


Legend of the Five Rings



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This document contains a reference of information necessary to build decks for organized play events. It contains a list of functional errata and the quarterly-updated banned and restricted lists. New entries and changes from previous editions will be noted in this space. Changes noted in [blue text](#).

Card Errata

This section contains a list of changes to cards that are not reflected on the original printing of those cards. These changes to the cards alter how they are played during the game regardless of format.

City of the Open Hand (Core Set, 6)

Should read: "gain 1 honor."

(Replaces "take 1 honor from that player.")

Restoration of Balance (Core Set, 10)

Should read: "Interrupt: When this province is broken..."

(Replaces "Reaction: After this province is revealed...")

Kuroi Mori (Core Set, 12)

Should read: "Cannot be a stronghold province."

(Added "Cannot be a stronghold province.")

Against the Waves (Core Set, 117)

Should read: "Choose a **Shugenja** character you control"

(Added "you control")

Kyūden Isawa (Disciples of the Void, 1)

Should read: "During a conflict, bow this stronghold and discard a **Spell** event from your hand"

(Added "and discard a **Spell** event from your hand")

Daidoji Uji (Masters of the Court, 11)

Should read: "While this character is honored, you may play each character in your provinces as if it were in your hand."

(Removed "reducing its cost by 1.")

Those Who Serve (The Emperor's Legion, 28)

Should read: "(to a minimum of 1)."

(Replaces "(to a minimum of 0).")

Kaiu Shihobu (Defenders of Rokugan, 10)

Should read: "Put a facedown holding under your stronghold province into play in an unbroken non-stronghold province..."

(Replaces "Put a facedown holding under your stronghold province into an unbroken non-stronghold province...")

Feast or Famine (Imperial Cycle, 41)

Should read: "...move 1 fate from that character to a character you control."

(Replaces "move each fate from that character to a character you control with no fate.")

Hawk Tattoo (Elemental Cycle, 75)

Should read: "Attach to a character you control."


(Added "Attach to a character you control.")


Stay Your Hand (Children of the Empire, 80)

Should read: "When a duel that targets a character you control would resolve"

(Replaces "When an opponent initiates a duel that targets a character you control")

Butcher of the Fallen (Dominion Cycle, 31)

Should read: "While this character is attacking, characters with less  skill than the number of unbroken provinces you control cannot be declared as defenders."

(Replaces "While this character is attacking, characters with printed  skill X or less cannot be declared as defenders, where X is the number of unbroken provinces you control.")

Stoke Insurrection (Dominion Cycle, 113)

Should read: "During a conflict – reveal each facedown card in your opponent's provinces. Then, put up to 2 characters with total printed cost 6 or lower from their provinces into play..."

(Replaces "During a conflict, reveal each facedown card in your opponent's provinces. Then, choose up to 2 characters in their provinces - put those characters into play...")

Unbridled Ambition (Dominion Cycle, 116)

Should read: "Cannot be a stronghold province."

(Added "Cannot be a stronghold province.")

Stronghold Banned List

When deckbuilding for the stronghold format, a player may not include any copies of any of the following cards in their decks and set of provinces.

- Guest of Honor (Core Set, 51)
- Bayushi Liar (Core Set, 95)
- [Forged Edict \(Core Set, 184\)](#)
- Spyglass (Core Set, 193)
- Charge! (Core Set, 210)
- Isawa Tadaka (Disciples of the Void, 10)
- Karada District (Imperial Cycle, 4)
- Policy Debate (Imperial Cycle, 40)
- Master of Gisei Toshi (Imperial Cycle, 88)
- Kanjo District (Imperial Cycle, 108)
- Jurōjin's Curse (Elemental Cycle, 55)
- Hidden Moon Dōjō (Elemental Cycle, 68)
- [Magistrate Station \(Elemental Cycle, 102\)](#)
- Mirumoto Daishō (Children of the Empire, 58)
- Gateway to Meido (Inheritance Cycle, 3)
- Lost Papers (Dominion Cycle, 61)

Skirmish Banned List

When deckbuilding for the skirmish format, a player may not include any copies of any of the following cards in their decks.

- Guest of Honor (Core Set, 51)
- Spyglass (Core Set, 193)
- Charge! (Core Set, 210)
- Alibi Artist (Underhand of the Emperor, 4)
- Karada District (Imperial Cycle, 4)
- Windswept Yurt (Imperial Cycle, 11)
- The Imperial Palace (Imperial Cycle, 72)
- Way of the Chrysanthemum (Imperial Cycle, 80)
- Master of Gisei Toshi (Imperial Cycle, 88)
- Kanjo District (Imperial Cycle, 108)
- Hidden Moon Dōjō (Elemental Cycle, 68)
- Mirumoto Daishō (Children of the Empire, 58)
- Prayers to Ebisu (Children of the Empire, 82)
- Chronicler of Conquests (Dominion Cycle, 35)
- Lost Papers (Dominion Cycle, 61)

Stronghold Restricted List

When deckbuilding for the stronghold format, a player may select one card from the restricted list to include in their decks, and cannot include any other restricted cards in their decks and set of provinces. A player may run as many copies of their chosen restricted card in a deck as the regular game rules (or card text) allow.

- [City of the Open Hand \(Core Set, 6\)](#)
- Keeper Initiate (Core Set, 124)
- Rebuild (Core Set, 136)
- Mirumoto's Fury (Core Set, 159)
- Display of Power (Core Set, 179)
- [Forged Edict \(Core Set, 184\)](#)
- Duty (Underhand of the Emperor, 22)
- Tactical Ingenuity (The Emperor's Legion, 21)
- Embrace the Void (Imperial Cycle, 16)
- Pathfinder's Blade (Imperial Cycle, 31)
- The Imperial Palace (Imperial Cycle, 72)
- Consumed by Five Fires (Imperial Cycle, 96)
- Cunning Magistrate (Imperial Cycle, 97)
- A Fate Worse than Death (Imperial Cycle, 98)
- Iron Mine (Imperial Cycle, 103)
- Kuni Laboratory (Elemental Cycle, 84)
- Mark of Shame (Elemental Cycle, 97)
- [Magistrate Station \(Elemental Cycle, 102\)](#)
- Kakita Toshimoko (Children of the Empire, 14)
- Bayushi Shoju (Inheritance Cycle, 121)
- [Common Cause \(Clan War, 65\)](#)
- Ikoma Tsanuri (Dominion Cycle, 79)
- Contested Countryside (Dominion Cycle, 106)
- [Doji Diplomat \(Dominion Cycle, 119\)](#)
- [Bayushi Kachiko \(Dominion Cycle, 124\)](#)

Enlightenment Banned List

When deckbuilding for the enlightenment multiplayer format, a player may not include any copies of any of the following cards in their decks and set of provinces.

- Display of Power (Core Set, 179)
- Togashi Tadakatsu (Disciples of the Void, 15)
- Karada District (Imperial Cycle, 4)
- Ide Tadaki (Imperial Cycle, 29)
- Jurōjin's Curse (Elemental Cycle, 55)
- Roving Michibiku (Elemental Cycle, 118)
- Severed from the Stream (Children of the Empire, 67)