

A WAR OF WHISPERS

Variant Rules

These variants are intended for players who are already familiar with the normal rules for A War of Whispers. They can be used individually or in combination to provide an experience that is more tailored to individual preferences.

KEEP YOUR SECRETS

During end-game scoring, add an additional point for each *unrevealed* loyalty token.

TO EACH THEIR OWN

During setup, each player is randomly assigned Devout loyalty to a different empire.

Take a single set of loyalty tokens (e.g. all five of the Cult of the Rat loyalty tokens) and randomly distribute one to each player. Each player looks at that loyalty token and returns it without revealing what they got. Each player places their own copy of that loyalty token face down on their Devout (x4) slot. They then randomly place their remaining four loyalty tokens face down on the other loyalty slots on their player board.

COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE

During the Swap Phase, players do not reveal swapped loyalty tokens. Immediately after the Swap Phase, add an Expose Loyalty Phase as follows.

Starting with the current first player and proceeding clockwise:

- You choose one empire not yet revealed by the opponent to your left.
- That opponent must reveal that empire's position on their player board.
- You receive (or lose) points equal to the multiplier value of the revealed loyalty token.

Example: You choose the Lion empire. The player to your left reveals that the Lion empire is in their Devout loyalty slot. You gain 4 points because Devout has a "x4" multiplier.

As in a traditional game, once a loyalty token is revealed, it is locked into place and cannot be swapped. The same empire may be chosen by multiple players.

With 3 Swap Phases in the game, you will also have 3 Expose Loyalty Phases and can end up with somewhere between 1 and 9 bonus points depending on how accurately you can guess your opponents' loyalties.

It is recommended to keep track of the bonus points either with additional tokens or a scorepad.

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