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# Welcome to NARUTO MYTHOS TRADING CARD GAME

In Naruto Ninja Card Game, you and your opponent will compete as the Kage of your respective hidden ninja village to see who leads the strongest faction. Delegate which of your ninja soldiers you will send out to complete missions, focusing on a strategy that will earn you the points to win the game before your opponent does.

## **Gameplay Overview**

Every game of Naruto Ninja Card Game takes place over exactly four Rounds.

At the end of the 4th Round, the player with the most Mission Points wins the game. Making strategic decisions on which ninjas to send out on each mission is the key to victory, and every Round the number of available missions increases giving both you and your opponent ample opportunities to turn the tides of battle in your own favor.





# **Components overview**

#### **CHARACTER CARDS**

Character cards are played to assign ninjas to the Mission cards currently in play.

**CHARACTER NAME** - The name of the Character. You can have only one Character card with the same name per mission.

**CHARACTER VERSION** - A descriptor that differentiates the card from other cards with the same character name.

CHAKRA COST - The amount of Chakra points required to play this card.

**POWER** • The number that is applied to win a Mission card.

**EFFECT -** Cards with effects will also have icons indicating their activation timing:

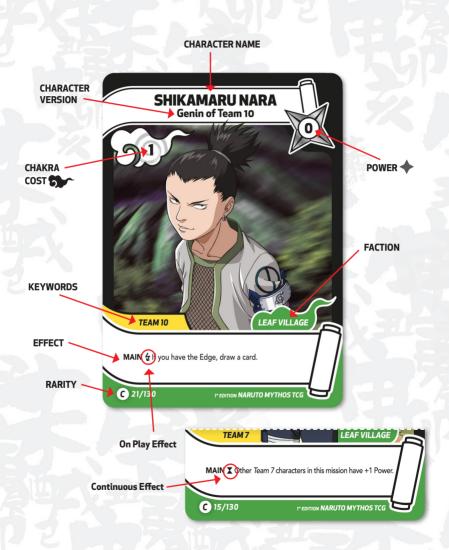
**4** On play: Activates when the character is played face-up.

▼ Continuous: Remains active as long as the character is face-up on the field.

**RARITY** - Represents the chance of finding the card in a booster pack.

KEYWORDS - Keywords can be relevant in interactions with other cards and effects.

**FACTION** - The character's faction, which may interact with other effects.





#### MISSION CARDS

All Mission cards give a reward of a base number of **Mission points** , as well as additional points based on their **rank** in play.

The rank of a Mission card is determined by which Round it is put into play. For example, the mission that comes into play on the first Round is considered the **D-rank mission** and rewards only 1 additional point, while the Mission card that comes into play at the start of the second Round is a **C-rank mission** and gives 2 additional points. Likewise, a **B-rank** and **A-rank** mission will come into play in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Round and award an additional 3 points or 4 points respectively.

TITLE - The title of the Mission.

MISSION POINTS - The base points awarded to the winner of this mission.

**EFFECT** - Effects that activate either during scoring or while in play.





#### **TOKENS**

Inside the Ninja Card Game Starter Pack, you'll find a set of tokens used to track your Chakra Points and Mission Points during the game. Simply place the tokens on your play area and adjust them as your points increase or decrease throughout the match. You will also find one Edge token sive it to the player who has an Edge during missions (more on that later).

If you don't have the tokens with you, feel free to use any small objects, dice or even create your own custom tokens to keep track of your points.









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**EDGE TOKEN** 

# How to build your first deck

Your deck must contain at least 30 cards.

You can have an unlimited number of Character cards with the same name, but only up to 2 copies of a specific version of a character. The version of the Character is indicated by the name of the expansion and the numerical code on the bottom of the card. Art Variants of the same coded character don't count as a different one.



Example: You can include any number of Naruto Uzumaki cards in your deck, but only up to 2 copies of Naruto Uzumaki - Genin of the Leaf Village (1° Edition 9/130) in your deck.

Other than your personal deck, each player also chooses 3 of their preferred **Mission cards** to potentially be used in the game.

These Mission cards are NOT mixed in with your personal deck and are instead shuffled together with the other Mission cards chosen by your opponent during game setup.



30 CHARACTER CARDS (max. 2 copies of the same Character version)



3 MISSION CARDS



## Setup

Randomly determine the first player. That player gains the Edge token



Both players shuffle the 3 Mission cards they chose for this game face-down and randomly select 2 of them. The 2 cards from each player are then shuffled together to form the mission deck comprised of a total of 4 cards. Each player will be left with 1 Mission card that will not be used in this game and should put it aside, making sure to keep it face-down at all times.

Both players shuffle their personal deck and draw 5 cards into their hand. Then, each player may choose to return all of the cards in their hand to their deck, reshuffle, and redraw 5 cards from their deck. Each player can only do this once.



# **Round phases**

#### START PHASE > ACTION PHASE > MISSION PHASE > END PHASE > NEW ROUND START PHASE

Detailed explanations of each phase within a single Round can be found below.

### **Start phase**

First, a **Mission card** is drawn from the top of the **Mission deck** and placed face-up between the players, added to those already in play if present. Then each player gains a base **5 Chakra (a)**, plus 1 additional Chakra for each character they have in play, including hidden characters. Finally, each player draws 2 cards from their deck into their hand and proceed to the Action phase.





### **Action phase**

The player with the **Edge token** at takes the first turn of this phase.

Players take turns playing 1 character onto a mission on the field. Characters can be played **straight** from the hand face-up, or **hidden** by being placed face-down.

A player may also choose to reveal a hidden character that was previously placed face-down on a previous turn (see How to play Character cards). A player who either cannot or does not want to play any more Character cards can instead choose to pass. The first player to pass on any given Round gains (or keeps) the Edge token. Once a player passes, the other player may play successive turns one after the other until they also choose to pass. Remember that the player with the Edge token gains the benefits of being the first player on the next Round as well as the winner of any ties. Once both players have passed, move on to the Mission evaluation phase.

## Mission evaluation phase

Compare the total **Power** of the characters for each player on each mission, starting with the **D-rank** mission. The player with the most Power **wins** that mission and if there is a tie, the player with the **Edge token** wins.

Once the winner of that mission has been determined, that player must activate any **SCORE effects** that are present on the Mission card or their Character cards assigned to that mission.

You need to have at least 1 Power to win and score a mission.

Proceed to do the same with any other Mission cards on the battlefield, in order of rank. You should be scoring a number of missions equal to the number of the current Round.





## **End phase**



## **How to play Character cards**

When it's your turn, you must play a Character card or pass your turn, no longer participating in the action phase for the rest of the Round.

You have multiple options for playing cards. You can:

- Play a card from your hand face-up to a mission, paying its Chakra cost face, applying its effects.
- Play a card from your hand **face-down** to a mission, paying **1 Chakra .** This character is now **hidden**. Don't activate its effects.
- Reveal and play a hidden character, turning it face-up, paying its printed Chakra cost and applying its effects, including Ambush effects. Revealing a hidden character is considered to be the same as playing a character in respect to interactions with any other card effects.

Remember that **you can only have 1 Character card** with the same **character name** assigned to any given mission on your side of the field.

To pay the **Chakra cost**, return Chakra tokens of an equal **Chakra point** a value to the shared resource pool. You may check the cost of your own hidden characters in private to make sure you have enough Chakra points to reveal them.

After you play a character face-up, activate any MAIN effects on it.

After playing a card, your turn ends and it is now your opponent's turn, assuming they have not already passed this Round. If your opponent has already passed, you may continue to take another turn until you also decide to pass.



Playing a face up card

#### **Hidden Characters**

Instead of playing a card face up, you can play it face down, and this means the Character card is hidden. To play a hidden character, you pay only 1 Chakra (no matter what the printed cost of the card is). They have 0 Power and 0 cost when targeted as a character by other effects.

You can also reveal a hidden character on your turn by paying its full printed **Chakra cost** . This is treated as playing a character, so any effects that let you play a character include hidden characters as well.

When you play a character from hidden, you apply both MAIN effects and AMBUSH effects. Remember that AMBUSH effects are NOT activated if a Character card is initially placed face-up from hand instead of first being played as a hidden character.

Remember that you can always play and reveal hidden characters, even if they don't have any AMBUSH effects.









## **Characters Upgrades**

As mentioned before, you can't assign Character cards sharing the same name to the same mission side. However, you can **upgrade** a character by playing a Character card with the same name but with a **higher Chakra cost** (not with the same or lower cost).

When doing so, you only need to pay the difference in **Chakra cost** rather than the full cost of the new Character card.

For example, playing a **5 cost** card over a **4 cos**t card of the same name would only require **1 Chakra point**.

When upgrading a card, fully cover the lower cost card and all text on the old lower cost card is no longer referenced during gameplay. Apply the **MAIN effects** and **UPGRADE effects** of the new higher cost card.

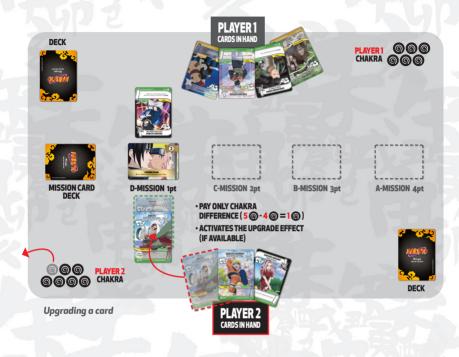
Upgraded characters count as a **single character**: if an effect should target them, you need to apply its effect to the entire stack (for example, if you need to defeat an upgraded character, you have to discard all cards of the pile).

Upgraded characters retain the status of the previous card.

For example, when upgrading a Character card that has **Power tokens**  $\spadesuit$  on them, they transfer over to the newly played Character card.







## **Edge token**

The first player to pass during the Action phase gains, or keeps, the **Edge token** . The player with the Edge token wins all **ties** during the **Mission evaluation** phase and they are the starting player for the next Round.

#### **Power Tokens**

Power tokens ♦ are used to keep track of modified Power values on Character cards. When you need to add Power tokens ♦ to a card, add Chakra tokens from the reserve or any other tokens: as long as they are on a card, they are considered Power tokens. Any Power token on a character adds +1 Power to that character. At the end of each Round, remove any Power tokens on every character on board. The main way to add Power tokens on a character is the POWERUP effect.

Hidden characters can receive Power tokens and therefore their Power changes. Power tokens stay on the character even when it changes condition from Hidden to face up and vice versa.

#### **Effects**

Card **effects** are applied according to the **timing** indicated, as well as in order from top to bottom.

All effects are considered optional unless stated otherwise within the text.

If playing a Character card triggers an effect on a different card already in play, apply those triggered effects first before applying the effects of the new played Character card. If there are multiple triggered effects at the same time, the active player who played in this turn chooses in which order they apply.

Be careful: some Upgrade effects modify parts of other effects, for example:



Remember to integrate the change when applying the MAIN effect.



## Winning the game

At the end of the 4th Round, the player with the most Mission points wins! In case of a tie, the player in control of the Edge token at the end of the game is the winner.

		PLAYER 1				PLAYER 2			
MISSION	D	C	В	A	D	С	В	Α	
1st Round	1+3	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	
2nd Round	1+3	0	-	÷	0	2+2	-	-	
3rd Round	0	0	3+2	-	1+3	2+2	0		
4rd Round	1+3	0	3+2	0	0	2+2	0	4+3	
Partial Tot.	12	0	10	0	4	12	0	7	
TOTAL		22			23 WIN!				

**Example of round-by-round counting** 

# **Play etiquette**

- · You can always look at your own hidden characters
- You should always be clear about the order of the played characters, especially hidden cards: please do not move them around during play, and help the opponent if they ask about playing order.

# Glossary

**Personal deck:** Your deck of cards. If you need to draw from your deck and there are no more cards, nothing happens.

**Discard pile**: The zone of the play area where your own discarded cards are placed.

Do not rearrange the order of the cards during play unless any effect says so.

MAIN: This effect triggers every time you play the character

**UPGRADE**: This effect triggers only when you play the character as un upgrade.

**AMBUSH**: This effect triggers only when you play (i.e. reveal) this character from hidden state.

**SCORE**: This effect triggers only when you win the mission.

**CHAKRA +X**: This character provides X additional Chakra points in the Start phase (in addition to the normal Chakra production)

**POWERUP X**: Put X Power tokens on a character. If not specified, the target is the same character that triggered the effect.

**Hidden**: Any Character card that is face down.

Non-hidden: Any Character card that is face up.

**Defeat**: The character is placed in the discard pile of the owner.

Hide: The character is turned face down.

Move: Place the character in another mission, following what the effect states.

**Take control**: The card is temporarily in your control. If any effect would remove it from play, it goes back in control of the original owner. You can keep track of ownership using any preferred method.







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