

## Unable to Host a Qualifier?

Even if a Qualifier event isn't on your calendar, you can still use this kit! Some suggestions:

> Casual Tournaments Community Events In-Store Demo Promos Customer Giveaways

## **HOST INSTRUCTIONS**

Thank you for bosting a CATAN® National Qualifier Tournament. This will be your guide to bost the event. Please review the official CATAN Tournament Rules, provided in your Tournament Kit.

## **TOURNAMENT PRIZE KITS**

The CATAN Official Tournament Kit contains the following prizes for your Semi-Finalists and Finalists:

- 1 Wood Sprite<sup>™</sup> Catanimal enamel pin
- 4 Sets of fuzzy game pieces
- 4 Summer tile sets
- 16 CATAN The Helpers "Leader of the Flock" cards
- 32 Discount cards to CATAN Shop

#### For Event Host:

- 1 CATAN Championship Official Tournament Rules
- 1 CATAN Championship Official Host Instructions (this document)
- 1 CATAN Championship Event Poster
- 4 CATAN Championship BCP Instruction Postcards
- 1 CATAN Championship Official Scoresheet

#### INSTRUCTIONS

All players (up to 32) receive a CATAN Shop discount card.

**Top 16 players (Semi-Finalists)** each additionally receive a *CATAN – The Helpers* "Leader of the Flock" card.

**Top 4 players (Finalists)** will each additionally receive 1 Summer tile set and a set of fuzzy game pieces.

**The Winner** will receive all the previous items, plus 1 Wood Sprite Catanimal enamel pin, and a guaranteed seat at the CATAN National Championship.

## **BEFORE YOUR QUALIFIER**

#### 1) Select Date

Take a look at our calendar, either on Facebook or on our website listings. Choose a date that works for you, keeping in mind other events happening around your area. You don't want to choose a date with an existing event close by, as that will split your available player pool.

#### 2) Submit Event Request Form

Official CATAN Championship tournaments must receive approval from the CATAN Organized Play team.

Our tournament system is divided into "circuits" for each country and potential official events must apply for a "token" in order to be listed on our official website calendar and submit their scores through our app.

Requesting a token is a simple process! Start by visiting our event submission form: catanevents.com/submitevent

- Log in with your email address/password or create a new account. This email will also be used as your login to the Best Coast Pairings website.
- Next, select the **CATAN Championship** game system, and the current CATAN Championship circuit for your country, if one exists.
- Fill out your event details and submit. When approved, your event will appear on the calendar for the CATAN Championship.

#### 3) Log in to Best Coast Pairings

While it is not required to run your event, we have worked with our partner, Best Coast Pairings, to create an easy-to-use system to help with seatings, scoring, and submitting your results. See the instructions on the reverse of this page. Log in with the email address you used when submitting the Event Request. You will see an event listing that includes your new event.

#### 4) Verify / Edit Event Details

Click on your event and read it for accuracy. Check start and end time as well as date and location. Enter any additional event details. You may add images, links, and other information to make your event more appealing to your potential attendees.

#### 5) Verify Official Listings

Once your event is approved, we list your event on our website and create a Facebook Event on our page. You will receive an email with a link to the Facebook event. Please check it for accuracy. **Important:** Do not create your own Facebook event. If you provided a link to a Facebook Business Profile, you will be added to the event as a co-host and will be able to include the official event on your Facebook events listing.

#### 6) Know the Rules

Be sure that both you and your judges are familiar with the rules, as they may have changed for the new season. If anything is unclear, please reach out to op@catanstudio.com prior to your tournament so we can send you clarifications. Print extra copies of the rules for your players and judges.

#### 7) Promote Event

Your event must have a minimum of 12 players in order to qualify your winner for the National Championship event. Engage your community! The tournament kit includes a poster to help get the word out.

We will assist by listing your event on our website's event calendar and on our Facebook page. Facebook events are promoted via our newsletter and by posts made by our Marketing team. We have a selection of marketing assets you can use to promote your event. Find them here: catanevents.com/eventassets

## **DURING THE QUALIFIER**

Players may only take a seat at an official CATAN National Qualifier if they have met these guidelines:

- Players must be 18+ years of age by the date of the National Championship and a citizen or a legal resident of the country hosting the Qualifier.
- If a player has already won a Qualifier for this season, they must wait until next season before participating in another Qualifier.

## **AFTER YOUR QUALIFIER**

To be an officially recognized Qualifier event, you must submit your winner information, full player list, emails, and photos to op@catanstudio.com or report through Best Coast Pairings.

• Submit results at catanevents.com/eventreport or via the BCP app or website.



## **SOFTWARE INSTRUCTIONS**

### Hosting an official CATAN Championship Tournament is simple with Best Coast Pairings!

- 1. Visit the Submit Official Event Request page at catanevents.com/submitevent and complete the form.
- 2. You will receive a confirmation email that contains your submission token. You will use that token when reporting your results, so don't delete the email!
- 3. When the CATAN Organized Play Team approves your event it will appear in the official CATAN Studio event listing.

## **GETTING STARTED**

Your tournament will utilize the Best Coast Pairings Event system found at **www.BestCoastPairings.com**. Create your account and log in using the same email address you used when requesting your event.

Once logged in, navigate to the **Organize** tab to see a list of your events. From there you can see the event. Click on it to open its details. You will now see a list of options on the left hand side of the page.

#### **On the Event Details Screen**

- Ensure the Name, Location and Time for your event are correct.
- Set additional details for your event such as an image, additional links, an event description, and online registration.
- Decide whether to enable self-scoring on the event. Players will need to have

the BCP Player app downloaded in order to self-score. We recommend not using this option until you are familiar with the software and tournament format.

- The remaining fields are advanced options and all the proper defaults (including number of rounds) for a CATAN National Qualifier have been pre-selected for you. There is no need to change them.
- When changes are complete, tap **Save** to generate a custom web page with your event details that players can easily search to pre-register; BCP will even handle paid ticketing for you if needed\*.

## **FULL SOFTWARE INSTRUCTIONS**



For detailed, step-by-step instructions, visit our website at **catanevents.com/bcp**.

\*Ticketing cost is 5% +.30 per ticket. For more information visit bestcoastpairings.com.

# **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

The following are things you should be sure to mention to your players! They address some common questions and issues.

## **BEFORE THE EVENT STARTS**

- Remind everyone of the event schedule and if breaks are planned.
- All players must be 18 years or older by the date of the upcoming Nationals.
- Explain the tournament structure: 3 preliminary round games, and a top cut to either 16 (28+ players) or 4 (less than 28 players), for 4-5 total games.
- If using the tournament software, show players the QR code to download the app or post a link so players can look up seats/tables as well as standings.
- Read names in selection order. The first person at each table chooses placement order, piece color, and where to sit. Then, in order, everyone else chooses piece color and placement order and sits down accordingly.
- Remind them to count and shuffle Development cards (25), Resource cards (19 of each), and game pieces (15 roads, 5 settlements, 4 cities). Alert a judge immediately if anything is missing.
- Be sure to call a judge immediately if there is any question during the game.
- Game results are final once results are submitted to the host and (aside from correcting entry errors) cannot be changed.
- Code of Conduct reminder: Full Code of Conduct is detailed in the rules.

## FREQUENT QUESTIONS AND NEW/UPDATED RULES

- Use of electronic devices are not permitted except as allowed in the Photography and Video policy (Rule 3.1.2). Please have players store all phones and other devices. (Rule 2.1.5)
- Once the dice are rolled, the dice roll must be resolved before any other actions may be taken. Robber bargaining must be limited to non-resource-specific negotiation. (Rule 3.0.2)
- "Longest Road" and "Largest Army" tiles automatically transfer to a player as soon as they meet the conditions to earn that tile. It is not necessary for the new owner to physically take the tile. (Rule 3.0.4)
- Once cards are in the tray, they are spent. You can change what you buy, but you can't take them back. (Rule 3.0.9)
- It is not legal for a player to give or receive a resource card for "free," either in one trade or in a series of trades. (Rule 3.0.13)
- If either of the dice are ever completely obscured by rolling off the table or landing in a cup/pocket/etc., reroll both dice. If a die is cocked, balance the other die on top, if it slides off, reroll both dice. If players are not comfortable performing the test for cocked dice, they may ask a judge to do so. (Rule 3.0.17)