Shadowverse: Evolve Comprehensive Rules, Ver. 1.3.1

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Rules

1. Game Overview

1.1. Number of Players

1.1.1. A standard game is played by two players. The Comprehensive Rules do not currently support games played by more than two players.

1.2. Game Outcomes

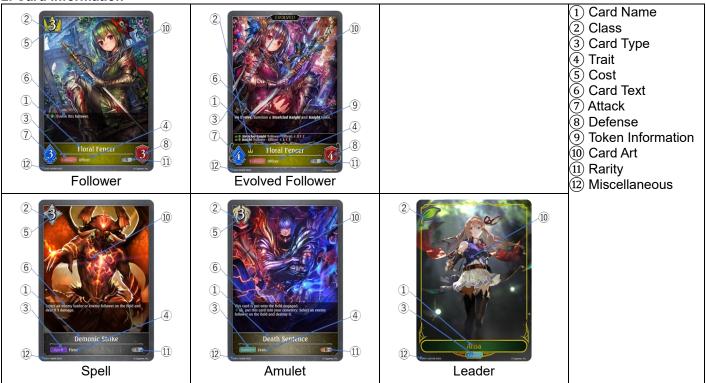
- 1.2.1. The game concludes when a player loses. The player who didn't lose is considered the winner.
 - 1.2.1.1. If a player's leader's defense is 0 or less, that player is considered to have fulfilled a loss condition.
 - 1.2.1.2. If a player must draw a card when there are no cards remaining in their deck, that player is considered to have fulfilled a loss condition.
- 1.2.2. If all players lose simultaneously, the game ends in a draw.
- 1.2.3. Players may concede at any point during the game. When a player concedes, they lose the game immediately, and the game concludes; Confirmation Timing (10.5.1) does not occur.
 - 1.2.3.1. The act of conceding is not affected by any card. A card effect cannot force a player to concede, nor can a replacement effect replace a loss resulting from concession.
- 1.2.4. A card may produce an effect that causes a player to win or lose the game. In such cases, the player wins or loses immediately when the

effect is processed, and the game concludes; Confirmation Timing (10.5.1) does not occur.

1.3. General Rules

- 1.3.1. If card text should ever be contradicted by the Comprehensive Rules, the card text takes precedence.
- 1.3.2. If a player is required to perform an impossible action for any reason, the action is not performed. Similarly, if an effect requires a player to perform multiple actions, part of which cannot be performed, the player performs as many actions as possible.
 - 1.3.2.1. If required to put something into a state that it is already in, that action is not performed.
 - 1.3.2.2. If, for any reason, an action is to be performed zero or a negative number of times, or if an action would be based on a negative value (aside from adding or subtracting), the action is not performed at all. A negative value never indicates an opposite action.
 - 1.3.2.2.1. If it becomes necessary to perform an action that would be based on a negative value (aside from adding or subtracting), treat the value as zero.
 - Example: An effect has reduced the cost of a card to a negative value. That card would be played for zero play points.
 - 1.3.2.3. If multiple effects that require a player to perform a certain action are produced simultaneously, and it is not possible to perform all of them, the player is required to select and perform as many of the actions as possible.
- 1.3.3. If a card's effect instructs a player to perform an action that is prohibited by another active effect, the prohibiting effect takes precedence.
- 1.3.4. If multiple players are required to make a selection simultaneously, the active player selects first. The non-active player makes their selection after the active player makes their selection known to them.
- 1.3.4.1. If cards in a non-public zone are to be selected at the same time, the active player selects the required number of cards without revealing them, then the non-active player does the same. If the cards need to be revealed, they are revealed after the selections have been made.
- 1.3.5. When a player is required by a card or a rule to select a number, the player must select an integer equal to or greater than zero, unless indicated otherwise. Fractions less than one and negative numbers may not be selected.
 - 1.3.5.1. If a card or rule specifies a numerical limit (e.g., "up to X"), the player may choose zero as long as a minimum value isn't specified.

2. Card Information



2.1. Card Name

- 2.1.1. This is the card's unique name.
- 2.1.2. Whenever a rule or card text contains "[Card Name]" (a name written in bold and italics), it refers to any card with the same name or, depending on the context, any card whose name contains that name.

2.2. Class

- 2.2.1. This indicates the class to which the card belongs.
- 2.2.2. Classes are represented by icons



2.2.3. Class information affects deck construction and is referred to by some card abilities.

2.3. Card Type

- 2.3.1. This indicates the card's type.
- 2.3.2. The primary card types are "leader," "follower," "amulet," and "spell."
- 2.3.3. Some cards have a special type.
 - 2.3.3.1. Special types include "evolved" cards.
- 2.3.4. Whenever a rule, ability, or effect refers to only a card type, it refers to all cards of that type.

2.4. Trait

- 2.4.1. This indicates the card's traits.
- 2.4.2. Traits don't have any significance in regard to the rules, but other cards may refer to them.

2.5. Cost

2.5.1. This indicates the amount of play points that the player must pay to play the card (10.4.3). Whenever a card refers to a "cost," it is referring to this displayed number.

2.6. Card Text

- 2.6.1. This indicates the card's unique abilities, effects, and other information.
- 2.6.2. Sentences that are enclosed in parentheses are called "explanatory text" or "reminder text." Although these are a part of a card's text, their only purpose is to clarify how an ability works; they serve no other game function.

2.7. Attack

- 2.7.1. This signifies the base amount of damage the card deals when it attacks.
 - 2.7.1.1. Attack is represented by the icon in card text.

2.8. Defense

- 2.8.1. This signifies the amount of damage the card must take before it is destroyed.
 - 2.8.1.1. Defense is represented by the ♥ icon in card text.
- 2.8.2. Whenever a follower or leader takes damage, that card's defense is reduced by the same amount of damage (5.13.1).
- 2.8.3. Although not indicated on leader cards, leaders also have defense.

2.8.3.1. Unless otherwise indicated, a leader's defense is 20.

2.9. Token Information

- 2.9.1. This provides information about tokens referred to by the card's effect(s).
- 2.9.2. This information is provided for players' reference; it does not have any significance in regard to the rules.

2.10. Card Art

- 2.10.1. This is the card's illustration.
- 2.10.2. Card art has no bearing gameplay.

2.11. Rarity

- 2.11.1. This indicates the card's rarity.
- 2.11.2. Rarity has no bearing on gameplay.

2.12. Miscellaneous

- 2.12.1. This part of the card contains miscellaneous information such as collector numbers and copyright information.
- 2.12.2. This information has no bearing gameplay.

3. Player Information

3.1. Owners and Controllers

- 3.1.1. The "owner" of a card is the player who physically owns the card and started the game with it in their deck. When the game ends, each player returns the cards they own back into their deck.
- 3.1.2. The "controller" of a card, ability, or effect is the player who is currently using it. The controller of a card put in a given zone is the player to whom that zone belongs.
 - 3.1.2.1. A passive ability's controller is the player who controls the card with the ability or the effect that produced the ability.
 - 3.1.2.2. An activated ability's controller is the player who played it.
 - 3.1.2.3. An automatic ability's controller is the player who controls the card with the ability or the effect that produced the ability.
 - 3.1.2.4. An effect's controller is the player who controls the ability that produced it.
 - 3.1.2.4.1. If an effect requires a player to perform an action without specifying which player, that effect's controller performs the action.

3.2. Play Points and Evolution Points

- 3.2.1. "Play points," "maximum play points," and "evolution points" are types of numeric information that each player possesses.
- 3.2.2. Play points represent the cost that players must pay to perform certain actions, such as playing a card or evolving a follower (10.4.3).
- 3.2.3. Maximum play points represent the number of play points a player receives at the start of their turn.
- 3.2.4. There is a limit to the amount of play points and maximum play points a player can have. If,

- during a game, a player's play points or maximum play points would exceed this limit, their play points or maximum play points become equal to the limit instead.
- 3.2.4.1. The limit for play points and maximum play points is 10.
- 3.2.5. Evolution points are represented by "Evolution Point" cards and may be used by a player in lieu of one play point when playing an evolve ability (12.2).

4. Zones

4.1. Zone Basics

- 4.1.1. Each player possesses one of each zone unless indicated otherwise.
- 4.1.2. Depending on the zone, card information may or may not be visible to all players. Zones where card information can be viewed by all players are called "public zones," while other zones are called "non-public zones."
 - 4.1.2.1. Whether public or non-public, players are allowed to check the number of cards in any zone at any time.
 - 4.1.2.2. A card in a non-public zone cannot be guaranteed to satisfy a given condition unless it has been revealed to all players by an effect. Even if there is a card in that zone that satisfies the condition, players to whom the zone has been revealed may choose to treat the card as if it didn't exist as long as it has not been revealed to all players.
- 4.1.3. Depending on the zone, it may be necessary to track card order. Where necessary, card order is tracked based on the way the cards are stacked above and below one another. For zones where card order is tracked, players may not change the card order unless instructed otherwise.
- 4.1.4. When a card is moved to a different zone, that card is considered to be a new card in that zone unless indicated otherwise. Any applied effects from the previous zone do not carry over to the new zone unless indicated otherwise.
- 4.1.5. When multiple cards are put into the same zone simultaneously, the order in which the cards are placed in the new zone is decided by the player to whom that zone belongs unless indicated otherwise.
 - 4.1.5.1. When multiple cards are simultaneously moved from a public zone to a non-public zone, if the controller of those cards is able to determine the order of their placement, they do so without revealing the order to other players.
- 4.1.6. When instructed to move a card to a given zone, if the player to whom the zone belongs is not specified, the card is moved to its owner's corresponding zone unless indicated otherwise.

4.2. Card Placement States

4.2.1. Some zones require cards to be placed in a specific way. The different placement states include horizontal and vertical orientation, as

- well as whether the front or back of the card is showing.
- 4.2.2. Cards may be "reserved" (upright) or "engaged" (turned sideways). Cards may only be in one of these states at a time; they cannot simultaneously be in both states.
 - 4.2.2.1. A reserved card is placed vertically and upright from the perspective of its controller.
 - 4.2.2.2. An engaged card is placed horizontally from the perspective of its controller.
 - 4.2.2.3. When a card is put into a zone where placement state is governed, it is placed in the reserved state unless indicated otherwise.
- 4.2.3. Cards may be "faceup" or "facedown." Cards may only be in one of these states at a time; they cannot simultaneously be in both states.
 - 4.2.3.1. A faceup card is placed such that its card information is visible.
 - 4.2.3.2. A facedown card is placed such that its card information is not visible.
 - 4.2.3.3. In general, cards are placed faceup in public zones and facedown in non-public zones.

4.3. Leader Area

- 4.3.1. Each player places their leader in this zone.
- 4.3.2. The leader area is a public zone, and card order is not tracked.
- 4.3.3. Whenever a rule, ability, or effect refers to a "leader" without specifying a zone, it's referring to a leader in the leader area.

4.4. Field

- 4.4.1. Each player places their followers and amulets in this zone.
- 4.4.2. Fields are public zones where card order is not tracked and cards have placement states.
- 4.4.3. In general, when a rule, ability, or effect refers to a "follower," "amulet," or "card," without specifying a zone, it's referring to a follower, amulet, or card on the field.
 - 4.4.3.1. Depending on the context, an unspecified zone may refer to a zone other than the field. For example, "your [card] cost [number] to play" refers to cards in your hand and EX area.
- 4.4.4. There is a limit to how many cards a player may have on their field. This limit may be referenced during the game.
 - 4.4.4.1. At the start of the game, each player's field is limited to five cards.
 - 4.4.4.2. When cards are to be moved to or created on a field, if it would result in the field's limit being exceeded, the controller of the effect selects a number of cards from among the cards to be moved or created equal to the field's limit minus the number of cards on the field already, and then moves or creates those cards. The remaining cards are not moved or created.

4.5. Deck Area

4.5.1. Each player places their main deck (6.1.1.2) in this zone at the start of the game.

- 4.5.2. The deck area is non-public zone where card order is tracked. A player may only change the order or look at the card information of cards in the deck area when instructed to do so by an effect or rule.
- 4.5.3. If a rule, ability, or effect says "deck," it is referring to the cards in the deck area.

4.6. Evolve Deck Area

- 4.6.1. Each player places their evolve deck (6.1.1.3) in this zone at the start of the game.
- 4.6.2. The evolve deck area is a non-public zone, but players may look at the cards in their own evolve deck areas at any time. A player may not look at the cards in another player's evolve deck area. Card order is not tracked in the evolve deck area.

4.7. Hand

- 4.7.1. Players put unplayed cards in this zone. These cards are not revealed to opponents.
- 4.7.2. The hand is a non-public zone, but players may look at the cards in their own hand at any time. A player may not look at the cards in another player's hand. Card order is not tracked in the hand.
- 4.7.3. There is a limit to how many cards a player may have in their hand. This limit may be referenced during the game.
 - 4.7.3.1. At the start of the game, each player's hand is limited to seven cards.

4.8. EX Area

- 4.8.1. Players put unplayed cards in this zone. These cards are revealed to opponents.
- 4.8.2. The EX area is a public zone, and card order is not tracked.
- 4.8.3. There is a limit to how many cards a player may have in their EX area. This limit may be referenced during the game.
 - 4.8.3.1. At the start of the game, each player's EX area is limited to five cards.
 - 4.8.3.2. When cards are to be moved to or created in an EX area, if it would result in the EX area's limit being exceeded, the controller of the effect selects a number of cards from among the cards to be moved or created equal to the EX area's limit minus the number of cards in the EX area already, and then moves or creates those cards. The remaining cards are not moved or created.
 - 4.8.3.3. If a card in the EX area has an effect applied to it, and that card is moved from the EX area directly onto the field, that card retains that effect after moving to the field.

4.9. Cemetery

- 4.9.1. Each player puts their cards in this zone after using them.
- 4.9.2. The cemetery is a public zone. Cards are placed faceup in this zone, and any player may look at the cards in this zone at any time. Card order is not tracked in the cemetery.

4.10. Banished Zone

- 4.10.1. Each player puts their banished cards in this zone
- 4.10.2. The banished zone is generally a public zone. Cards in this zone have placement states: they may be faceup or facedown. Banished cards are placed faceup unless indicated otherwise. Card order is not tracked in the banished zone.

4.11. Resolution Zone

- 4.11.1. Cards and abilities are temporarily put in this zone during the course of the game. There is only one resolution zone, which is shared by all players.
- 4.11.2. The resolution zone is a public zone, and card order is tracked. When putting a card in this zone, place it on top of any cards that were played before it.

4.12. Evolve Zone

- 4.12.1. Each player puts their evolved cards in this zone when evolving.
- 4.12.2. The evolve zone is a public zone, and card order is not tracked.

5. Key Notations

5.1. Overview

5.1.1. Key notations are terms or icons used in the game that hold special meaning or express a certain action, direction, or state.

5.2. Play Points

5.2.1. In card text, a number encased by a green circle represents play points (3.2.2).

5.3. Refresh/Engage

5.3.1. To "refresh" or "engage" a card means to turn the card so it is in the "reserved" or "engaged" state respectively.

5.4. Put/Summon

- 5.4.1. To "put" a card into a specified zone means to move the card into that zone. To "summon" a card means to move it onto the field.
- 5.4.2. "Put [number] [token name] tokens into/onto [zone]" means to create (9.1.2) that number of token cards with the specified name in the specified zone.
 - 5.4.2.1. "Summon [number] [token name] tokens" means to put that number of token cards with the specified name onto your field.
- 5.4.3. If a card is "put onto the field from [zone]," it means one of two things: (i) the card is moved directly from that zone onto the field, or (ii) after the card is played from that zone, it is moved to the resolution zone and then put onto the field after being resolved. Likewise, if a card is "put onto the field from somewhere other than [zone]," it means one of two things: (i) the card is moved directly from a zone that is neither the specified zone nor the resolution zone onto the

field, or (ii) after the card is played from a zone other than the specified zone, it is moved to the resolution zone and then put onto the field after being resolved.

5.5. Destroy

5.5.1. To "destroy" a card on the field means to move it to its owner's cemetery.

5.6. Banish

5.6.1. To "banish" a card means to move it to its owner's banished zone.

5.7. Search

- 5.7.1. To "search" a deck for cards that meet certain conditions means to look through the deck and find any applicable cards. Only the searching player may look through the deck.
 - 5.7.1.1. If the conditions only specify a certain number of cards, the player must find that number of cards.
 - 5.7.1.2. If there are any conditions other than the number of cards, after finding the card(s), the player must reveal the card(s) to their opponents to show that they meet the conditions.
- 5.7.2. After searching a deck for cards and either moving the found cards into the specified zone or being unable to find applicable cards, the player must shuffle the deck.

5.8. Shuffle

- 5.8.1. To "shuffle" a deck means the player to whom the deck area belongs randomly rearranges the order of the cards in that deck area.
 - 5.8.1.1. If one card or less remains in a deck area and a player is instructed to shuffle that deck, the order of cards in that area does not change, but the deck is still considered to have been shuffled.

5.9. Draw

- 5.9.1. To "draw a card" means to move the topmost card in your deck area to your hand.
 - 5.9.1.1. When performing this action, if the player has no cards remaining in their deck area, that player loses the game the next time rules handling occurs (11.2.2).
- 5.9.2. To "draw X cards" means to draw a card X times in succession.
- 5.9.3. If instructed to "draw up to X cards," the player does the following:
 - 5.9.3.1. The player may choose to end this action sequence.
 - 5.9.3.2. The player draws a card.
 - 5.9.3.3. If the action in (5.9.3.2) has been performed exactly X times, this action sequence ends. If not, return to (5.9.3.1).

5.10. Look at the Top Card(s)

5.10.1. If instructed to "look at the top card of your deck" or "look at the top X cards of your deck,"

- the player looks at the topmost card or X topmost cards in their deck area.
- 5.10.2. If instructed to "look at up to X of the top cards of your deck," the player does the following:
 - 5.10.2.1. Specify '1' as the number of cards (n).
 - 5.10.2.2. The player may choose to end this action sequence.
 - 5.10.2.3. The player may look at the nth card from the top of their deck area.
 - 5.10.2.4. If the action in (5.10.2.3) has been performed exactly X times, this action sequence ends. If not, return to (5.10.2.2) and increase n by 1.

5.11. Discard

5.11.1. If instructed to "discard" a card or cards, the player selects the specified number of cards from their hand and moves them to their cemetery.

5.12. Swap

- 5.12.1. To "swap" one card for another means to simultaneously move the first card into the second card's zone and move the second card into the first card's zone.
- 5.12.2. If one of the specified cards cannot be moved to the other zone for any reason, the action does not happen.

5.13. Damage

- 5.13.1. To "deal [number] damage" to a follower or leader means to reduce that follower or leader's defense by [number].
 - 5.13.1.1. This may cause defense to become a negative number.
- 5.13.2. In card text, "attack damage" refers to the damage dealt by an attacking follower (8.4.9) to its attack target.
- 5.13.3. In card text, "combat damage" refers to the damage dealt to each other by an attacking follower (8.4.9) and its attack target while in combat (8.4.5.1).
- 5.13.4. In card text, "ability damage" or "damage from abilities" refers to all damage except for damage dealt as described in (8.4.9).

5.14. Recover (Play Points)

- 5.14.1. If instructed to "recover" a certain number of play points, the player adds that number to their current play points.
 - 5.14.1.1. If this would cause the player's current play points to exceed their maximum play points, the player makes their current play point value equal to their maximum play points instead.

5.15. Evolve

5.15.1. If instructed to "evolve" a follower, its controller specifies a card from their evolve deck area, puts that card into their evolve zone, and links it to the follower.

- 5.15.1.1. If this "evolve" process happens as part of an evolve ability (12.2), treat the card that is revealed as part of the cost as if it were the specified card. If not, the player selects a facedown card from their evolve deck area with the same name as the evolving follower, reveals it, and specifies it.
- 5.15.1.2. By executing this process, the follower is considered to have "evolved."
- 5.15.1.3. The link between the two cards is signified by stacking the evolve zone follower on top of the original follower.
- 5.15.2. Following this, so long as the follower on the field is linked to a card in the evolve zone, treat that follower as having the card information of the card in the evolve zone, excluding the cost (10.9.1.1.1).
- 5.15.3. Even if a follower evolves, it is considered the same follower as before. The follower's engaged/reserved state does not change, and any effects applied to it before it evolved continue to apply. If it lost any defense before evolving, the same amount of defense continues to be lost after it evolves.
- 5.15.4. If a follower on the field is moved to a zone other than the field, the link between that card and any cards in the evolve zone is lost immediately after movement.

5.16. Transform

5.16.1. To "transform [target] into [token name] tokens" means to banish the target cards and create a token with the specified name in that zone for each card banished this way.

5.17. Choose

- 5.17.1. In card text, to "choose" means to select the specified number of options from among those listed after the "choose" clause and perform the actions indicated.
 - 5.17.1.1. Each option is written in the form "([number]) [text]," and includes everything up to the next list number, or, if it is the last option, everything up to the end of that ability's text.
 - 5.17.1.2. If options are selected as part of this process, the other options are considered non-existent.
- 5.17.2. If instructed to "choose up to [number]," select a number between 1 and the specified number (inclusive), select that many options, and perform the actions indicated.
- 5.17.3. This process of "choosing" an option is a prerequisite to play the card or ability (10.6.2.2). The player must make their selection(s) when playing it (and not after).

5.18. Random

5.18.1. In card text, "[number] random [card type]" or "randomly [action] [number] [card type]" refers to a number of cards, each randomly selected from among all the cards in the specified zone.

5.19. Roll a Die

5.19.1. In card text, to "roll a die" means to roll a standard six-sided die. The result of that roll determines what happens next.

5.20. Reveal

- 5.20.1. To "reveal" a card means to allow all players to view its information. The card does not change zones in this process.
 - 5.20.1.1. If a card revealed this way is in a non-public zone, when it is moved to a different position in that zone or to a different non-public zone, or when the effect that caused the card to be revealed is resolved, it returns to being unrevealed.

6. Game Preparation

6.1. Card Preparation

- 6.1.1. Before the game, each player must prepare their cards, which should include a leader card, a main deck, and an evolve deck.
 - 6.1.1.1. Each player may only have one leader card
 - 6.1.1.2. A main deck is constructed of 40 to 50 cards. Leader cards and special card types (namely evolved cards and tokens) are not included in the main deck.
 - 6.1.1.3. An evolve deck is constructed of 0 to 10 cards. Only evolved cards, which are considered a special card type, may be included in an evolve deck.
 - 6.1.1.4. The main deck and the evolve deck may each contain up to 3 copies of a card with the same name (for a total of 6 copies across both decks).
 - 6.1.1.5. Leader cards as well as cards in the main and evolve decks must be based on a single class.
 - 6.1.1.5.1. When basing a deck on a class, all cards in both the main and evolve decks must be from either the leader card's class or the Neutral class.
- 6.1.2. Passive abilities related to deck construction conditions are applied as replacement effects that override the above conditions. Once the game starts, these abilities become invalid (10.3.2).

6.2. Before Starting a Game

- 6.2.1. Before starting a game, do the following in order:
 - 6.2.1.1. Each player presents the leader card, main deck, and evolve deck they'll be using during the game.
 - 6.2.1.1.1. If a player's evolve deck contains zero cards, they inform the other players that they don't have an evolve deck.
 - 6.2.1.2. Each player places their leader card in their leader area.
 - 6.2.1.3. Each player puts their main deck in their deck area and shuffles it.

- 6.2.1.4. Each player with an evolve deck places it in their evolve deck area.
- 6.2.1.5. Randomly pick a player. They decide who goes first and who goes second.
- 6.2.1.6. Each player draws the top four cards of their deck and moves them into their hand.
- 6.2.1.7. The player going first may, if they desire, move all cards from their hand to the bottom of their deck in any order, then redraw the top four cards of their deck and move them into their hand. The player going second may then elect to do the same. Each player may only perform this action once.
- 6.2.1.8. Each player sets their play points and maximum play points to 0.
- 6.2.1.9. The player going first receives 0 evolution points, while the player going second receives 3 evolution points.
- 6.2.1.10. Set each leader's defense to 20.
- 6.2.1.11. The player going first becomes the active player, and the game begins.

7. Game Progression

7.1. Overview

- 7.1.1. The game progresses by repeating steps, or "turns," taken by each player alternately. During a player's turn, that player is considered the "active player," and the other player is considered the "non-active player."
- 7.1.2. The active player proceeds through each of the phases described in (7.2) (7.4) in order.

7.2. Start Phase

- 7.2.1. The active player increases their maximum play points by 1 unless their current maximum is 10.
- 7.2.2. The active player sets their play points to the same value as their maximum play points.
- 7.2.3. The active player refreshes all cards on their field.
- 7.2.4. The active player draws a card.
 - 7.2.4.1. The player who goes first does not draw a card on their first turn.
- 7.2.5. Confirmation Timing occurs. Once all necessary processes have been carried out, the active player proceeds to the main phase.

7.3. Main Phase

- 7.3.1. Any conditions that say "at the start of your (next) main phase" or "at the start of each player's main phase" are triggered.
- 7.3.2. Confirmation Timing occurs.
- 7.3.3. The active player performs one of the following actions:
 - Play a card from their hand or EX area (8.2).
 - Play an activated ability of a card they control (8.3).
 - Attack with a follower they control (8.4).
 - End their main phase.
- 7.3.4. If the active player chose to end their main phase as described in (7.3.3), they proceed to

the end phase. If another choice was made, Confirmation Timing occurs, and (7.3.3) is repeated.

7.4. End Phase

- 7.4.1. Any conditions that say "at the start of your (next) end phase" or "at the start of each player's end phase" are triggered.
- 7.4.2. Confirmation Timing occurs.
- 7.4.3. The active player may select and engage any number of followers with Ward on their field.
- 7.4.4. The non-active player performs one of the following actions:
 - Play a card with Quick from their hand or EX area (10.6).
 - Play an activated ability with Quick.
 - Do nothing.
- 7.4.5. If a card or ability was played as part of (7.4.4), Confirmation Timing occurs, and (7.4.4) is repeated.
- 7.4.6. If the active player's hand has more cards than the current limit, they must discard down to the limit. If cards were discarded this way, Confirmation Timing occurs, and (7.4.6) is repeated.
- 7.4.7. All "until the end of the turn," "during this turn," and "during your turn" effects are removed.
- 7.4.8. The turn concludes. The non-active player becomes the active player and a new turn begins.

8. Main Phase Processes

8.1. Overview

- 8.1.1. This section provides further details about the actions the active player may perform during their main phase.
- 8.1.2. As a general rule, if part of an action cannot be performed, then that action cannot be selected.
- 8.2. Playing Cards from the Hand or EX Area
 - 8.2.1. The active player may specify a card from their hand or their EX area and play it by paying play points equal to its cost (10.6).

8.3. Playing Activated Abilities

- 8.3.1. The active player may specify an activated ability of a follower or amulet they control and play it (10.6).
- 8.3.2. Only one evolve ability (12.2) may be played this way per turn.

8.4. Attacking with a Follower

- 8.4.1. The active player may use a follower they control to attack an enemy leader or enemy follower. If they choose to do so, they do the following in order.
- 8.4.2. The player selects a reserved follower they control as the attacking follower.
 - 8.4.2.1. The follower must meet one of the following conditions to be selected:

- It has remained on the player's field (under their control) since the start of the turn (including if it evolved that turn).
- It evolved that turn.
- 8.4.3. The player selects an attack target.
 - 8.4.3.1. The target must meet one of the following conditions to be selected:
 - It is an engaged follower controlled by the non-active player.
 - It is the non-active player's leader, but only if the attacking follower has remained on the active player's field (under their control) since the start of the turn.
 - 8.4.3.2. If an attack target cannot be selected for any reason, the follower's attack is rendered illegal, and the game returns to the point before the player chose to attack with the follower.
- 8.4.4. The player engages the attacking follower.
- 8.4.5. The attacking follower is now considered to have "attacked."
 - 8.4.5.1. If the attack target is a follower, the attacking follower and attack target are now considered to be in "combat" as long as they both remain on the field.
- 8.4.6. Confirmation Timing occurs.
- 8.4.7. The non-active player performs one of the following actions:
 - Play a card with Quick from their hand or EX area (10.6).
 - Play an activated ability with Quick.
 - Do nothing.
- 8.4.8. If a card or ability was played as part of (8.4.7), Confirmation timing occurs, and (8.4.7) is repeated.
- 8.4.9. If the attacking follower is still on the field at this point, it deals damage equal to its attack value to its attack target.
 - 8.4.9.1. If the attack target is a follower, when the attacking follower deals damage according to 8.4.9, the attack target simultaneously deals damage equal to its attack value to the attacking follower.
 - 8.4.9.2. If the attacking follower and attack target are still in combat at this point, they are considered to have "fought" with each other.
- 8.4.10. Confirmation Timing occurs.
- 8.4.11. The attack ends, and if the attacking follower and attack target are in combat, they leave combat.

9. Handling Special Card Types

9.1. Tokens

- 9.1.1. "Tokens" may be created during the game and are treated as cards.
 - 9.1.1.1. Although tokens are not cards, they are treated as if they were regular cards: they are included when counting the cards in the zone they are in, and any effects that would apply to cards also apply to them.

- 9.1.2. To "create" a token in a given zone means to put the specified token into play in that zone.
 - 9.1.2.1. The owner and controller of a created token is the player to whom the zone where the token was created belongs.
 - 9.1.2.2. When a token is created a zone, that token is considered to have been put into that zone.
 - 9.1.2.3. A token's card information is determined by its card name. Please see the appendix attached at the end of this document for detailed information.
- 9.1.3. To "eliminate" a token means to remove it from its current zone and treat it as if it no longer exists.
 - 9.1.3.1. If a token is eliminated from a zone, it is considered to have left that zone.
- 9.1.4. Tokens may only exist in certain zones.
 - 9.1.4.1. If a token is a follower or amulet, it may exist only in the EX area, the field, or the resolution zone.
 - 9.1.4.2. If a token is a spell, it may exist only in the EX area or the resolution zone.
 - 9.1.4.3. If a token is moved to a zone where it may not exist, it is eliminated from that zone immediately after it gets moved, and does not entail Confirmation Timing. If the movement takes place in the middle of an effect, the token is eliminated before the rest of the effect is executed.
- 9.1.5. When using tokens during a game, players may use any card-like object to represent a token as long as that object is approved and explicitly understood by both players, and is distinguishable from regular cards.

10. Playing and Resolving Cards and Abilities

- 10.1. Types of Abilities
 - 10.1.1. Abilities are divided into four types: activated abilities, automatic abilities, passive abilities, and spell abilities.
 - 10.1.1.1. An activated ability is an ability that a player may actively play at certain times during a turn by paying the cost.
 - 10.1.1.1.1. In card text, activated abilities are written in the form "♠ [cost]: [effect]." The "cost" represents what must be paid to play the ability. The "effect" represents the effect produced when the activated ability is resolved.
 - 10.1.1.2. An automatic ability is an ability that is played automatically when the indicated event occurs during the game.
 - 10.1.1.2.1. In card text, automatic abilities are generally written in the form "when(ever) [event], [effect]" or "at the start of [event], [effect]."
 - 10.1.1.2.1.1. The condition in this case is called a "trigger condition." When an automatic ability's trigger condition is satisfied, it is said to have been "triggered."
 - 10.1.1.2.2. Some automatic abilities are written in the form "when(ever) [event], [cost]: [effect]"

- or "at the start of [event], [cost]: [effect]." In this case, the indicated cost must be paid in order to play the automatic ability.
- 10.1.1.3. A passive ability is an ability that produces an effect as long as the ability is valid.
 - 10.1.1.3.1. An ability that isn't written in the form of an activated ability or automatic ability is generally a passive ability.
- 10.1.1.4. A spell ability is the text on a spell card.

10.2. Types of Effects

- 10.2.1. Effects are divided into three types: one-shot effects, persistent effects, and replacement effects.
 - 10.2.1.1. A one-shot effect is an effect that ends after all the indicated actions have been performed during its resolution.
 - 10.2.1.2. A persistent effect is an effect that remains valid for a fixed duration (this includes unspecified durations that could be written as "for the rest of the game").
 - 10.2.1.3. A replacement effect is an effect that replaces an event that would normally happen during the game with another event.
 - 10.2.1.3.1. If an ability is written in the form "instead, [action]," "[action] instead," "[action B] instead of [action A]," or "instead of [action A], [action B]," then the effect produced by that ability is a replacement effect.
 - 10.2.1.3.2. An effect that increases or decreases the amount of damage dealt or received is a replacement effect.
 - 10.2.1.3.3. An effect that changes how a card or ability is handled when played is a replacement effect. This includes effects written in the form "[card] costs [play-point cost] to play."

10.3. Valid and Invalid Abilities

- 10.3.1. An effect may be rendered "valid" or "invalid" by another effect. If this happens, do the following.
- 10.3.2. If a card's text states that part or all of an effect is invalid under a certain condition, then that part of the effect will not produce an effect while under that condition, but it will still exist as an ability. If that effect would normally require a player to make a selection, that selection is not made.
- 10.3.3. If a card's text states that part or all of an effect is valid under a certain condition, then that part of the effect is invalid as long as those conditions are not met.
- 10.3.4. An effect that is clearly handled in a certain zone is valid in that zone.
- 10.3.5. Abilities of follower and amulet cards, are valid only on the field unless indicated otherwise.

10.4. Costs and Payment

10.4.1. Players may be instructed to perform certain actions as part of the cost of a card or ability.

- 10.4.2. To "pay a cost" means to perform any actions indicated by that cost.
 - 10.4.2.1. If a cost includes multiple actions, they should be performed in the listed order.
 - 10.4.2.2. If the player is unable to pay the full cost, they cannot and do not pay that cost at all.
- 10.4.3. If a cost specifies a zone, card, or other player-specific game element (such as play points) without specifying which player, that player is assumed to be the controller of the card or ability that requires the cost.
- 10.4.4. When a cost includes a play-point icon (5.2), it means "if you have at least [number] remaining play points, subtract [number] from them."
- 10.4.5. When a cost includes reducing a certain value by a specified amount, that value must be equal to or greater than the specified amount.
- 10.4.6. When a cost includes the icon without specifying a card, it means "if this card is on the field reserved, engage it." If a card is specified, it means to engage that reserved card on the field.
 - 10.4.6.1. This cost can be paid on the same turn the card with the cost is put onto the field.
- 10.4.7. Abilities other than activated abilities may also have a cost. As a general rule, card text written in the form "[cost]: [effect]" denotes an optional cost that can be paid when playing or resolving the ability, and the resulting effect if that cost is paid.
 - 10.4.7.1. Some abilities are written in a similar form: "[keyword]: [effect]." With the exception of Earth Rite, these keywords do not themselves constitute a cost. They may, however, be accompanied by a cost, in which case they are written in the form "[keyword], [cost]: [effect]."
 - 10.4.7.2. The effects applied as a result of paying the cost include everything up to the end of the paragraph or the end of the option in a "choose" ability (5.17.1.1).
 - 10.4.7.3. Card text written in the form "when playing [card/ability], [process]: [effect]" means the player has the option (10.6.2.2) to apply the indicated effect by executing the indicated process when playing that card or ability.
 - 10.4.7.4. When an automatic ability is written in the form "when(ever) [event], [process]: [effect]" or "at the start of [event], [process]: [effect]," the ability's controller has the option to apply the indicated effect by executing the indicated process when resolving the automatic ability.
 - 10.4.7.5. If card text not covered above is written in the form "[process]: [effect]," the ability's controller has the option to apply the indicated effect by executing the indicated process when resolving the card or ability.

10.5. Confirmation Timing

- 10.5.1. Confirmation Timing refers to a point during the game where rules handling occurs (11.1.2) and automatic abilities are played.
 - 10.5.1.1. During Confirmation Timing, first all applicable rules handling processes are

- resolved. Once those have been resolved, automatic abilities whose trigger conditions have been met are played and resolved. For more information, see (10.5.2).
- 10.5.2. If Confirmation Timing occurs, the game proceeds as follows:
 - 10.5.2.1. All rules handling processes applicable at this time are executed simultaneously. If this results in more instances of rules handling, repeat this step until no rules handling processes remain.
 - 10.5.2.2. If the active player controls any pending automatic abilities, the player selects one of them and plays and resolves it, and the game returns to (10.5.2.1).
 - 10.5.2.3. If the non-active player controls any pending automatic abilities, the player selects one of them and plays and resolves it, and the game returns to (10.5.2.1).
 - 10.5.2.4. Confirmation Timing ends.

10.6. Playing and Resolving

- 10.6.1. Activated abilities and automatic abilities, as well as cards from hand, are resolved by being played, whereupon they produce an effect. Passive abilities are not played; they are constantly producing an effect.
- 10.6.2. To play a card or ability, the player does the following:
 - 10.6.2.1. The player specifies the card or ability to be played. If it's a card, they reveal it and move it to the resolution zone.
 - 10.6.2.1.1. If the card or ability cannot be played—due to an issue with target selection (10.6.2.3) or cost payment (10.6.2.5), for example—then it cannot be specified.
 - 10.6.2.1.2. If a card in the EX area is to be played, and it has any effects applied to it, those effects apply to it even after it moves to the resolution zone.
 - 10.6.2.2. If any selections must be made as a prerequisite to play the card or ability (option selections for a "choose" ability, for example), the player makes those selections.
 - 10.6.2.2.1. This includes whether or not to pay optional additional costs.
 - 10.6.2.3. If the card or ability requires the player to select something other than a card in a nonpublic zone (henceforth "target"), they make that selection.
 - 10.6.2.3.1. If the number of targets to be selected is specified, the player must select as many targets as they can to reach that number. They cannot choose to not select a target when there are targets that can be selected.
 - 10.6.2.3.2. If the number of targets to be selected is written in the form "up to [number]," the player may select any number of targets between zero and the specified number (inclusive). If the number of targets is written as "any number," the player may select any number of targets equal to or greater than zero.

- 10.6.2.3.2.1. If the card or ability requires the player to divide and allocate a numeric value (10.6.2.4), they must specify a value between 1 and the maximum (inclusive).
- 10.6.2.3.3. If the number of targets to be selected is specified, and it is not possible to select that many, the player must select as many targets as they can and apply the specified effect to them.
- 10.6.2.3.4. If the number of targets to be selected is specified as one or more, and no targets can be selected, the card or ability cannot be played. The playing of the card or ability is canceled, and the game returns to the point before the player chose to play the card or ability.
- 10.6.2.4. If the card or ability requires the player to divide and allocate a numeric value, they determine how that value is to be divided and allocated.
 - 10.6.2.4.1. When determining the division and allocation of the value, if targets have been selected as described in (10.6.2.3.1) for the purpose of allocating that value, each target must be allocated at least one unit. If this cannot be done, the target selection is deemed illegal, and the game returns to the point before targets were selected.
 - 10.6.2.4.1.1. If targets cannot be appropriately selected as a result of this for any reason, then the playing of the card or ability is deemed illegal, and the game returns to the point before the playing of the card or ability.
- 10.6.2.5. If the card or ability requires any costs to play, the player determines the costs and pays them all.
 - 10.6.2.5.1. Even if part of a process that is executed as part of a cost is altered by a replacement effect, the original process is considered to have been executed.
 - 10.6.2.5.2. If part of a cost would be executed based on a value of zero (1.3.2.2), that process is not executed, but is considered to have been executed.
 - 10.6.2.5.3. If the cost cannot be paid at this point for any reason, the playing of the card or ability is canceled, and the game returns to the point before the player chose to play the card or ability.
- 10.6.2.6. If the card to be played is a follower or amulet, check whether the current number of cards on their field (not including the one to be played) is at or over the limit. If equal to or greater than the limit, the follower or amulet cannot be played, and the game returns to the point before the playing of the card.
- 10.6.2.7. Resolve the card or ability.
 - 10.6.2.7.1. If the played card is a follower or amulet, and the number of cards on the player's field is under the limit, they move it to their field.

- 10.6.2.7.1.1. Any effects that were applied to the card in the resolution zone also apply to the card after it is put onto the field.
- 10.6.2.7.2. If it was a spell, activated ability, or automatic ability that was played, the effects indicated by the text or ability are performed in the written order.
 - 10.6.2.7.2.1. Even if the card with the activated ability or automatic ability is no longer in its original zone for some reason, the ability is resolved.
- 10.6.2.7.3. If any cards or abilities remain in the resolution zone at this point, they are moved to their owner's cemetery if they are cards, or removed from the resolution zone if they are abilities.

10.7. Handling Automatic Abilities

- 10.7.1. An automatic ability is an ability that is played in the next Confirmation Timing after its trigger condition is met.
- 10.7.2. When the trigger condition of an automatic ability is met, the automatic ability becomes pending.
 - 10.7.2.1. If the automatic ability's trigger condition is met multiple times, the automatic ability becomes pending the same number of times.
- 10.7.3. When Confirmation Timing occurs, the controller of the pending automatic abilities selects one and plays it. After the played ability is resolved, one instance of its pending status is removed.
 - 10.7.3.1. A pending automatic ability must be played; a player cannot choose not to play to it. However, if a player controls multiple pending automatic abilities, they may select which to play first.
 - 10.7.3.2. If the selected pending automatic ability cannot be played for any reason, one instance of its pending status is removed.
- 10.7.4. Some automatic abilities are triggered when a card moves from one zone to another. These are called "zone-shift triggers."
 - 10.7.4.1. An automatic ability triggered by a zone shift may require the player to check whether the automatic ability is valid and/or the information or state of the card that triggered the ability. In such cases, information is checked as follows:
 - 10.7.4.1.1. When an automatic ability triggered by a card moving from a public zone to a non-public zone or vice versa requires the card's information, use the information from the card while it's in the public zone.
 - 10.7.4.1.2. When an automatic ability triggered by a card moving from the field to another zone requires the card's information, use the information from the card while it's on the field.
 - 10.7.4.1.3. Aside from cases covered in (10.7.4.1.2), when an automatic ability triggered by a card moving from a public zone to another public zone requires the

- card's information, use the information from the card after it moves to the new zone.
- 10.7.4.2. If a card with a zone-shift trigger ability enters a zone where the ability is valid, and at the same time another card changes zones in a way that satisfies that ability's trigger condition, that condition is considered to have been triggered.
- 10.7.4.3. A card that moves from one player's field to another is not treated as having "entered" or been "put onto" that field, and therefore does not satisfy trigger conditions that involve a card being put on the field.
- 10.7.5. Some effects may create an automatic ability that triggers at a certain later point in time. This is called a "delayed trigger."
 - 10.7.5.1. A delayed trigger condition may only trigger once unless a time frame is specified.
- 10.7.6. Some automatic abilities are triggered not by the occurrence of an event, but by the fulfillment of a certain condition (e.g., "When there are no cards in your hand"). This is called a "state trigger."
 - 10.7.6.1. State triggers become pending only once when that state is achieved. After the automatic ability is resolved, if the trigger condition for that automatic ability is met again, the ability becomes pending again.
- 10.7.7. When playing a pending automatic ability, even if the card with the automatic ability has changed zones, the automatic ability must still be played.

10.8. Handling One-Shot Effects

10.8.1. If a player is required to perform a one-shot effect, they perform the indicated action only once.

10.9. Handling Persistent Effects

- 10.9.1. If a card's information is referenced while one or more persistent effects are in place, the persistent effects are applied to the card's information in the following order:
 - 10.9.1.1. The information written on the card itself is always the base value.
 - 10.9.1.1.1. If the card is a follower on the field and is linked to a card in the evolve zone, treat that follower as having the card information of the card in the evolve zone, excluding the cost (5.15.2).
 - 10.9.1.2. Next, apply effects that give, remove, validate, or invalidate abilities.
 - 10.9.1.3. Next, apply any persistent effects that do not change the numerical values in the information.
 - 10.9.1.4. Next, apply any persistent effects that change the numerical values in the information.
 - 10.9.1.5. If the application order of two persistent effects—effect A and effect B—cannot be determined by (10.9.1.2) (10.9.1.4), and applying A first would change what B applies to or how B would be applied, then B is

- considered dependent on A. Dependent effects are always processed after the effects they depend on.
- 10.9.1.6. If there are multiple persistent effects whose application order cannot be determined by (10.9.1.2) (10.9.1.5), apply them in the order in which they were produced.
 - 10.9.1.6.1. If the source of a persistent effect is a passive ability, its application order is based on when the card with the ability was put into its current zone.
 - 10.9.1.6.2. For all other ability types, order is based on when they were played.
- 10.9.2. A persistent effect that isn't produced by a passive ability doesn't apply to cards that change zones after the corresponding ability is played, unless they move from one field to another.
- 10.9.3. A persistent effect that changes card information in a certain zone is applied at the same time an applicable card enters that zone.
 - 10.9.3.1. An automatic ability whose trigger condition requires a card with certain information to enter a zone refers to the card's information after any persistent effects that are applicable in that zone have been applied.

10.10. Handling Replacement Effects

- 10.10.1. While a replacement effect is in place, if the target event (the event being replaced) would occur, it does not occur, and instead the event indicated by the replacement effect occurs.
 - 10.10.1.1. The original event that was replaced is considered to have not occurred at all.
- 10.10.2. If there are multiple replacement effects for the same event, the affected player determines the order in which they are applied.
 - 10.10.2.1. If the affected event is a card or ability, its controller determines the order instead.
 - 10.10.2.2. If the affected event is a game action, the order is determined by the player performing the action or the controller of the card to which the action applies.
 - 10.10.2.3. Each replacement effect is applied once at most to any single event.
 - 10.10.2.4. For replacement effects that change the cost of playing a card or ability (10.2.1.3.3), effects that change the cost to a specific value are applied before effects that increase or decrease the cost.

10.11. Final Card Information

10.11.1. If an effect refers to a certain card's information or placement state in a certain zone, and the card has changed zones (excluding movement from one field to another) by the time the effect is executed, the effect refers to the information or placement state of the card when it was last in that zone.

11. Rules Handling

11.1. Basics of Rules Handling

- 11.1.1. "Rules handling" refers to the automatic processes covered in this section, which are executed during or after certain game events.
- 11.1.2. Rules handling occurs only during
 Confirmation Timing and checks whether the
 conditions of a certain rule have been met. If
 met, that rule is applied. Even if a condition is
 met during the execution of another process, if it
 is not met at the point of the Confirmation
 Timing, that rule is not applied.
- 11.1.3. If multiple instances of rules handling should be required at the same time, the processes are executed simultaneously.

11.2. Handling Losses

- 11.2.1. If a player's leader has 0 or less defense, that player loses the game.
- 11.2.2. If a player should be required to draw a card after the previous instance of rules handling, and there are no cards in their deck area, that player loses the game.

11.3. Handling Follower Destruction

11.3.1. If a follower has 0 or less defense, that follower is destroyed.

11.4. Handling Field Limits

11.4.1. If there are more cards on a player's field than that field's limit, the player selects cards on that field equal to the limit and moves the other cards to their owner's cemetery.

11.5. Handling EX Area Limits

11.5.1. If there are more cards in a player's EX area than that EX area's limit, the player selects cards in that EX area equal to the limit and moves the other cards to their owner's cemetery.

11.6. Handling Illegal Evolutions

- 11.6.1. If a card in the evolve zone is not linked to a card on the field, that card is moved faceup to the evolve deck area.
- 11.6.2. If a single card on the field is linked to more than one card in the evolve zone, its controller selects the evolve-zone card that was most recently linked to it (or one of them, if multiple cards were linked simultaneously). The link between the card on the field and the other evolve-zone cards is lost.
- 11.6.3. If a single card in the evolve zone is linked to more than one card on the field, its controller selects the card on the field that was most recently linked to it (or one of them, if multiple cards were linked simultaneously). The link between the card in the evolve zone and the other cards on the field is lost.

11.7. Handling Stack

11.7.1. If a card on the field with Stack (13.3.2) has no Stack counters on it, that card is moved to its owner's cemetery.

12. Keywords and Keyword Abilities

12.1. Overview

- 12.1.1. A "keyword" is a term used to simplify ability descriptions. An ability indicated by a keyword is called a "keyword ability."
- 12.1.2. When a card has multiple automatic ability keywords that have the same process, the card text may be simplified to consecutive icons or keywords followed by the process written once.
 - Example: Card text written in the form
 - " [process]" denotes two separate abilities, " [process]" and " [process]."

12.2. Evolve

- 12.2.1. Evolve is an activated ability that allows followers to evolve.
 - 12.2.1.1. In card text, " Evolve" is denoted by the icon.
- 12.2.2. When playing an evolve ability, as a cost, the controller of the follower with the ability must reveal a card from their evolve deck area with the same name as that follower.
- 12.2.3. When playing an evolve ability, if the cost includes play points, the player may use one evolution point in lieu of one play point.

12.3. Quick

- 12.3.1. Cards or activated abilities may have the Quick keyword.
- 12.3.2. If a card has a standalone Quick keyword (i.e., it is not part of an ability), that means it has a passive ability that could be written, "This card may also be played at certain times during an opponent's turn as specified by the rules."
 - 12.3.2.1. This type of Quick is denoted by the Quick
- 12.3.3. If an activated ability has an accompanying Quick keyword in front of it, the ability may be played at certain times during the opponent's turn, as specified by the rules.
 - 12.3.3.1. This type of Quick is denoted by the Qicon.
- 12.3.4. Cards and activated abilities with Quick can be played after an opponent's follower has "attacked" (8.4.5 and 8.4.7) or at the end of an opponent's turn (7.4.4).
- 12.3.5. Cards and activated abilities with Quick can also be played during the player's main phase.

12.4. Fanfare

- 12.4.1. Fanfare is an automatic ability that triggers when the card with Fanfare is put onto the field.
- 12.4.2. In card text, Fanfare abilities are denoted by the ¹⁹ icon.
- 12.4.3. " [text]" means "When this card is put onto the field from a zone other than the field, [text]."

12.5. Last Words

- 12.5.1. Last Words is an automatic ability that triggers when the card with Last Words is put into the cemetery.
- 12.5.2. In card text, Last Words abilities are denoted by the **1** icon.
- 12.5.3. " [text]" means "When this card is put into the cemetery from the field, [text]."

12.6. On Evolve

- 12.6.1. On Evolve is an automatic ability that triggers when the follower with On Evolve evolves.
- 12.6.2. "On Evolve: [text]" means "When this follower evolves, [text]." "On Evolve, [cost]: [text]" means "When this follower evolves, [cost]: [text]."

12.7. Strike

- 12.7.1. Strike is an automatic ability that triggers when the follower with Strike attacks.
- 12.7.2. "(Follower/Strike) Strike: [text]" means "When this follower attacks (a follower/leader), [text]." "(Follower/Leader) Strike, [cost]: [text]" means "When this follower attacks (a follower/leader), [cost]: [text]."

12.8. Ward

- 12.8.1. Ward is a passive ability that restricts the attacks of an opponent's followers.
- 12.8.2. "Ward" has three meanings: (i) "When you would put this follower onto the field reserved, you may instead put it onto the field reserved and then engage it"; (ii) "You may engage this follower during your end phase" (7.4.3); and (iii) "When your opponent selects an attack target, they must select an engaged follower with Ward that you control if possible" (8.4.3).

12.9. Storm

- 12.9.1. Storm is a passive ability that allows the follower to attack on the same turn it is put onto its controller's field.
- 12.9.2. "**Storm**" means "This follower may be selected as an attacking follower even if it was put onto its controller's field this turn."

12.10. Rush

- 12.10.1. Rush is a passive ability that allows the follower to attack another follower on the same turn it is put onto its controller's field.
- 12.10.2. "Rush" means "This follower may be selected as an attacking follower even if it was put onto its controller's field this turn, but only if an engaged follower is selected as its attack target."

12.11. Assail

- 12.11.1. Assail is a passive ability that allows the follower to attack reserved followers.
- 12.11.2. "**Assail**" means "This follower may select reserved enemy followers as attack targets as if they were engaged."

12.12. Intimidate

- 12.12.1. Intimidate is a passive ability that prevents the follower from being selected as an opponent's attack target.
- 12.12.2. "**Intimidate**" means "Your opponent may not select this follower as an attack target."
 - 12.12.2.1. Intimidate only prohibits opponents from selecting the follower with Intimidate as an attack target. Opponents may still select the follower when playing abilities or cards.

12.13. Drain

- 12.13.1. Drain is an automatic ability that increases the follower's leader's defense whenever the follower deals attack damage.
- 12.13.2. "Drain" means "Whenever this follower deals attack damage, increase your leader's defense by a value equal to the amount of damage it dealt."
 - 12.13.2.1. "Attack damage" refers to the damage dealt by an attacking follower to its attack target as described in (8.4.9).
 - 12.13.2.2. If an attack target with Drain deals damage to an attacking follower, or if a follower with Drain deals damage using an ability, Drain does not trigger.
- 12.13.3. If a card should ever have more than one instance of Drain, it is treated as having only one instance.

12.14. Bane

- 12.14.1. Bane is an automatic ability that destroys the opposing follower after two followers have fought (8.4.9.2).
- 12.14.2. **"Bane"** means "After this follower has fought an enemy follower, destroy that follower."
 - 12.14.2.1. The trigger condition only requires that the followers have fought, so the opposing follower will be destroyed even if it doesn't take any damage (e.g., because the attacking follower has 0 attack).
- 12.14.3. If a card should ever have more than one instance of Bane, it is treated as having only one instance.

12.15. Aura

- 12.15.1. Aura is a passive ability that prevents the follower from being selected by spells and abilities controlled by an opponent.
- 12.15.2. "**Aura**" means "This card cannot be selected by an opponent's cards or abilities."
- 12.15.3. Aura only prohibits opponents from selecting the follower with Aura when playing a card or ability. Opponents may still select the follower as an attack target.

13. Class-Specific Information and Keywords

13.1. Overview

13.1.1. Players may possess certain additional information depending on their leader's class. Furthermore, some classes have cards with

unique notations or keywords. This section will detail those notations and keywords.

13.2. Forestcraft

- 13.2.1. Combo
 - 13.2.1.1. Combo denotes a condition that counts the number of cards played that turn.
 - 13.2.1.2. **"Combo (X)**: [text]" means "If you've played at least X cards this turn, including this card, [text]."
 - 13.2.1.3. Cards and tokens played from any zone count towards this condition.

13.3. Runecraft

- 13.3.1. Spellchain
 - 13.3.1.1. Spellchain denotes a condition that counts the number of spell cards in the player's cemetery.
 - 13.3.1.2. "Spellchain (X): [text]" or "SC (X): [text]" means "If you have at least X spells in your cemetery, [text]."
 - 13.3.1.3. While a card with Spellchain is being resolved, it is in the resolution zone, and therefore does not count itself toward the total number of spells in the cemetery.
 - 13.3.1.4. The total number of spells referenced by Spellchain becomes fixed the moment the effect containing the Spellchain begins to be resolved. The number cannot change or be changed while the effect is being resolved.

13.3.2. Stack

- 13.3.2.1. Stack is both a passive ability and an activated ability that some amulets have.
- 13.3.2.2. **"Stack"** denotes the following three abilities:
 - When this card is put onto the field, it is put onto the field with one stack counter placed on top of it.
 - When this card would leave the field, if it has any Stack counters on it, remove one instead, and this card remains on the field.
 - Select another amulet with Stack on your field and transfer all this card's Stack counters to that card.
- 13.3.2.3. If a card with Stack has no Stack counters, it is moved to its owner's cemetery under rules handling (11.7).
- 13.3.2.4. Card text written in the form "add X to a **Stack** on your field" means "put X Stack counters on a card with Stack on your field."

13.3.3. Earth Rite

- 13.3.3.1. Earth Rite is a passive ability that produces an effect by removing Stack counters
- 13.3.3.2. "Earth Rite: [text]" means "When you play this card or ability, as an additional cost, you may remove a Stack counter from an amulet with Stack on your field. If that amulet's last Stack counter was removed as a result, put the amulet into your cemetery. If you removed a Stack counter as an additional cost, [text]."

13.4. Dragoncraft

- 13.4.1. Overflow
- 13.4.1.1. Overflow denotes a condition that references the player's maximum number of play points.
- 13.4.1.2. "If **Overflow** is active for you" means "if your maximum number of play points is at least 7."

13.5. Abysscraft

- 13.5.1. Necrocharge
 - 13.5.1.1. Necrocharge denotes a condition that counts the number of cards in the player's cemetery.
 - 13.5.1.2. "Necrocharge (X): [text]" or "NC (X): [text]" means "If you have at least X cards in your cemetery, [text]."
 - 13.5.1.3. The following rules apply when resolving cards and abilities involving Necrocharge:
 - 13.5.1.3.1. While a card with Necrocharge is being resolved, it is in the resolution zone, and therefore does not count itself toward the total number of cards in the cemetery.
 - 13.5.1.3.2. The total number of cards referenced by Necrocharge becomes fixed the moment the effect containing the Necrocharge begins to be resolved. The number cannot change or be changed while the effect is being resolved.
- 13.5.2. Sanguine
 - 13.5.2.1. Sanguine denotes a condition that checks whether the player's leader has lost defense during their turn.
- 13.5.2.2. "If **Sanguine** is active for you" means "if this is your turn, and your leader has lost defense this turn."

14. Miscellaneous

14.1. Counters

- 14.1.1. During the game, certain counters may be placed on or removed from cards.
- 14.1.2. Different types of counters have different names.
 - 14.1.2.1. Names are written in the form "[qualifier] counter."
 - 14.1.2.2. Counters with the same name are considered identical, regardless of how or why they were placed.
- 14.1.3. To put a counter on a card, place a clearly identifiable item on top of that card.
- 14.1.4. To remove a counter from a card, take the specified counter off that card.

14.2. Perpetual Cycles

- 14.2.1. When executing a process, it may be possible for a sequence of actions to be repeated an infinite number of times. This is called a "perpetual cycle," and is handled as follows:
 - 14.2.1.1. When a perpetual cycle occurs, the active player declares the sequence of actions they

wish to perform and then specifies the number of times they wish to perform that sequence. Next, the non-active player can either allow the proposed sequence to be performed the specified number of times, or they can choose to perform an action that causes the sequence to break before the specified number of repetitions is reached. Finally, the active player performs the actions according to the decision of the non-active player.

- 14.2.1.2. If the active player performs an action that results in the game state remaining completely identical to before the action was performed, the active player may not perform that action again.
- 14.2.1.3. If neither player is able to stop the perpetual cycle, the game ends in a draw.

Appendix: Token List

Card Name	Card Type	Trait	Cost	ATK	DEF	Card Text
Thorn Burst	Spell / Token	Verdant	2			Select an enemy leader or enemy follower on the field. Deal it 3 damage and draw a card.
Fairy Wisp	Follower / Token	Pixie	0	1	1	
Fairy	Follower / Token	Pixie	1	1	1	
Otohime's Bodyguard	Follower / Token	Officer	1	1	2	Ward.
Knight	Follower / Token	Officer	1	1	1	
Viking	Follower / Token	Thief	3	3	2	Storm.
Steelclad Knight	Follower / Token	Officer	2	2	2	
Strikeform Golem	Follower / Token	Golem	2	3	2	Rush.
Guardform Golem	Follower / Token	Golem	2	2	3	Ward.
Magic Sediment	Amulet / Token	Earth Sigil	1			Stack.
Dragon	Follower / Token	Wyrmkin	4	5	5	
Mimi	Spell / Token	Demon	0			Select an enemy follower on the field and deal it 2 damage.
Coco	Spell / Token	Demon	0			Select a follower on your field and give it 1 +2.
Ghost	Follower / Token	Departed	1	1	1	Storm. At the start of your end phase, banish this card.
Forest Bat	Follower / Token	Vampire	1	1	1	
Holy Falcon	Follower / Token	Avian	3	2	2	Storm.
Holy Tiger	Follower / Token	Beast	4	4	4	Rush.