

An illustration of two characters in a rocky, cave-like setting. On the left is an elf with brown hair, a gold crown with a green gem, and a green and white outfit, holding a sword. On the right is a wizard with a long white beard, a blue hat with a white star, and a blue robe, holding a book. The background shows grey rock walls with some green vines.

# HEROES & WIZARDS

**HOW TO PLAY**

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## The kingdom is in danger!

The goal of Heroes and Wizards is to collect cards to build a legendary party (team) of heroes and to send that party on an epic quest to save the kingdom.

The first player to begin this quest wins the game, but only parties with enough matching skill can brave such a task!

### SET UP:

Make sure you have a table or flat playing area large enough for all players.

Start the game by shuffling all the cards together then dealing **3 cards** to each player.

These cards form each player's **hand** and should be kept private and off the table.

Next, place the **deck** (all unused cards) face-down in the middle of the table.

Finally, choose a player to have the first turn.

## HOW TO PLAY:

Players take turns one at a time. Each player has their turn after the player on their right.

On each of your turns, you must choose to complete **one action only!** For example, you cannot **draw** and **play** on the same turn.

There are **3 different action options** to choose from on each turn, as explained throughout the rest of these instructions.

### OPTION 1 – DRAW A CARD:

If you choose to draw a card on your turn, simply pick up one card from the top of the **deck** and add it to your **hand**.

You **cannot** choose to draw a card if you already have **5 cards in your hand**.

## OPTION 2 – PLAY A CARD:

If you choose to play a card (use a card), you can play any **one** card from your **hand**.

Each type of card is played differently, as explained below.

### HERO CARDS (BEIGE):

These cards can be played face-up onto the table in front of you.

Once a hero is on the table, it is now a part of your **party** (not your hand). Every player has their own party with their own different heroes in it, each visible to all players.

Every hero has a **hero type** (either Knight, Archer, Barbarian or Thief), as shown by a symbol in the top right corner of the card (    or  ). Your party can only contain **one of each type** at any time.



If you play a hero card with a type that is already in your party, you must **swap** the card of the matching type back into your hand.

Each hero card also has two or three **skill** symbols at the bottom of the card. These symbols represent the powerful traits each hero possesses. Some heroes are masters of a certain skill and have two of the same skill symbol.

A party with at least **6 matching skills** is ready to go on a quest and win the game. This is explained on page 6.

## **WIZARD CARDS (BLUE):**

These cards are played exactly like hero cards except that instead of skills, they each have a **special ability** written on them.



When a wizard is a part of a party, its special ability applies to the player that owns the party. Wizard abilities apply regardless of the other rules in these instructions.

Just like each hero type, you can only have **one wizard** in your party at a time. You can have a wizard in your party even if you have no heroes in it.

## EVENT CARDS (GREEN):

These cards are played face-up onto a pile beside the deck called the **event pile**. When you play an event card, you must follow the instructions on that card, even if following the instructions has no effect.



**Note:** If you use an event card to **steal** a hero from another player's party, the stolen card must enter your own party immediately and

the card it replaces (if any) must be given to the party of the player you stole from. If you are required to steal a card from a player's hand instead, the stolen card must enter your hand, not your party.

## QUEST CARDS (PURPLE):

You can use a quest card to **take your party on an epic quest to save the kingdom and win the game!**



To go on a quest, simply play a quest card anywhere onto the table! But you can only play a quest card if your party has **at least 6 matching skills in it**

(for example, 6  Magic skills).

If your party has the matching skills required when you play the quest card, then you **win the game** and the game is over!

## OPTION 3 – DUMP A CARD:

If you do not want to use a particular card in your hand, you can place it face-up onto the **event pile** to get rid of it. This action counts as your whole turn.

You **cannot dump event cards** (green cards). Any event card placed on the event pile must be played (not dumped).

## FINISHING THE GAME:

Continue playing until one player wins by going on a quest!

**Note:** If all the cards in the deck are drawn before the game is finished, players can then also win by playing the “**Giant Eagles Arrive**” event card on their turn!

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