

STEFAN FELD

THE ORACLE OF

# DELPHI

## INTRODUCTION

For once, Zeus, Greek god of thunder and sky, is in high spirits. He wishes to offer a generous gift to a worthy mortal and invite him to his realm, Olympus.

To determine a sufficient candidate, Zeus will host a competition. He has issued 12 legendary tasks: to raise graceful statues, to erect awe-inspiring shrines, to make generous offerings, and to slay the most fearsome monsters. The first participant to master all the assignments will win the favor of the father of the gods himself.

Indubitably, you will not pass up this golden opportunity and so you clear your ship and rally your crew to follow the trails of legendary Odysseus through the dangerous waters of the Aegean. But how will you find the righteous path onward? There is but one who can help you: Visit the mysterious Oracle of Delphi and let her answers guide your way.

## GAME COMPONENTS

12	6	12	34	48	8
					
Board Tiles	City Tiles	Island Tiles	Favor Tokens	Zeus Tiles	Ship Tiles
4	1	24	6	24	18
				 incl. Stickers	
Shields	Zeus	Offerings	Temples	Monsters	Statues
24	12	4	12	1	1
 incl. Stickers					
Gods	Shrines	Ships	Oracle Dice	Titan's Die	Battle Die
42	30	22	18	4	4
					
Injury Cards	Oracle Cards	Equipment Cards	Companion Cards	Action Overviews	Player Boards

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

- **Pages 2-4:** Overview of the **game overview** and the **setup**.
- **Page 5:** Synopsis of the **course of play**, i.e. the structure of rounds and turns.
- **Pages 6-9:** Detailed explanation of the **game components** and their setup on and around the Player Boards.
- **Pages 10 and 11:** In-depth description of the **actions** available to the players during their turns.
- **Page 12:** Information about the **end of the game**, a shortened **game variant** and an **example for a turn**.

For your first game, we have compiled and marked **recommendations for the first game** in boxes like this one. These recommendations are not mandatory but facilitate access to the game.

## GAME OVERVIEW

To win the game, you have to complete all 12 tasks given by Zeus as quickly as possible: build 3 Shrines, collect 3 Offerings and deliver them to their corresponding Temples, raise 3 Statues, and defeat 3 Monsters. The tasks are spread across the islands of the game board; some are even hidden, and will first need to be discovered.

In order to travel and to perform your tasks, you hold 3 Oracle Dice each, which you use for actions on every turn.

The first player to return to Zeus after completing all tasks wins the game.

## SETUP

Below you can see a complete game setup for 3 players. We have divided the setup into 3 parts:

• Variable game board

• General supply

• Individual play area



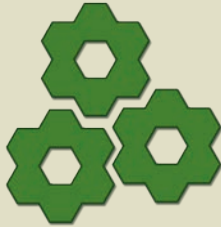
## SETUP: VARIABLE GAME BOARD

- 1 Create a playing area of water and island spaces out of the **12 Board Tiles**, so that all water spaces form a **single connected water area**. Leaving “holes” in between tiles is allowed. These holes are called **shallows** and cannot be crossed with Ships during the game.

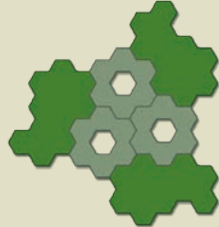
*Note: The front and back of the tiles are functionally identical. Use whichever side you prefer.*

**Recommendation for the first game:** For the first game, we suggest setting up the game board as compact as possible and with a minimal amount of shallows. This reduces complexity and shortens the game.

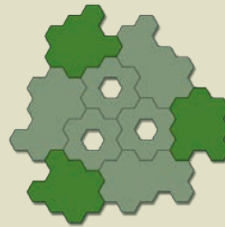
For a **compact game board** we suggest the following:



Arrange the 3 Board Tiles with a hole in the center in a triangle.



Next, place the 3 largest Board Tiles as shown above.




Next, place these 3 tiles as shown in the image.




Place the last 3 tiles.

- 2 Place the 6 **City Tiles** approximately equidistantly around the game board. All water spaces still have to be connected.

- 3  The central space of the tile showing 6 water spaces marks both the **start** and **destination**. Place **Zeus** on this space. You may only visit this space at the start and the end of the game. Throughout the game, treat it as a shallow.

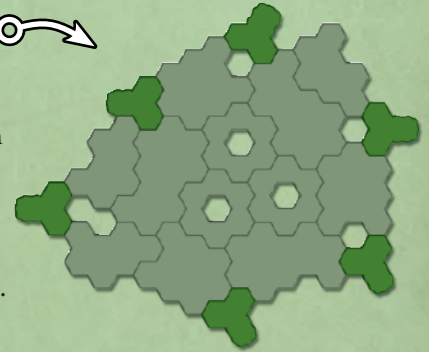
- 4 Take as many **Offering cubes** of each color as players participating in the game. Distribute the Offerings evenly among the 6 respective island spaces, called **Offering Islands**, so that no color occurs twice on any island.

- 5 Place the 6 **Temples** on the 6 Temple Islands.

- 6  Take as many **Monsters** of each color as players participating in the game. Place any 2 different Monsters on the 3 marked Monster Islands. Distribute the remaining Monsters evenly among the remaining 6 Monster Islands, so that no color occurs twice on any island.

- 7 Place the 3 **Statues** of each color on the respective **City Tiles**.

- 8 Shuffle the **Island Tiles** face down, i.e. with the cloud side up, and place them face down on the island spaces with colored borders.



## SETUP: GENERAL SUPPLY

Place the following game material next to the game board:

- 1 Shuffle the **Oracle Cards** and place them face down as a draw pile. Leave some space for a face up discard pile.
- 2 Shuffle the **Injury Cards** and place them face down as a draw pile. Leave some space for a face up discard pile.
- 3 Lay out the **Companion Cards** as a face up stack. Their order is irrelevant, as the cards will be specifically selected during the game.
- 4 Shuffle the **Equipment Cards** and display 6 of them. Place the remaining cards next to the display as a face down draw pile. Leave some space for a face up discard pile.
- 5 Lay out the **Favor Tokens**.



## SETUP: INDIVIDUAL PLAY AREA

Take the individual game pieces in a color of your choice: 1 Ship, 1 Shield, 12 Zeus Tiles, and 1 Player Board. Also take 1 of each God (6 in total), 3 Shrines, 3 Oracle Dice and 1 Action Overview.

**1** Place the **Player Board** in front of you. Leave some space to the left and right for placing cards throughout the game.

**2** Randomly determine a **starting player**. He receives **3 Favor Tokens**. In clockwise order, each player receives 1 more Favor Token than the preceding player.



**3** Choose 1 of the following variants to distribute the **Ship Tiles**:

- **Randomly:** Take 1 randomly selected Ship Tile each. Place it on your Player Board.
- **Selected:** Randomly select 1 more Ship Tile than players participating in the game and place them face up on the table. Starting with the last player of the round and in counterclockwise direction, choose 1 Ship Tile and place it on your Player Board.

**Recommendation for the first game:** Randomly distribute the 4 depicted Ship Tiles.



Put the remaining, unused tiles back in the box. They are no longer required for this game.

**4** The last player of the round takes the **Titan's Die** and places it in the center of his oracle.

**5** Roll your **3 Oracle Dice** and place them on the corresponding symbols on your oracle.  
*Note: This is called "Consulting the Oracle". You can place more than 1 die on each symbol.*

**6** Place the **Shrines** on the corresponding spaces.

**7** Draw **1 Injury Card** each, and place it face up next to the lower left of your Player Board.

**8** Place your **6 Gods** on the lowest row of the God Track. Advance the God in the color of the Injury Card you have just drawn to the row showing the number of players participating in the game.

**9** Place your **Shield** on the first space ("0") of the Shield Track.

**10** Place your **Ship** next to Zeus, on the starting space.

**11** Sort your **Zeus Tiles**. 4 Zeus Tiles show colored Offerings on one side and colored Monsters on the other side. Have any player randomly select 2 of these tiles and place them with the Offerings side facing up. Adjust the tiles of each other player accordingly, so everyone has identical starting conditions with equal colors. To keep track of the Zeus Tiles, sort them in groups of three at the top of your Player Boards as shown: Shrines, Statues, Offerings, and Monsters.



**Recommendation for the first game:** Use 8 Zeus Tiles instead of all 12. Return 1 "Shrine" and 1 "Statue" Zeus Tile, as well as a colored "Monster" and colored "Offering" tile back to the box (page 12, Variants). Each player must return the same tiles..

**12** Place your **Action Overview** next to your Player Boards.

## COURSE OF PLAY

In the following section, we give a synopsis of the course of play. Don't worry, the details concerning game materials and actions will be explained later.

The Oracle of Delphi is played in **rounds**, with each player taking **1 turn** in clockwise order.

A turn consists of up to **3 phases** that must be performed in the following order. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> phases are usually very short. All actions are performed in phase 2.

### 1 Check your **Injury Cards**.

3 outcomes are possible:

- a. You have **3 equally colored Injury Cards** or **6 Injury Cards in total**:

Use your **turn** to Recover, discarding 3 Injury Cards of your choice and ending your turn without Consulting the Oracle.



- b. You have **0 Injury Cards**:

Take 1 Favor Token or advance 1 God by 1 step.



- c. **Otherwise**:

Nothing happens.

*Note: This is the most common case.*

*Example: You have 6 Injury Cards at the beginning of your turn. Discard any 3 of them, then end your turn.*

### 2 Perform **actions** (pages 10/11).

Perform your actions in any order:

- Use your **3 Oracle Dice** to perform actions. Put used Oracle Dice in the center of your oracle.
- You may use **1 Oracle Card** per turn to perform an action. To indicate that you have used this option, place the Oracle Card next to the upper left of your Player Board, horizontally. Discard the Oracle Card at the end of your turn.
- You may use the **Special Action** of Gods which are on the topmost row of the God Track (page 8).



*Example: You have already used 2 Oracle Dice and 1 Green Oracle Card for actions. You still have to use your black Oracle Die. The blue Oracle Card can no longer be used this turn.*



*Example: This turn, you may use the Special Action of the blue God, Poseidon, in addition to your Oracle Dice and Oracle Card.*

### 3 End your turn by **Consulting the Oracle**. Announce the resulting colors:

**All other players** check if at least 1 of their Gods which is not on the lowest row of the God Track matches 1 of these colors. They may advance **1 of these Gods** by **1 step** (page 8, Gods).

**Important:** YOU may not advance any Gods, only the other players may do so!

**Note:** After Consulting the Oracle, you know which colors are available to you next turn.

Use the other player's turns to plan ahead. This saves a lot of time!

The **last player** of the round rolls the **Titan's Die** together with his Oracle Dice to determine the Titan's strength. Then, the Titan **attacks all players** simultaneously:

- If the Titan's strength is 6, each player draws **2 Injury Cards**.
- Otherwise, compare your Shield's strength to the Titan's strength: If your strength is lower, draw **1 Injury Card**.

In the next section, we describe all Game Components in detail, in order to facilitate the explanation of the actions (pages 10 and 11). This section can also be used to answer specific questions related to a certain component. To this end, we have included cross-references to other sections, which are not required when reading the section for the first time.

The explanation of the Game Components follows along the Player Boards, as the components are stored on and around it.

The image shows a Player Board during the blue player's turn:



### 1 Zeus Tiles

The **Zeus Tiles** represent the 12 tasks required to finish and win the game. The upper half of the tile shows the task, the lower half shows the reward for achieving the task. Return completed tasks to the box, so it is always apparent who still has to complete which and how many tasks.

There are 4 different types of tasks and you have to complete 3 of each:



**Shrine:** Build 3 Shrines on the depicted Island Tiles. The respective Island Tiles are initially face down and have to be explored during the game (page 11, Actions “Explore an Island” and “Build a Shrine”).

Reward: Advance any 1 God by 1 Step (page 8, Gods).



**Statue:** Raise 3 Statues in different colors.

Load Statues from City Tiles on your Ship and deliver them to Statue Islands with building sites of the respective color (page 11, Actions “Load a Statue” and “Raise a Statue”).

Reward: Take a Companion Card of your choice from the General Supply that matches the color of the raised Statue.



**Offering:** Load 1 Offering of each depicted color on your Ship and deliver it to a Temple of the respective color (page 11, Actions “Load an Offering” and “Make an Offering”).

Reward: Take 3 Favor Tokens.



**Monster:** Defeat 1 Monster of each depicted color (page 10, Action “Fighting a Monster”).

Reward: Take 1 Equipment Card from the display.

White component icons, as seen on the Zeus Tiles “Statue”, “Offering”, and “Monster”, indicates “a color of your choice”. No color can be chosen twice for a certain task.

A reward is only given when a Zeus Tile is returned to the box. Thus, it is unwise to complete tasks which are not depicted on your Zeus Tiles.

## 2 The Oracle

The most prominent part of your Player Board is the circular oracle.

**Note:** *Pythia, the priestess at the Oracle of Delphi is shown in the center of the oracle. Rolling the dice represents consulting the oracle. The results represent her divinations.*

- After **Consulting the Oracle**, place the Oracle Dice on the corresponding symbols on your oracle. Use these dice for actions on your next turn.
- Before using a die for an action, you may “**recolor**” it, i.e. moving it by 1 or more steps (symbols) along the oracle in a clockwise direction, paying 1 Favor Token per step.
- After using a die for an action, move it to Pythia. You cannot use it again this turn.



**Example:**

*To recolor a green die to a black die, pay 2 Favor Tokens.*

## 3 Ship Tiles

Your Ship Tiles represent the individual properties of your Ship. The lower half of the tile shows your Ship's storage capacity, i.e. the maximum number of Offerings and/or Statues you can transport at any given time, usually 2.

The following list shows the function of all Ship Tiles in detail:

	<p>At the start of the game, move your Shield 2 steps to the right.</p>		<p>Advance all your Gods on the God Track to the row showing the number of players participating in the game. After using a Special Action of a God, return it to that row instead of the lowest row.</p>		<p>Your Ship's range is increased by 2 (page 10, Action "Move your Ship").</p>		<p>Whenever you take 1 or more Favor Tokens, take 1 more. This also applies to the starting Favor Tokens.</p>
	<p>Return a Zeus Tile of your choice to the box. You do not receive its reward. You require 11 completed tasks to win the game instead of 12.</p>		<p>Your cost for "recoloring" Oracle Dice is reduced by 1.</p>		<p>At the start of the game, take 1 Equipment Card from the display and draw 1 Oracle Card.</p>		<p>You can also "recolor" Oracle Dice in counterclockwise direction. Additionally, your storage capacity is increased by 2.</p>

## 4 Shields

The number next to your Shield indicates its current strength. The Shield is used as a defense against the Titan's attack (bottom of page 5) and when Fighting a Monster (page 10, Action "Fighting a Monster").

You can strengthen your Shield by collecting certain Companion Cards, i.e. the Heroes (page 8), or by exploring Island Tiles (page 11, Action "Explore an Island").

## 5 Injury Cards

You draw Injury Cards when the Titan's strength exceeds your Shield's strength during its attack (page 5) and when you roll "0" while Fighting a Monster (page 10, Action "Fighting a Monster").

You can get rid of Injury Cards by discarding them as an action (page 11, Action "Discard Injury Cards"), by using the Special Action of the red Goddess, Aphrodite, and by the ability of certain Companion Cards, the Heroes.

If you have too many Injury Cards at the beginning of your turn, you will have to Recover (page 5, section 1a).

## 6 Oracle Cards

Oracle Cards can be used like Oracle Dice, but are limited to **1 per turn**.

Indicate its use by horizontally placing the Oracle Card next to the upper left of your Player Board. Discard it at the end of your turn.

## 7 Shrines

Shrines have to be built on the Island Tiles depicted on the corresponding Zeus Tiles.

The Greek letters on your Player Board indicate the reward awarded for uncovering an Island Tile with the respective symbol (page 11, Action "Explore an Island").

## 8 Favor Tokens

The Favor Tokens can be used ...

- ... to “recolor” Oracle Dice before using them (1 Favor Token per step on the oracle, page 7, “The Oracle”).
- ... to increase the range of your Ship (1 Favor Token per space, page 10, Action “Move your Ship”).
- ... to Fight a Monster (1 Favor Token per additional round, page 10, Action “Fighting a Monster”).

## 9 Monsters

Place defeated Monsters on your Player Board (page 10, Action “Fighting a Monster”).

## 10 Gods

### Advancing a God during your turn

Whenever you encounter the symbol shown on the left, you may advance a God.

The number of arrows indicates the amount of steps, i.e. rows. When you receive more than 1 step, you may distribute them among 1 or more Gods.

When advancing a God from the lowest row, place it on the row showing the number of players participating in the game. Otherwise advance it by 1 row.

### Advancing a God during another player’s turn

Whenever another player rolls the color of at least 1 of your Gods **that is not on the lowest row** when Consulting the Oracle, you may advance **1 of them** by 1 step.

### Special Actions of the Gods

During your turn, if 1 or more of your Gods are on the topmost row of the God Track, you may use their Special Actions. After using the Special Action, return the God back to the lowest row of the God Track.

*Note: You never need an Oracle Die for the Special Action of the Gods!*



*Example:*  
You can either advance the red God, or the green God.



**Poseidon:** Place your Ship on a water space of your choice.



**Artemis:** Uncover a face down Island Tile. Take the corresponding reward (page 11, Action “Explore an Island”).



**Ares:** If your Ship is adjacent to a Monster: Defeat the Monster without rolling the Battle Die. Take the reward of your corresponding Zeus Tile and discard it.



**Apollon:** Draw 1 Oracle Card. This turn, you may use your Oracle Dice and Oracle Card as if they were any color.



**Aphrodite:** Discard all your Injury Cards.



**Hermes:** If your Ship is adjacent to a City Tile: Take a Statue from any City Tile and store it in your Ship.

Instead of performing their Special Action, you may return the God back to the lowest row of the God Track and draw 1 Oracle Card.

## 11 Companion Cards

You receive **Companion Cards** as a reward for Raising Statues (page 11, Action “Raise a Statue”). There are 3 different Companion Cards in each color, each with an individual, permanent ability:

### Heroes:

- When acquiring a Hero, increase your Shield’s strength by 2.
- From now on, you may discard any Injury Cards of the Hero’s color.

### Demigods:

- When acquiring a Demigod, draw 1 Oracle Card.
- You may use Oracle Dice in the Demigod’s color as if it was a color of your choice.

### Creatures:

- When Moving your Ship with an Oracle Die of the Creature’s color, your Ship’s range is increased by 3. You may end your movement on a water space of any color (page 10, Action “Move your Ship”).





## 12 Equipment Cards

You receive Equipment Cards as a reward for defeating a Monster (page 10, Action “Fighting a Monster”). Equipment Cards grant permanent or one-time actions or abilities. Some of them override basic rules. **One-time** actions show the flash symbol shown to the right and are carried out immediately after receiving the Equipment Card.



**Recommendation for the first game:** It's not necessary to study all Equipment Cards beforehand.

- ▶ Read the cards on display after defeating the first Monster. You can read and learn new Equipment Cards when you encounter them for the first time.

Immediately after taking an Equipment Card, refill the display to 6 cards from the draw pile.



Your Ship's range is increased by 1.



Your Ship may cross shallows. A shallow does not count as a space!



Whenever you receive a reward for Making an Offering, Raising a Statue or Fighting a Monster, advance 1 God by 1 step.



Your storage capacity is increased by 1.  
**One-time:** Increase your Shield's strength by 1.



You may Fight a Monster, Explore an Island and Build a Shrine from a distance of 1 water space from the respective Island Tiles.



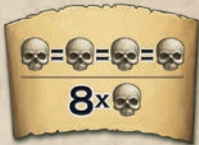
You may Load a Statue and Raise a Statue from a distance of 1 water space from the respective City Tile or Island Tile.



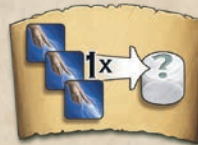
You may use an Oracle Die of the depicted color as an action to take 1 Favor Token, draw 1 Oracle Card, and advance the God of the respective color by 1 step.



You may Load an Offering and Make an Offering from a distance of 1 water space from the respective Island Tile.



When checking your Injury Cards (page 5, section 1a), you have to Recover due to 4 equally colored Injury Cards or 8 Injury Cards, in total instead of 3 and 6, respectively.



Once per turn, you may spend 3 Favor Tokens to perform an additional action of any color.



When you Consult the Oracle and at least 1 of the dice shows the depicted color, take 2 Favor Tokens.



**One-time:** Take 1 of the depicted Statues from the corresponding City Tile and store it in your Ship.



**One-time:** Advance 1 of the depicted Gods to the topmost row of the God Track.



**One-time:** Take 1 of the depicted Offerings from any Island Tile and store it in your Ship.



**One-time:** Look at 2 face down Island Tiles and put 1 back. Uncover the other and take the corresponding reward (page 11, Action “Explore an Island”). If there are less than 2 face down Island Tiles, this card cannot be used.



**One-time:** Take 3 Favor Tokens, draw 1 Oracle Card, and advance 1 or 2 Gods by a total of 2 steps combined.

You have several options how to use your Oracle Dice for actions. Most actions depend on the color of the dice. We have grouped the actions according to their color dependence or independence.

Each action **must** be completed before starting the next.

*Example: It is **not** allowed to “Take 2 Favor Tokens” **while** “Fighting a Monster” to prolong the fight.*

## a) Color-independent actions - can be performed with any Oracle Die



### Draw 1 Oracle Card

Draw 1 Oracle Card and place it face up next to the lower left of your Player Board, vertically. You can have any number of Oracle Cards, but you can only play 1 per turn.



### Take 2 Favor Tokens



### Look at 2 Island Tiles

Look at 2 face down Island Tiles. Return them to their respective island spaces, face down.

## b) Color-dependent actions - hinge on the color of the Oracle Die

### General rules:

- You can “**recolor**” Oracle Dice by paying Favor Tokens (page 7, “The Oracle”), prior to any action.
- To perform an action referring to an island space, your Ship must be located **adjacent** to that space.
- The color of the Oracle Die has to **match** the chosen action, e.g. a red die can be used for a red Offering, the red God, red Injury Cards, or red Island Tiles.



### Move your Ship

Move your Ship up to 3 water spaces. End your movement on a space matching the color of your used Oracle Die. You may not cross or stop on island spaces or shallows. You can increase your Ship’s range, i.e. move additional spaces, by paying 1 Favor Token per additional space. The color of your destination space must still correspond to the used Oracle Die. Certain Ship Tiles, Companion Cards and Equipment Cards can also increase your Ship’s range. Each water space can be occupied by any number of Ships.



### Fight a Monster

Each fight consists of 1 or more rounds and ends when you defeat the Monster or when you surrender. Each Monster starts the fight with a strength of 9. Decrease that value by your Shield’s strength.



**Course of a round:** Roll the Battle Die (numbers 0 to 9):

- You have rolled a number equal or higher than the Monster’s current strength: You have **defeated the Monster**. Take the reward of your corresponding Zeus Tile and discard the Zeus Tile. Place the Monster on the bottom right of your Player Board.
- You have rolled less than the Monster’s current strength: You have **lost the round**.  
If you have rolled a 0, draw 1 Injury Card.  
To **continue the fight**, pay 1 Favor Token. Reduce the Monster’s strength by 1 and continue with another round of fighting.

If you cannot or do not want to pay 1 Favor Token, you **surrender** the fight without further adverse effects. In the next fight, the Monster’s full strength is restored.



*Example: As your Shield’s strength is “2”, you need to roll a “7” to defeat the red Monster, but you only roll a “5”. You pay 1 Favor Token to start a new round, in which you need to roll at least a “6”. You roll a “7”, defeating the Monster.*



### Explore an Island

To perform the action, the color of your Oracle Die has to match the hexagon on the island space.

Uncover the Island Tile, place it face up on the island space and receive the corresponding reward:

- If the image matches 1 of your Zeus Tiles, place 1 of your Shrines on the Island Tile. Take the reward of your corresponding Zeus Tile and discard the Zeus Tile.
- If the image doesn't match 1 of your Zeus Tiles, take a reward based on the depicted Greek letter:



Take 4 Favor Tokens.



Draw 2 Oracle Cards.



Advance 1 or more Gods by a total of 3 steps.



Discard all your Injury Cards of a color of your choice and increase your Shield's strength by 1.



*Example: You have used a yellow action to Explore an Island. The image matches 1 of your Zeus Tiles. Thus, you may build a Shrine as a reward.*

*Note: If another player uncovers an Island Tile matching 1 of your Zeus Tiles, place a Shrine on the respective Zeus Tile to remember.*



### Build a Shrine

To perform the action, the color of your Oracle Die has to match the hexagon on the island space. Place a Shrine on the Island Tile, whose image matches 1 of your Zeus Tiles. Take the reward of your corresponding Zeus Tile and discard the Zeus Tile.



### Load an Offering

Take an Offering of the color of your Oracle Die from the adjacent Offering Island and store it in your Ship. If your storage is full, you cannot perform this action.



### Make an Offering

Place an Offering of the color of your Oracle Die from your ship onto a matching adjacent Temple Island. Take the reward of your corresponding Zeus Tile and discard the Zeus Tile.



*Example: Using a red action you Load a red Offering into your ship. As you are adjacent to a red Temple, you use another red action to Make an Offering.*



### Load a Statue

Take a Statue of the color of your Oracle Die from an adjacent City Tile and store it in your Ship. If your storage is full, you cannot perform this action.



### Raise a Statue

Place a Statue of the color of your Oracle Die on a matching site on an adjacent Statue Island. Take the reward of your corresponding Zeus Tile and discard the Zeus Tile.



*Example: Using a red action, you Load a Statue into your Ship. Then, you Move your Ship to a yellow water space using a yellow action. Finally, you use another red action to Raise a Statue on an island.*

*Note: 3 Statues of different colors can be built on each Statue Island.*



### Discard Injury Cards

Discard all your Injury Cards matching the color of your Oracle Die.



### Advance a God

Advance the God of the matching color by 1 step. As long as a God is on the topmost row, its Special Action is available. You may use it during any of your turns, now or later. After using a Special Action, return the God to the lowest row (page 8, "Gods").

## END OF THE GAME

After completing all of Zeus' tasks, i.e. discarding all Zeus Tiles, you have to return to Zeus using normal movement rules. Use an Oracle Die of any color or the Special Action of the blue God, Poseidon, to move onto his space.

The first player to do so triggers the End of the Game. The current round is finished, then the game ends.

If only 1 player successfully returns to Zeus, he wins the game.

If more than 1 player successfully returns, the player with the most remaining Oracle Cards among them wins.

If these players are still tied, the player with the most remaining Favor Tokens among them wins.

If these players are still tied, they share the victory.

### Notes:

- After reaching Zeus, unused Oracle Dice and Special Actions of Gods should be used to "Draw 1 Oracle Card" (page 11, Action "Draw 1 Oracle Card" and page 8, "Gods") as Oracle Cards break the tie for first place.
- Gods reaching the topmost row after your last turn cannot be used anymore.

## GAME VARIANT: SHORTENED GAME

At the start of the game, you can decide to return up to 4 of the depicted Zeus Tiles each to the box to reduce playing time. The more tiles you return, the shorter the game. If you discard less than 4 tiles, return them to the box in the following order:



1 Tile "Statue"



1 Shrine and  
1 Tile "Shrine"



1 colored Tile "Monster"  
(same tile for all players)



1 colored Tile "Offering"  
(same tile for all players)

## EXAMPLE OF A FIRST TURN



You have a black, purple, and green die at your disposal.



As your first action, you use the green die to "Move your Ship" 3 spaces to a green water space.



Next, you "recolor" the purple die to blue, paying 1 Favor Token. You take a blue Offering and store it in your Ship. You could also have "Explored an Island" by recoloring the die to red, paying 3 more Favor Tokens.

You use the black die to advance the black God by 1 step.



Finally, you end your turn by rolling your Oracle Dice once again.



Designer: **Stefan Feld**  
Illustrations and Graphics: **Dennis Lohausen**  
Layout and 3-D Shots: **Andreas Resch**  
Realization: **Ralph Bruhn**  
Translation: **Martin Zeeb**



Distribution:  
**Pegasus Spiele GmbH**  
Am Straßbach 3  
61169 Friedberg  
[www.pegasus.de](http://www.pegasus.de)



© 2016 Hall Games  
Ralph Bruhn  
Herderstraße 36  
D-53332 Bornheim  
[www.hallgames.de](http://www.hallgames.de)

The publisher and the designer would like to thank all play-testers and proof-readers for their valuable feedback, especially to Susanne, Gesa, Sandra & Udo, Rebekka & Martin, Katja & Jörg, Uwe, and Torsten.

All rights reserved. Reprinting or publishing of the rule book, game components or illustrations is prohibited without prior permission.