

Land

A game about the rules of ownership, fairness ... and cows

RULES

The objective of the game is to own (reclaim) as much land as possible

Players and Playing order

- Anyone can play the game.
- Each player rolling a dice, and the order of play is defined by the highest-to-lowest order of their rolls (e.g., player J rolls a 4, L a 5, S a 2, the playing order is L, J, S)
- If two or more players roll the same number, they must roll again to decide who among them goes first. This new dice roll does not influence the order of play for other players (e.g. initial roll is J, 4, L 5, S, 4; J rolls again with a 6 and S with a 2. Order is L, J, S).
- Each player has their own cow color, and can only use/play cows with that color.

The board

- The board is divided into plots of land, organized in columns and rows.
- Players can reclaim usable land, marked in green (this includes mountains and cows).
- Other plots have water, or smaller islands, which are not possible to reclaim.

First round

- Following the playing order, each player rolls the dice twice to find their starting plot.
- The first roll is for the column and the second for the row. If there are multiple usable plots within that column x row, they can choose which one to reclaim.
- Reclaiming is done by placing a cow over the plot.
- If there is no available usable land to reclaim in that column x row, the player has to wait until the next round and roll again for a new column x row.

Reclaiming more land

- Each turn, players reclaim additional plots. They can play as many cows, as plots of land they already have.
- Cows from previous rounds remain in place.
- Players can only reclaim plots immediately to the north, south, east or west of their already owned plots.
- It is not possible to reclaim land which has already been reclaimed.
- It is not possible to reclaim unusable land (coast/beach, water, smaller islands)
- Plots with mountains require two cows to be reclaimed.
- If a player reclaims a plot that has a resident cow (not a player cow, but a cow already residing on the map), they can play an additional cow on their next round.

End

- The game ends when no player can reclaim any additional land. The player with the highest number of reclaimed plots wins.