the players of the match will report the results of the match to the judge or (optionally) the asst. judge/scorekeeper. The result is who won the match and the highest score in single game during the match. The results will be recorded in writing for each match.

4. Subsequent rounds will be done by matching up players with similar records. The official judge will decide the matchups. At the end of five matches, results of the tournament will be decided.

C. The format for awarding tournament prizes goes as follows:

1. There will be prizes awarded for first, second and third place. There will also be a special prize for highest score for a single game in the tournament and then the highest total score for the five matches.

2. Overall Placing and Prizes: Overall match record will decide the winner and second place. In case of ties, total points for high scores in each match will be added up to break a tie. If that should result in another tie, then highest score in a single game will decide the tie. Finally, if that results in another tie, then it is the official judge's discretion on how to break the tie. The judge will repeat this process for third place.

3. Special prizes:

a. Highest score: A prize will be awarded for the highest score in a single game for the tournament.

b. Overall high score: The five single game scores for the five matches will be added up. The player with the highest total of those five scores will be awarded a prize.