

It is a time of blood, of ritual, of war, Gods walk among the tribes, each hungering for the devotion that gives them form. Many they may be, but which will endure the ages above all others?

control a god and a tribe of Warriors, Shamans, and a single Champion, These tribes will clash for dominance, build pyramids, and make sacrifices to gain immense power, all in the name of their god. The game features unique gods, each with wildly asymmetrical abilities, as well as numerous





IMPORTANT CONCEPTS AND TERMS

There are many important concepts and game terms in Mezo that will be important when discussing the various phases of play. In addition to the concepts covered in this section each game term is also summarized in this section and on the tribe boards as a convenient reference throughout the game.

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Leacy: Cards with a CALL and an effect field to the building of pyramids and glyphs.

Vengeance: Cards with a CALL and an effect that can directly or indirectly affect a conflict.

Fervor: Cards with an effect tied to your level of devotion.

Edict: Cards with an explosive effect that can drastically after the state of the current conflict, the board,

or the Age.

Task: Cards with a regroup effect, often tied to the generation of VP or devotion.

DEVOTION

Deutoin represents the religious fevor of your trible towards your god. This is suitally increased through the scriffice of units, which during a conflict in the Blessert represent on the use of certain actions on your god action cards. For each devotion you gain, they more your devotion marker up one space to the registron the devotion track on your trible bound. If a player gain feed-ording when their devotion marker is at the end of a level they move their devotion marker up to the first spot on the next level indicated by a plamow symbol in the bottom comer. All players cone? Yet there do if the gener as indicated by the value of the space set indicated by when you (about non-units or non-third states or the devotion track! I you ever gain devotion when you (about non-units or non-third states or the devotion track! I you ever gain devotion when you (about non-units or non-third states or the devotion track! I you ever gain devotion track!)



devotion gained.

The effects of some actions are tied to your level of devotion. There are three levels of devotion, each represented by one of the levels of the pyramid on players' tribe boards. If a player gains devotion when their devotion marker is at the end of a level they move their devotion marker up to the first spot on the next level indicated by a \triangleright in the bottom corner.

PYRAMIDS

Some actions allow you to BULD a pyramid. Pyramids can only contain four levels at most, each build in according numerical code (Ge. level 1 followed by level 2. Yes level 3. 3 falling livel 4.). When you build be fore level 4 and finally level 4. When you build be fore level 4 and finally partial in a region, it must be the boved livel being partial piece in your build be fore level 4 and fore the partial piece in your build being prices you must be fore the price your build being prices you must be specified to the next partial level following the being purparall level following the being purparall level in according numerical codes. Depending on the size of the first partial piece in your felexes once paramids can only be town or these levels still, if you do not have appraint piece in your felexes.

After a player BUILDs a pyramid in a region, they score VP equal to the number of pyramids there. Each other player with pyramid in that pyramid gains 1VP (regardless of their number of pyramid nices).



The Yellow player is taking a BUILD action to add the fourth and final level to a pyramid. All players who have a pyramid piece earns VF. Yellow will earn 4VP for building the fourth level, however, they do not earn any additional VP for the third level that they previously built. Red and Blue will both earn IVP because they have pyramid pieces in this pyramid.

> NOTE: Scoring pyramids happens simultaneously. Scoring for each player that earns VP should be performed in descending VP order starting with the player with the most VP.

RESOLVING ACTIONS AND ABILITIES

- Mezo is full of powerful effects that result from player actions, Immortal Calendar and Heroic Codex abilities, wrathful good abilities, and Call abilities. Understanding where all of these actions and abilities can be resolved is crucial to playing Mezo properly.
- If an ability or action does not specify where it is to be resolved, it must be resolved in a region
- where your god has presence.

 If an ability or action states that it is to be resolved in "this conflict" it can only be resolved in the current conflict region. This does not require your god to have presence in the conflict region.
- If an ability or action states that it can be resolved in "any region" it can be resolve in any region not
 designated as a Desolate region. This does not require your god to have presence in the region.
 If an ability or action state that it can be resolved in "any the region," it can be regionally in any other region.
- designated as a Desolate region. Inis does not require your god to have presence in the region.

 If an ability or action states that it can be resolved in "another region" it can be resolved in any region other than the current conflict region, This does not require your god to have presence in the
- If an ability or action provides more than one effect and states they are to be resolved in 'the samenta' region' resolve the second effect in the same region as the first. The first ability or action must following no mornal restrictions on where it can be resolved, which may or may not require your god to have presence in the region.

PRESENCE

During a game of Mezo gods will never occupy a region, but rather a vertice bordering multiple regions. Gods are considered to have presence in all regions bordering the vertice on which they are located. This is indicated by the arrow extending from the vertice into adjacent entry regions. Any ability or action that does not specify where it must be resolved can only be resolved where your god has presence. Actions requiring presence contain the god's icon in the action selection space of the action.

You will move your god during the Call Step and after using god action cards that allow you to CALL your god, they will move their god to available vertice. When selecting a god action card it is imperative to remember this rule, as many abilities can only affect regions where your end has represented.



CHICKEN COBA

If Kukulcan were to use the second action ability on Fervor Kukulcan would only be able to SMITE Shamars in Chichen Itza and Coba because those are the regions where they have presence as indicated by the red arrows on the vertice.

GAINING VP

During setup, each player's VP marker is placed in descending order. Why? Because players can never have the same social brings of the marker in the most player is an amount of VP that would place you vit when the control player is marker. They instead move your marker forward to the same space as another player's marker, they instead move your marker forward to the near hallable space. When sorting players will always count the spaces occupied by other VP markers. When multiple lips space will always sain VP at markers, and the space of the spa



of the piece belonging to Green. Scoring from pyramid building occurs simultaneously with VP awarded to the player currently having the highest score, followed by each remaining player descending VP order. In this case, Green's awarded 1.V. due to Red building on top of his pyramid, hinging his total to 14 VP. Red neceives 2.V for building the second level of a pyramid, also bringing his total to 14 VP. Since VP markers can never occupit he same paice on the scoring tack. Red is piece moves to next open space.

GAME TERMS AND KEYWORDS

to choose a Wrathful god tile to resolve.

The following is a summary of all the game terms in Mezo, which can also be found on the tribe boards. Many of the game terms below have a general explanation, but must still abide by their god's presence rule.

It is important to remember that when a player takes an action or gains an ability from a bonus, they

resolve it to their best of their ability.

For example, if a player chooses an action to RECOVER 3 units, but only has 2 units in Xibalba, they

would apply the action to as many units as possible, returning 2 units to their Reserves.

APPEASE: Sacrifice units from a region where your good has presence or your Reserves to use the ability on a Warhful good lite. If there are no units on the warhful god, place 1 of your units from a region where your good has presence or your reserve on the warhful god, and choose a Warhful god lite to resolve. If any units are already on the warhful god your must place 2 of your units on the warhful god your must place 2 of your units on the warhful god your must place 2 of your units on the warhful god your place.

AWAKEN: Move your units from Xibalba to an applicable region. You may only AWAKEN your own units. The type GF restricted) and number of units you AWAKEN is always defined by the action or ability being resolved.

BUILD: Allows you to add 1 glyph OR 1 pyramid to an applicable region. You are limited to the number of glyphs and pyramids available in your supply. BUILD cannot be used to move a glyph or pyramid already placed on the board.

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After a player BUILDs a pyramid in the region they score VP equal to the number of pyramids there. Each other player with pyramid pieces in that pyramid gains 1VP (regardless of their number of pyramid pieces)

CALL: Requires you to both move and use the Call ability of your god, however, these actions may be resolved in any order.

DEMOLISH: Remove a glyph or the topmost pyramid in the applicable region.

DEPLOY: Add units from your Reserves to the applicable region. If the action or ability specifies a unit type, DEPLOYED units must be of that type.

EXILE: Return a unit from the applicable region to the controlling player's Reserves.

RECOVER: Return units from Xibalba to your Reserves, You may only ever RECOVER your own units.

SMITE: Move units from the applicable region to Xibalba.

TRANSFORM: Replace a glyph or the topmost pyramid in the applicable region with one of your own. For pyramids, gain VP as if you chose to BUILD. You may choose to TRANSFORM your own pyramid, and are awarded VP as though it was just built.

SETUP

Place the Age dial so the arrow points to Age 1 on the corresponding space of the hoard.

2. Shuffle the 6 conflict tiles and place them facedown on their corresponding space on the game board. Next, reveal the top conflict tile to determine the top conflict tile to determine the region maker in the region makeling, the revealed conflict tile and return that conflict tile to the box. In a 3-player game reveal a second conflict tile, placing a Desolate region marker in the region.

Add a random altar token to every region on the game board without a Desolate region marker. Set the Blessed region token aside, this will be placed during the Age 1 Deploy Step.

4. Take 1 random Wrathful god tile for each Age (noted by the number of circles on each tile back) and place them facedown on their corresponding spaces on the game board, and returning the remaining Wrathful god tiles to the box.



5. Each player chooses a tribe and tribe token. Laking the components corresponding to their chosen tribe miniatures, god ring, Champion ring, tribe board, pramid pieces, glybic, devotion markers the ability markers, action selection markers and VP marker. Each player places their devotion marker on the O space of the devotion track on their tribe board. Lastly, each player places 1 Shaman and 1 Warrior in Xibalia on the game board.

6. Take the VP marker from each player and randomly reveal one. Place that player's VP marker on the 5 space of the Victory Point or 'VP' track on the game board. The next player clockwise places their VP marker on 4 points and so on until each player's VP marker is on the track.

The starting with the player with the fewest VP and proceeding in ascending point order, each player selects a god and takes all of its corresponding components; god miniature, god reference card, and god

action cards. Then, each player places the god ring of their tribe on the base of their god,

Return all unused components to the box. Age 1 begins



1. Reveal the too conflict tile to determine the Desolate region. Place a Desolate region marker in the region matching the revealed conflict tile and return that conflict tile to the box

2. Reveal the next 2 conflict tiles, Place one of the two largest pyramid pieces from an unused player color in each of the revealed regions, and reshuffle those conflict tiles with the rest of the conflict tiles.

3. Each player selects 2 Champions, as both players use 2 Champions in a 2-player game.

4. Players must select one of the tribes with 2 Champion rings and affix them to their champions. Gamenlay for the 2-player variant follows the normal rules with the following exception Players Deploy both of their Champions at the same time during their Deploy Step.

Follow all other rules from the normal game when playing the 2-Player Variant.

GAME PLAY

Mezo is played over 3 Ages, During each Age, players choose an ability for their tribe. Deploy their tribe to regions of the board. Call their god, and then resolve conflicts in each of the regions on the game board. The player with the most points at the end of the game is the winner.

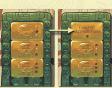
Each Age is made up of the following steps which are discussed in detail throughout the next few pages:

- START OF AGE STEP: Reveal Wrathful gods tile for the current age, select tribe board abilities.
 DEPLOY STEP: Place units on the board, place Champions, determine Blessed Region.
 CALL STEP: Call gods.
- CONFLICT STEP: Resolve conflicts in each region.
- END OF AGE STEP: End of Age scoring, cleanup for next Age.

START OF AGE STEP

First, reveal the facedown Wrathful god tile with the number of shaded circles matching the current Age (the number of faceup Wrathful god tiles should always be equal to the current Age)

Next, starting with the player with the most VP and proceeding in descending VP order, players select a tribe ability for the current Age by placing a tribe ability marker on the corresponding space of their tribe board. The ability they select will provide a powerful advantage for this Age and all remaining Ages.





DEPLOY STEP

Starting with the player with the most points and continuing in VP order, each player performs their Deploy Step one at a time. Players cannot Deploy to regions with a Desolate region marker, as they are effectively not part of that game. A player's Deploy Step is resolved using the following rules:

 Resolve any tribe abilities that must be performed at the start of your Deploy Step.
 Deploy your Champion to a region without another Champion. A player may Deploy their Champion to a region that already has their units in it from a previous Age or as a result of their tribe ability.

3. Deploy up to 3 units, in any combination, to each region that does not contain their own Champion. A player may Deploy units to a region that already has their units in it from a previous Aee or as the result of their tribe ability.

The last player to Deploy will choose which region becomes the Blessed region. The Blessed region is the only region without a Champion. Place the Blessed region token on top of the Altar token in that region, replacine the reward.

NOTE: Regions with a Desolate region marker are effectively out of play. Players cannot Deploy units to these regions nor resolve abilities or actions affecting "any region" in Desolate regions.

CALL STEP

Starting with the player with the most VP and proceeding in descending VP order, each player will CALL their god, In Age 1, each player will CALL by placing their god on an available vertice and using its Call ability in any of the regions where it has presence. Your god is considered to have nesence in all regions its vertice borders.

After the initial placement of your god in Age 1, CALL requires you to both move and use the Call ability of your god, however, these actions may be resolved in any order. Each god's Call ability scales to the current a





In this example Kukulcan CALLS during Age 2 deploying 2 Warriors. The vertice Kukulcan is on borders Becan, Hochob, and Palenque. They can DEPLOY Warriors to any region that their vertice touches. After deploying Warriors Kukulcan will move to the vertice just below bodgeting Palenque and Becan.

CONFLICT STEP

This Conflict Step is where the majority of the game takes place. Players select god action cards to trigger abilities and determine their strength in regions, as well as majorities for the Immortal Calendar and Heroic Codes in regions.

First, reveal the top conflict tile to determine which region is the conflict region. Every player participates in each conflict whether or not they have units present in the region and/or their god has present there.

NOTE: Conflicts in the Blessed region are handled differently, rules concerning conflicts in the Blessed region are covered on page 11.

Each player performs the following steps during a conflict:

 Draw the top three cards of your god's action card deck. If there are fewer than three cards in your god's action card deck, draw as many as you are able.

Select one of the god action cards drawn and place it face down next to your god's reference card.
 Place the unchosen drawn cards back on top of your god's action card deck in any order.

3. Once all players have completed step 2, each player reveals their chosen goal action card. The player to the left of the player whose Champion is in the conflict region begins the conflict by electing one of the actions not covered by an action selection marker on their chosen goal action card, and covering it with an action selection marker. Chosen actions are always resolved to the best of your ability. Action selection continues in following order until each player has taken two actions.

4. Beginning with the player to the left of the player whose Champion is in the conflict region and proceeding clockwise each player with at least 1 glyph in the region may choose to DEMOUSH one of their glyphs, returning it to their supply, and choose the third action on their god action card. After each player with a glyph makes this choice, resolve the conflict.

In this 4-player example 1-tochob is the conflict region. Blue does not have any units in this conflict but because every player participates in each conflict, Blue will still select a god action card for this conflict. Each player selects and reveals their god action action and the select and formal select and selection selection selection selection selection will start with the player to their left.



GOD ACTION CARDS

Each god has a unique deck of five god action cards, each with three actions. The bottom action, known as the Ceremonial action, is the same on each of a specific god's action cards. The Ceremonial action is generally weaker than the other actions but also allows you to APPEASE the wrathful god, When you choose to APPEASE you activate one of the abilities on the revealed Wrathful god tiles. however, APPEASING requires you to make a sacrifice If there are no units on the wrathful god, place 1 of your units from a region where your god has presence, or your Reserves on the Wrathful god space below the Wrathful god tiles and choose a Wrathful god tile to resolve. If any units are already on the Wrathful god, you must place 2 of your units on the Wrathful end space to choose a Wrathful god tile to resolve.

Some actions contain a god reminder token icon indicating to place the corresponding god reminder token in the current conflict region so that all players can easily see any activated abilities. On the god action card to the right, when Kukulcan uses the second action ability they place their reminder token in the conflict region to signify that they have the most Warriors in the conflict.

Some actions will have their god's icon in the action selection box as a reminder that those abilities only affect regions where that god has presence. In the example to the right Kukulcan's first action. SMITE 1 of your Warriors to gain 2 strength, is limited to regions where Kukulcan has presence.



PASS ACTION



A player unable or not wanting to perform any of their available actions may instead choose to take a Pass Action. When you take a pass action you can choose to gain 1 devotion or RECOVER 1 unit. When taking a pass action, you must choose one of the actions on your god action card to cover with an action selection marker. That action is unavailable for the remainder of the conflict. Players who takes a pass action are not out of the conflict and continue to participate until the conflict has been fully resolved.

Edict god action card to RECOVER 1 unit instead of resolving the action ability of the card. On future turns during this conflict the top action will not be available as if the action had been resolved as normal

RESOLVING THE CONFLICT

The player with the highest total strength in a conflict is the winner. To determine your strength, add up the value of your units, Champion, and/or any other bonuses:

Champions: 2 strength + any anolicable bonuses.

Glyphs: 1 strength per glyph. Shamans: 1 strength per unit.

Warriors: 1 strength per unit.

Bonuses: Strength bonuses from tribe abilities or actions chosen during the conflict.

The player with the highest strength wins the conflict and gains the altar bonus in the conflict region. If

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After determining the winner of the region, check for Immotal Calendar and Heroic Codes majorities. The player with the most Shamans in the condict region takes one of their Shamans from the contlict, places it on an available space on the Immotal Calendar, and resolves the corresponding Calendar ability. Next. the player with the most Warrison in the condict region takes one of their Viturios from the conflict and places it on an available space on the Codes, resolving the corresponding Codes ability. (If there is a da for Immotal Calendar and/or Heroic Codes, the player windoc Champion is in the conflict region chooses the winner from among the feed, if there are ever no units of the relevant type present in the conflict region them on majority the quarter of the dut this per in the conflict.

At the end of the conflict, remove the Champion and units from the conflict region, returning them to their respective player's Reserves (Object remain in that region). Above all units scafficed to the Wathful gods to Xibalba and remove all action selection markers from your choice god action card. Place the conflict tile beside the board and resolve the next conflict following the above steps until conflicts in all regions have been resloved.

In this conflict Blue has 2 strength, Yellow and Green 5 streneth. and Red 7 strength. Red wins the conflict. earning the altar bonus of ZVP, Green, Red, and Yellow are all tied for the Immortal Calendar majority. so Green decides the tiebreaker since their Champion is in the conflict region Green breaks the tie in their favor to win the Immortal Calendar majority, moving one of

their Shamans from the



conflict to an open Immortal Calendar space of their choice. After Green selects the RECOVER 5 units space and resolved its ability. The Heroic Code majority is resolved y Tellow has the most variors Warriors in the conflict region and earns the Heroic code majority, moving one of their Warriors from the conflict to an open Heroic Codes vasar-allowing them to AWAREN 1 unit to an investion.

BLESSED REGION

The Blessed region symbolizes momentary harmony between the tribes, where ritual sacrifices are made as an offering of devotion to the gods. The conflict for the Blessed region is resolved differently than all other conflicts.

Starting with the player with the most VP and proceeding in descending VP order, each player chooses how many units in their Reserves they wish to sacrifice to their god. Each unit sacrificed in this way immediately awards players with 1 devotion and 1 additional strength in the Blessed region conflict. Place the sacrificed units) on your god reference card.

> NOTE: Players cannot sacrifice units from the Blessed region, only from their Reserves.

After each player has chosen how many units to scarfice, the winner of the Blessed region conflict is determined by callaing the strength of each player in the Blessed region. The player with the most strength funds in the region, gylynts, bonuses from tribe abilities or actions chosen during the conflict, and units scarfied form their Reserves gians KPP instead of the altaz bonus in the region. If there is a tie between players, the player with the fewest VP among the tied players chooses the winner, Immotal Calendar and Heroric Codex majorities and not awarded for the Blessed region.

Once the winner of the Blessed region conflict has been determined, return all units from the Blessed region to each player's Reserves (Glyphs remain in the region). Move allsacrificed units (on god reference cards) to Xibalba, Place the conflict lide beside the board and resolve the next conflict following the steps on page 10 until conflicts in all regions have been resolved.

In this example the Blessed region is United as a Mentified by the unique Blessed region altar token. Green has the highest score so as a Mentified by the unique Blessed score so searches. Green chooses how many units to sacrifice. Green chooses to the sacrifice of the sacrifice of the Blessed score from the Blessed score from the Blessed score from the Blessed score from the Strength they have from units in the region. Green one has 3 strength they have from units in the region. Green one has 3 strength they conflict. The sacrificed units are placed on conflict and Green Manus their devotion marker up 4 spaces. Continuing in score order the players decide how many units

to sacrifice. Red sacrifices four units for a total of 8 strength in the conflict. Blue seven units for 9 total strength, and Yellow decides to sacrifice five units for a total of 9 strength. Both Yellow and Blue have a strength of nine, strength Yellow has fewer VP than Blue, they will decide the tie break. Yellow chooses themselves to win the conflict earning the BVP

instead the altar bonus.





END OF AGE STEP

After all conflicts have been resolved, players will conclude each Age by resolving the following steps:

In descending VP order award each player VVP for every unit they have on the Immortal Calendar and

Heroic Codex. Return units on the Immortal Calendar and Heroic Codex to each player's Reserves.

2. In descending VP order, award each player VP equal to the current Age for every region where they

In descending VP order, award each player VP equal to the current Age for every region where t have at least 1 pyramid.

Each player shuffles their god action card deck and places it facedown beside their god reference card.
 Rotate the Ase dial to the next Ase.

5. Shuffle the conflict tiles facedown and place them on their corresponding space on the board.

If this is the end of Age 3, proceed to the End Of Come and final scrains. Otherwise, begin the next Age.

with the Start of Age Step. FND OF GAME

After Age 3, the game ends and final scoring occurs. Starting with the player with the most VP and proceeding in descending VP order, each player gains VP equal to the value of the their devotion marker occupies on their devotion track as well as VP granted by any unscored Age 3 tribe ability.

In this example the Green player earns 13VP for the position their devotion marker occupies and 6 additional VP for their Age 3 tribe ability (2VP per level of devotion).



The player with the most VP at the end of the game is the winner, honoring their god throughout the ages!