

# **MTG\_CARD\_RULINGS**

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## Chapter 1

# MTG\_CARD\_RULINGS

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### 1.3 Limited Edition Gathering

Limited Edition Gathering:

The Limited Edition was printed in two parts--the Alpha printing and Beta printing. The entire Limited Edition was printed with black borders on the face of the cards.

The Alpha printing used a different corner radius on the cards than all further printings. The radius was about 2 mm instead of the 1 mm which has been standard since then. The printing contained 295 unique cards. Approximately 2.6 million cards were printed. Cards were available from late August 1993 through late September 1993.

The Beta printing added one new picture for each of the five lands plus 2 new cards to the set to raise the total to 302 cards. Approximately 7.8 million cards were printed. Cards were available from mid October 1993 until mid December 1993.

In the Alpha printing, 23 cards had errors which were corrected in the Beta printing. These cards are: Basalt Monolith, Birds of Paradise, Channel, Circle of Protection: Red, Cyclopean Tomb, Death Ward, Demonic Hordes, Drain Life, Elvish Archers, Force of Nature, Icy Manipulator, Island Sanctuary, Karma, Mana Short, Orcish Artillery, Orcish Oriflamme, Phantasmal Forces, Red Elemental Blast, Rock Hydra, Sedge Troll, Tropical Island, Twiddle and Unsummon.

### 1.4 Unlimited Edition Gathering

Unlimited Edition Gathering:

The Unlimited Edition cards were printed with white borders on the face of the cards. In all other ways this edition matched the Beta printing

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of the Limited Edition. Approximately 40 million cards were printed. Cards were available from mid January 1994 through mid March 1994.

## 1.5 Revised Edition Gathering

Revised Edition Gathering:

The Revised Edition was released in order to clean up a number of rules problems that the Limited and Unlimited Edition rules had. The cards still had white borders, but the fake 3-D beveling was removed, and the art was lightened up considerably. Printing size is not known but is estimated to exceed 750 million cards. Cards were available from mid April 1994 through mid April 1995.

About half of the cards had text or formatting changes. The list is too long to include here. 35 of the cards in the First Edition were retired, and 39 cards from the Arabian Nights and Antiquities expansions were added, bringing the total card count to 306 cards.

## 1.6 Fourth Edition Gathering

Fourth Edition Gathering:

The Fourth Edition was released in order to rotate the contents of the basic set. The rulebook was updated to include most of the rules from the Legends expansion and to be much clearer on some points. The cards still have white borders but the color was made much richer and "copyright 1995" was added to the base of the cards. Cards were available from May 1995 through the current date.

50 cards were removed from the set and 122 cards were added bringing the set size up to 378 cards. The extra 72 cards came from the fact that lands were removed from the common and uncommon sheets and moved to a separate sheet. Basic lands appear in starter decks and not in booster packs.

## 1.7 Arabian Nights

Arabian Nights:

The Arabian Nights expansion set was printed with black borders on the face of the cards. Cards can be identified by the expansion symbol on the right hand side of the middle section of the card. The expansion symbol is a Scimitar (a sword). The set contained 78 unique

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cards, but 14 of these have two variants so collectors consider it a 92 card set. Approximately 5 million cards were printed. Cards were available from late December 1993 until late January 1994.

The Erg Raiders, Oubliette, Fishliver Oil, Giant Tortoise, Naf's Asp, Wyluli Wolf, Bird Maiden, Rukh Egg, Army of Allah, Moorish Cavalry, Piety, and War Elephant have versions with light and dark backgrounded colorless mana symbols. The Hasran Ogress and Stone Throwing Devils have a variation with whitish versus orangish black mana symbols in the casting cost.

Cards were written under the Limited/Unlimited Edition ruleset and so have a lot of unclear wordings.

## 1.8 Antiquities

Antiquities:

The Antiquities expansion set was printed with black borders on the face of the cards. Cards can be identified by the expansion symbol on the right hand side of the middle section. The expansion symbol is an Anvil. The set contained 100 unique cards. Approximately 15 million cards were printed. Cards were available from mid March 1994 through late April 1994.

Cards were written under the Limited/Unlimited Edition ruleset and so have a lot of unclear wordings.

## 1.9 Legends

Legends:

The Legends expansion set was printed with black borders on the face of the cards. Cards can be identified by the expansion symbol on the right hand side of the middle section. The expansion symbol is the top section of a greek column. The set contained 310 unique cards. Approximately 35 million cards were printed. Cards were available from mid June 1994 through late June 1994.

## 1.10 The Dark

The Dark:

The Dark expansion set was printed with black borders on the face of the

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cards. Cards can be identified by the expansion symbol on the right hand side of the middle section. The expansion symbol is a mostly eclipsed moon. The set contained 119 unique cards. Approximately 75 million cards were printed. Cards were available from mid August 1994 through mid November 1994.

## 1.11 Fallen Empires

Fallen Empires:

The Fallen Empires expansion set was printed with black borders on the face of the cards. Cards can be identified by the expansion symbol on the right hand side of the middle section. The expansion symbol is a Crown. The set contained 187 unique cards, although only 102 unique card names and descriptions. The common cards came in 3 or 4 versions with different artwork. The printing size is estimated to be between 350 and 375 million cards. Cards were available from mid November 1994 to the current date. Although they stopped shipping in late January, enough were printed to keep them on the shelves for many months afterward.

## 1.12 Ice Age

Ice Age:

The Ice Age expansion set was printed with black borders on the face of the cards. Cards can be identified by the expansion symbol on the right hand side of the middle section. The expansion symbol is a snowflake. The set consists of 383 unique cards. It was released in early June 1995 and went out of print in February 1996, although it remained on the shelves for a couple of additional months.

Several of the common cards were released in magazines prior to the release of the set. They were also given out to Duelist Convocation members.

## 1.13 Chronicles

Chronicles:

This set is a collection of white border reprints of cards from the Arabian Nights, Antiquities, Legends, and The Dark expansion sets. All the cards retain their original expansion symbols. The set consists of 125 unique cards. It was released in early August 1995.

Several of the cards were released in various Magic comic books prior to

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and after the release of the set.

## 1.14 Homelands

### Homelands:

The Homelands expansion set was printed with black borders on the face of the cards. Cards can be identified by the expansion symbol on the right hand side of the middle section. The expansion symbol is a circle with three swirled white blotches on it (it is supposed to be a planet). The set consists of 140 unique cards, although only 115 unique card names and descriptions. It was released in mid October 1995.

A few of the rare cards were released in the Homelands comic book prior to the release of the set.

## 1.15 Promotional Cards

### Promotional Cards:

The Nalathni Dragon was first distributed to attendees of DragonCon in Atlanta during July 1994 (1 per person). One card was also distributed in Duelist Magazine issue #3 in October 1994 and 3 copies were included in the Duelist Companion newsletter issue #4 in November 1994. The card has a black border and the expansion symbol is a dragon's head which is displayed on the right side of the middle section of the card. Print size is estimated at 275,000.

The Sewers of Estark and Arena were distributed to people who purchased the first Magic novel "Arena". Some were also given out to Duelist Convocation members. "Arena" was made available in September 1994. The cards have a black border and the expansion symbol is a pen which is displayed on the right side of the middle section of the card. Print size per card is estimated at 150,000.

Windseeker Centaur was distributed to people who purchased the second Magic novel "Whispering Woods". Some were also given out to Duelist Convocation members. "Whispering Woods" was made available in January 1995. The card has a black border and the expansion symbol is a pen which is displayed on the right side of the middle section of the card. Print size is estimated at 100,000.

Giant Badger was distributed to people who purchased the third Magic novel "Shattered Chains". Some were also given out to Duelist Convocation members. "Shattered Chains" was made available in late February 1995. The card has a black border and the expansion symbol is a pen which is displayed on the right side of the middle section of the card. Print size is estimated at 100,000.

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Mana Crypt was distributed to people who purchased the fourth Magic novel "Final Sacrifice". "Final Sacrifice" was made available in April 1995. The card has a black border and the expansion symbol is a pen which is displayed on the right side of the middle section of the card. Print size is estimated at 75,000.

## 1.16 Card Rulings

### Card Rulings

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## 1.17 Acknowledgments and Disclaimers

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This summary is collected from rulings made by officials and network representatives of Wizards of the Coast, along with a number of unofficial rulings also collected from the net. Whenever a source for a ruling is known, the name of that person is listed with the ruling. "D'Angelo" is Stephen D'Angelo, the network representative for the "mtg-l" mailing list. "Peterson" is Paul Peterson, the previous "mtg-l" representative. "bethmo" is Beth Moursund, the representative before Paul. "Aahz" is Tom Wylie, the network representative for the "rec.games.deckmaster" and "rec.games.trading-cards.magic.\*" newsgroups. "Snark" is Dave Howell of WotC. Official rulings from the rules team are marked as "WotC Rules Team". Rules from the Fourth Edition rule book are marked with "Page #" (the Ice Age rulebook is exactly the same except add 2 pages to the page #) and rules from the Pocket Player's Guide are marked with "PPG Page #"

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