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### Types of Events at NOVA Open

- **Board Game Library:** Board Games at NOVA Open would not be possible without the help of our amazing sponsors. Check out tons of games, including favorites like Pandemic, Catan, Ticket to Ride and more - for kids of all ages.
- **Play to Win:** We will have a selection of “Play to Win” games in our Board game library new in 2023. If you play these games, and the end of the convention you’ll be entered into a raffle to win the copy to bring the copy home with you.
- **Learnings:** Don’t know how to play a game? No problem! We’ll teach you, and you’ll immediately get to put your skills to use in a short two round tournament.
- **National Qualifier Tournaments:** Board Games at NOVA Open offers competitive as well as casual play, including National Qualifier events. Returning in 2023, we will be a Catan National Qualifier Tournament. We hope to announce more National Qualifier Tournaments leading up to the convention.
- **Demos:** Board games at NOVA Open will offer formal and informal demos to attendees throughout the convention. Please check closer to the convention for a schedule.
- **Social Games:** Get to know hang out with fellow attendees and enjoy the experience of being at NOVA!

Experienced staff from NOVA Open will be available to teach and answer any questions you might have. Register for scheduled games or stop by anytime to see what might be going on.

Return to this link between now and August 15 to check for updates!



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### EVENT SCHEDULE

#### WEDNESDAY

17:00-02:00 – Board Game Room open!

20:00-22:00 – *Magic the Gathering* Meetup: Commander and Standard (Drop-in)

#### THURSDAY

09:00-02:00 – Board Game Room open!

10:00-11:00 – Kids Board Game Hour

13:00-17:00 – Learn-ament: Wingspan

18:00-19:00 – Board Game Power Hour

20:00-22:00 – *Magic the Gathering* Meetup: Commander and Standard (Drop-in)

21:00-22:00 – Late Night Board Game Hangs

#### FRIDAY

09:00-02:00 – Board Game Room open!

10:00-11:00 – Kids Board Game Hour

18:00-19:00 – Board Game Power Hour

14:30-17:30 – Learn-ament: Azul

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#### SATURDAY

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#### 13:00-17:00 – Learn-ament: *Wingspan* (16 players)

Want to learn the rules and then play a few games? Learn and play *Wingspan*, where you will be attracting a beautiful and diverse collection of birds to your wildlife reserve. We will start with a short demo, then move into a two-round tournament.

#### 18:00-19:00 – Board Game Power Hour

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#### 13:00-15:30 – Learn-ament: *Azul* (16 players)

Want to learn the rules and then play a few games? Learn-aments let you put your new skills into action! Learn and play *Azul*, where your goal is to artfully embellish the walls of your palace by drafting the most beautiful tiles. We will start with a short demo, then move into a two-round tournament.

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#### 10:00-17:00 – Catan National Qualifier Tournament – Preliminary Rounds

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This is Day 1 of the tournament, with three preliminary rounds. Check-in on Saturday for the preliminary rounds will begin at 10:00am, and rules overview will start at 10:30am. All participants must be checked in and verified before the rules overview. At 11:00am, we will start the first round. Following the conclusion of the first round, we will take an hour break for lunch, then proceed to Round 2. We will take a 15-minute break after Round 2, then finish with Round 3. Following Round 3, we will determine the Top 16 through tournament point rankings.

The Top 16 will return on Sunday for the Semifinals and Finals rounds. At 10:00am, players will check in. Players must be checked in by 10:30am. At 10:30, a brief rules refresher will be conducted, and at 10:45 the semifinal round will begin. Following the semifinals, there will be a 1-hour break. The four winners of the semifinals will move to the finals round, and the winner of the finals round will win a seat at the Catan National Tournament (date TBD).

End times for this event are approximate we cannot be certain of exact round start and end times.

Please note, as this is a National Qualifier, all participants must be 18+ years of age and a citizen or a legal resident of the United States, nor can they have already won a seat at a previous season qualifier. Tournament eligibility will be verified at check-in.

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Want to learn the rules and then play a few games? Learn-aments let you put your new skills into action! Learn to play the game for the first hour, then a two-round tournament, with the top player from each game moving to the final round. Learn and play *Ticket to Ride*, where you are building your railroad across North America to connect cities and complete tickets. We'll also be teaching *Ticket to Ride Jr.* For our youngest





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