

In a game of **Longboat** players take the roll of brave **Jarls** sailing down **The River**, to fill their **Boats** with loyal **Vikings** in search of **Loot** and **Glory**.

Players will take it in turns to draft cards from a central pool called **The River** and add them to their **Boat**.

Some cards will trigger special actions that will affect the flow of the game. These can be used to either benefit yourself or make things harder for your opponents.

Once all the cards have been drafted, the player with the most **Glorious Boat** wins!

SETUP

First each player selects a **Colour** and gathers all the cards of that colour.



Any unchosen colours are returned to the box.

In a 2 or 4 player game, each player must also remove 2 random cards of their colour that are not a Jarl or Figurehead and return them to the box.

In the case of a **2** or **4 player** game, each player should now have **20 Cards**.

In a **3 player** game they should each have **22 Cards**.



Next, players should find their Figurehead and Jarl cards and place them side by side to form their **Boat**.



This is where you will keep your **Vikings**, **Loot**, and **Sheep**.

Make sure you have plenty of space, because your **Boat** will be getting a lot longer!

All remaining cards are pooled and shuffled to form the **Play Deck**.



Lastly, **12 cards** are drawn from the top of the **Play Deck** and laid out character side up, in the arrangement shown bellow:



These cards are **The River**, from which players will be drafting **Vikings**, **Loot**, and **Sheep**!

You are now ready for the first round!



PLAY

Starting with the bravest player. Players take turns to chose a card from the *bottom row* of **The River**, and add them to their **Boat**.





When a card is taken from the river any cards above it are moved down to fill the gap.



If the chosen card was a **Berserker**, **Drummer**, or **Sheep**, then a **Special Action** is played.

Once the **Special Action** (if any) has been resolved, play moves to the next player clockwise.



Players keep drafting cards in order, until there are none left in **The River**. Then the round is over.

Now players must calculate the **Speed** of their **Boat**. This is done by adding up the number of **Vikings** on the **Boat** and subtracting the number of **Sheep**.

A Viking is any card with a person on it. This also includes Drummers, Berserkers, and Jarls.



A Sheep is a Sheep.





Remake **The River** from the **Play Deck** as on Card 3.

The Fastest Boat

Then the new round begins with the player who's **Boat** has the highest **Speed**.

The Loyalest Boat

If there is a draw the player with the most **Shields** of their colour on their **Boat** goes first.

The Longest Boat

If there is still a draw, then the **Boat** with the most cards in it goes first.

Play continues in this fashion until there are no cards left in either **The River** or **Play Deck**. Then the game is over and the player with the most **Glory** wins!



SPECIAL ACTIONS

Some cards will trigger **Special Actions** that you can use to help yourself or hinder other players. These are **Drummers**, **Berserkers**, and **Sheep**.

Drummers and Berserkers can be identified by their Shields:

Drummer

Berserker





Sheep are Sheep.



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When a player drafts a **Drummer** from **The River** they may then select any two of the remaining cards in **The River** and switch their positions.



BERSERKER



When a player drafts a **Berserker** from **The River** they may then **Steal** any 1 **Loot** card from one other players **Boat** and add it to their own.





When a player drafts a **Sheep** from **The River** they may play it into another players **Boat**. This slows the other player down and robs them of **Glory**





Any **Loot** card added to your **Boat**, that has a **Shield** that matches your chosen colour, cannot be stolen by **Berserkers**. This **Loot** is worth the most **Glory**!





Your final score is calculated by adding the following:

SPEED

Number of **Vikings** minus number of **Sheep. Loot** does not affect **Speed**, it is far too glorious!

LOYALTY

Players score 1 point for every Shield on their Boat of their chosen Colour. Even those on Sheep, Loot, and Jarls.

LOOT

Players score **3 points** for every **Loot** card on their **Boat**. Glorious!

SPEED + LOYALTY + LOOT = GLORY!