

HEROES OF Tenefyr



Rule book

Introduction

Heroes of Tenefyr is a cooperative deck-building game where players need to work together to improve the strength of their adventuring party to withstand the incoming threat of evil.

Components



4 Hero cards
depicting the 4
heroes



4 Skill cards
1 for each hero's
special skill



48 Basic cards
24 Basic 0 cards
and
24 Basic 1 cards



70 Dungeon cards
14 for each level



16 Boss cards
4 cards for each of the
4 different bosses

15 Reward cards
3 for each level



1 Boss track



1 Boss token



1 Starting player token



1 Quick overview

At the back of the rulebook



Set up

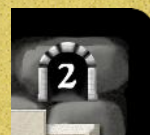


The image above shows the setup for a 3 player game.

- 1 Each player chooses a Hero (Barbarian, Bard, Cleric or Thief) and takes the corresponding Hero and Skill cards.
- 2 Give each player six Basic 1 cards and six Basic 0 cards. Each player shuffles their Basic cards and their Skill card together to form their Deck of 13 cards.

In a two player game, each player chooses two Heroes and takes Hero and Skill cards for both. Each player still uses one deck, with the same 12 Basic cards, but they count as both heroes. (They are exceptionally skilled heroes who have mastered two specialties) Shuffle both Skill cards into your deck.

- 3 Sort the Dungeon cards by level (the number in the top-right corner, from 1-5) For each level, create 2 decks of 4 random cards each. Place these decks face-down in the middle of the table. This results in 10 decks total (two level 1 decks, two level 2 decks, etc) Flip the top card of each deck face up. These decks represent the dungeons filled with monsters.



- 4 All the remaining Dungeon cards are set aside, face down to form the Reserve. Some cards, like the Thief Skill, will interact with the Reserve.
- 5 Sort the Reward cards by level (the number in the top-left corner) and place a random face-up Reward card next to each Dungeon. (A level 1 Dungeon gets a level 1 Reward card, a level 2 Dungeon gets a level 2 Reward card, etc.) These are the rewards you get for completing a Dungeon. Place the remaining Reward cards back in the box. They are not used this game.

- 6 Select a Boss either randomly, or choose whichever one you want to fight. Take all 4 Boss cards associated with that Boss and shuffle them together to form the Boss deck. Place the Boss deck to the right of the Dungeons and flip the top card face up. Place the other Boss cards back in the box. They are not used this game.
- 7 Place the Boss track next to the Boss deck and place the Boss token on the starting spot, marked Easy, Normal or Hard.
- 8 Randomly decide, or choose who gets the starting player token.

If this is your first time playing: Place the Boss token on the Easy spot and choose the Dark Lord boss.

Jack, Bob and Suzie are playing Heroes of Tenefyr together. They've set up the game, Jack chose to be the Barbarian, Bob picked the Cleric and Suzie went with the Thief. They randomly selected a Boss and placed the Boss token on the spot marked easy. After some discussion, they decided that Jack should be the starting player, so he took the starting player token. They're now ready to start the game.

Object of the game

Players enter Dungeons to defeat monsters, and claim loot to improve their decks until the Evil Boss attacks. If you manage to defeat the Boss, everybody wins! If you don't, everybody loses.

This is a cooperative game, which means you're all working together to beat the Boss.

Your deck

Each player has their own deck of cards, which represents their hero. Your deck starts out small and simple, but as you defeat enemies, your deck grows with the loot you collect, and your hero grows more powerful.

Each player starts with 12 Basic cards, and 1 unique Skill card. The Basic cards come in two types: Basic 1 and Basic 0. Basic 1 cards represent a hit with 1 Power. Basic 0 cards represent a miss (0 Power)

The Skill cards have powerful special abilities that can be used when drawn, and are unique for each hero.

Each player also has their own discard pile. When a player discards cards, the cards are placed in that player's own discard pile. The cards in discard piles are public information, meaning you can look through discard piles at any time, to see what cards have been used.

Your hero card simply shows which hero you are and remains in front of you on the table. It is not part of your deck.

The Basic flow of the game

The heroes will enter a Dungeon together and fight for several rounds against different enemies until the Dungeon is cleared, or the heroes leave the Dungeon. By defeating enemies, the players improve their decks with collected loot from Dungeon cards.

If a Dungeon is cleared, the players get a reward, which often helps improve their decks further, or gives a temporary advantage.

During the game, the Boss token will move forward on the Boss track, until it reaches the spot marked with the skull. At that point, the Boss attacks and the game comes to an end after the fight.

Dungeon card example

All dungeon cards are made up of two parts. An enemy part and a loot part. The enemy part (top) is used in Dungeons. When a hero defeats an enemy, they get the loot part of the card. The loot part (bottom) represents an item found, or a new technique learned, which gives the hero a new option in combat.



- 1 Power**
An enemy's power depends on the number of players. With 3 players, this card has 5 power.
- 2 Dungeon level**
This card is in a Level 1 Dungeon.
- 3 Name**
This enemy is an orc.
- 4 Special rules**
A lot of enemies have special rules that happen before, during or after combat.
- 5 Power**
When a hero uses this card, it has 1 power.
- 6 Name**
This attack is a quick strike.
- 7 Special rules**
Most cards have special rules that happen when the card is played.
- 8 Flavor text**
This has no effect on the game.

Entering a Dungeon

Players decide together which Dungeon to enter. It's advised to start with a Level 1 Dungeon, but you're free to choose.

Dungeons contain 4 enemies to defeat. The top card is face-up, showing the first enemy, but the remaining enemies are hidden at the start.

It's time to enter the first Dungeon. Jack wants to go to the bottom level 1 Dungeon, because the enemy on top is only a weak Kobold. Bob and Suzie agree.

Combat

After entering the Dungeon, it's time to fight the first enemy. Most enemies have special rules that take place at the start of or during the combat.

The power of the enemy is in the top-left of the card. An enemy's power depends on the number of players. During combat, starting with the starting player and moving clockwise, players take turns fighting the enemy.

A player's turn consists of the following steps:

Draw step

First, draw a hand of 3 cards from your deck. (some enemy cards might make you draw more or less than 3)

Then, decide if you want to keep your hand or not. If you keep your hand, proceed to the Play step. If you don't want to keep your hand, place all the cards into your discard pile and draw a new hand of 3 cards. You can repeat this step as many times as you want, until you run out of cards in your deck.

Play step

During the play step, you must play all the cards from your hand, but you can do this in the order of your choice. When you play a card, you place it in front of you and resolve the effect of the card before playing the next card.

All cards have a power number in the upper left corner which is added to your total power for this combat.

Many cards have special effects that happen when the card is played. Some cards ask you to discard cards from your deck or hand. A card that has been played is no longer in your hand, so it cannot be discarded.

You must play all the cards in your hand, even if playing a card is undesirable.

All of your played cards stay in front of you until the end of the combat.

End step

Check if the enemy has been defeated. If the combined power of all players is greater than or equal to the enemy power, you have defeated the enemy and the combat ends. If the enemy has not been defeated, the next player, proceeding in clockwise order, takes their turn.

If the enemy has not been defeated and each player has already taken a turn, the players are defeated and the combat ends.

If a player runs out of cards in their deck, they become exhausted. They still take their turn like normal, but are simply unable to contribute anything.

The Kobold attacks! Because they're playing with 3 players, the Kobold has 3 power.

Jack is the starting player, so he begins and draws the top 3 cards of his deck. He draws one Basic 1 card and two Basic 0 cards for a total of 1 power. Not a great hand, but he decides to keep it and plays all his cards, putting them on the table in front of him.

Bob is next, so he also draws 3 cards from his deck. Three Basic 0 cards. That's terrible. He decides to discard his hand, placing the 3 cards in his discard pile, and draws a new hand of 3 cards. This time he draws two Basic 1 cards and one Basic 0. That's enough, so he keeps his hand and plays all his cards.

Bob and Jack's combined power is now 3, enough to defeat the Kobold. Since the Kobold was defeated in Bob's turn, he's the one who gets the loot. Bob takes the Kobold card, turns the card around, and places it into his discard pile.



End of combat

Some enemies have effects that happen at the end of the combat. Always move the starting player token to the next player in clockwise order. All cards that were played during this combat are placed into the discard piles.

Combat can end in 2 ways:

1. The combined power of all players is equal to or greater than the enemy's power: The heroes win!
2. Each player has taken a turn, but their combined power is less than the enemy's power: The enemy wins!

Winning combat

The player in whose turn the enemy was defeated takes the enemy card, rotates it so the loot side of the card is easily readable and places it in their discard pile.

Next, the players will decide together if they wish to continue in the Dungeon or not (without looking at the other cards in the Dungeon).

- If you decide to continue: Flip the top card of the current Dungeon face up and start another round of combat.
- If you decide to stop, you will leave the Dungeon and rest. See "Leaving the Dungeon" on page 7.

If all enemies in a Dungeon have been defeated, the Dungeon has been cleared. You leave the Dungeon and get your reward. See "Leaving the Dungeon" and "Dungeon Rewards" on page 7.

Losing combat

If the enemy has not been defeated after each player has taken their turn, the enemy wins and the players are kicked out of the Dungeon.

- Leave the enemy card face up in the Dungeon.
- See "Leaving the Dungeon" on page 7.

Leaving the Dungeon

When you leave the Dungeon, willingly or forcefully, several things happen:

- Move the Boss token one step forward on the Boss Track if you willingly left the Dungeon -or- move the Boss token two steps forward on the Boss Track if you were kicked out of the Dungeon by an enemy.
- If there is a face-down card on top of the Dungeon, flip it face up now to reveal the next enemy.
- All players shuffle their discard piles back into their decks.
- If you left the Dungeon because you defeated the last enemy in that Dungeon, you get the Reward. See "Dungeon Rewards" below.

After defeating their first Kobold, Jack went through 6 cards, but the others still have plenty of cards left in their decks, so they decide to continue on in the Dungeon. They flip over the top card, revealing a Bandit.

This time, Bob is the starting player, so he takes the first turn, with Suzie next and Jack last.

They all draw and play their cards, and this time Jack is the one who delivers the final blow. He takes the Bandit card and places it in his discard pile. The starting player token moves to Suzie. This battle didn't go so well, and they decide they don't want to take a risk on fighting another enemy right now.

They leave the Dungeon to rest up. They reveal the top card in the Dungeon, showing another Kobold. They probably could have beaten this enemy, but it's too late now. They all shuffle their discard piles back into their decks. Bob and Jack's decks have both improved a little from the loot they got.

Since they left the Dungeon, they move the Boss token one step forward on the Boss track. Valuable time has been lost. They decide to go back into the Dungeon they just left, and this time they'll finish it!

Dungeon Rewards

You get a reward for defeating all the enemies in a Dungeon. The effect on the reward card must be used immediately. Reward cards come in two types:

Each player chooses one

In this case, each player gets to make their own choice and each player gets their own reward.

Choose one together

In this case, the reward is chosen together, and in case the reward is a card, only one of the players gets the reward.

Suzie drew 3 Basic 1 cards and spectacularly defeated the last enemy in the Dungeon. She takes the loot and Jack passes the starting player token to Bob. There are no enemies left in the Dungeon, so they leave and move the Boss Token one step forward again.

They all shuffle their discard piles back into their decks again, but since they cleared the Dungeon, they also get to take the reward. The reward card next to the Dungeon shows that they each have two options: remove two cards from their decks or give one card from their deck to another player.

Bob and Suzie both decide to remove two Basic 0 cards from their decks, so they place those cards back in the reserve and shuffle their decks afterwards.

Jack got a loot card that he thinks might be more useful for Bob, so he decides to give that card to Bob, who shuffles it into his deck.

They all feel a bit more powerful and are ready to take on the next Dungeon.

End of the game

The Boss token moves forward on the Boss track whenever the heroes leave a Dungeon. When the Boss token reaches the end of the Boss Track (the spot marked with a skull), the Boss attacks and the heroes will need to fight it.

Treat the Boss deck the same as a Dungeon and play out the combat as normal, except that Boss cards don't have a loot part. (But there may be normal monsters in the Boss deck that do provide loot)

Each boss has 4 different cards, representing different stages of the fight. You cannot leave, so all the cards in the Boss deck need to be defeated back to back. If the heroes manage to defeat all the cards in the Boss deck, you win the game! If you don't, you lose.

Card clarifications and keywords

If a card contradicts the rules written in this rulebook, follow the card instead of the rules.

If a card tells you to do something, but you can't, do as much as you can. Unless it's a condition (see below)

For instance, if a card says "You may draw three extra cards" and you only have one card left in your deck, you could simply draw that one card.

Remove

Removing a card from your deck or discard pile means the card is placed in the reserve. Removing Basic 0 cards is a good way to improve the quality of your deck.

At the start of the combat

Many enemies have an effect that happens "At the start of the combat". This happens before the players take their turns.

At the end of the combat

This happens when the enemy has been defeated.

Dungeon

When a card mentions a Dungeon, this can also be applied to the Boss deck. So for instance, if a card lets you reorder the cards in the current Dungeon, you could also reorder the cards in the Boss deck if you're currently fighting the Boss.

Conditions

When a card mentions a condition to do something, and you cannot fully fulfill that condition, its effect won't happen. For instance, if a card says "Discard the top two cards of your deck to double the total power of one player" and you only have 1 card left in your deck, you can't use its effect. But you can still play the card and gain the power from it.

Searching

Some cards let you search your deck for cards. When you do, always shuffle your deck afterwards.

Timing

In some cases, the timing in which card effects happen matters. If this is the case, the player whose turn it is decides in what order the effects happen.

For instance, if the enemy card gives all Basic cards -1 power, and you have a Basic 1 card and a card that doubles the power of another card, you could decide to double the power of the Basic 1 first, and then apply the -1 power from the enemy.

The Reserve

The reserve consists of all the unused Dungeon cards from level 1 to level 5.

If a card tells you to take a card from the reserve and there are no cards left from that specific level, you can take a card that is one level lower than the specified level.

Difficult choices

If the heroes have to make a choice together (for instance for a reward, or deciding to continue in a dungeon) and you can't come to an agreement, the player with the starting player token has the final word.

Monsters on the move

Some enemies will move to a different Dungeon. When there is no Dungeon to move to, create a new Dungeon with that enemy, but don't add a new Reward card.

Solo mode

It's possible to play Heroes of Tenefyr by yourself with just a few changes.

Your deck

Select 2 heroes and take their Hero and Skill cards. Add 12 Basic 1 and 9 Basic 0 cards to form your starting deck.

Combat

The enemy power is the same as in a 2 player game.

You take 2 turns to defeat enemies and add up the power from both turns.

When a card specifically mentions other players, you can apply it to yourself.

When a card mentions the starting player, this only affects your first turn in combat.

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Quick Overview

Choose a Dungeon together, then fight the first enemy.

Combat

When it's your turn:

Draw step

Draw 3 cards.

Discard your entire hand and draw 3 new cards as many times as you want.

Play step

Play all the cards from your hand in the order of your choice.

End step

Check if the enemy has been defeated. If not, the next player takes their turn.

End of combat

Combat ends when the enemy is defeated, or when all players have taken their turn.

If the enemy was defeated, give the loot to the player in whose turn it was defeated.

Discard all played cards and give the starting player token to the next player.

If you won

Decide to continue in the dungeon or leave.

If you lost

Leave the dungeon.

Leaving the Dungeon

Move the Boss token 1 step forward, or 2 steps if you lost combat.

Flip a Dungeon card face up if you need to.

Shuffle your discard pile back into your deck.

Claim a reward if you cleared the Dungeon.

End of the game

When the Boss token reaches the end, fight the Boss.