

POINT CITY™



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OVERVIEW

POINT CITY is a card-drafting and tableau-building game for 1-4 players. Players take turns collecting resources and building their personal City by constructing Building Cards and competing to score the most points! Constructed buildings help players earn permanent resources for future turns, special bonuses, and points. The player who builds the City worth the most points wins!

COMPONENTS

- 160 Double-sided Resource/Building Cards
- 4 Ingenuity Starting Cards
- 1 Game Reference Card
- 22 Civic Tokens
- 2 Market Tokens
- 1 Rulebook

RESOURCE CARDS (BACK)



BUILDING CARDS (FRONT)



CIVIC TOKENS



MARKET TOKENS



GAME REF. CARD



INGENUITY STARTING CARDS



SETUP

- Sort the Building/Resource Cards into 3 decks based on tier (tiers are indicated by the number of dots in the bottom left hand corner of the card on the building side of each card). Shuffle each deck and place them in piles with their resource side faceup. Based on the number of players, remove/use the following number of cards from each tier:



Player Count	Tier 1 cards to remove	Tier 2 cards to remove	Tier 3 cards to remove
1-2P	-25 (use 40)	-26 (use 24)	-27 (use 18)
3P	-13 (use 52)	-14 (use 36)	-17 (use 28)
4P	-1 (use 64)	-2 (use 48)	-7 (use 38)

Return the removed cards to the game box, they will not be used this game.

- Stack the tier decks on top of one another, with the tier 3 deck on the bottom, the tier 2 deck on top of it, and finally, the tier 1 deck on the top. Place this combined deck of cards in the center of the play area - it will now be referred to as the Draw Pile.
- Draw 16 cards from the Draw Pile to form the Market. Draw cards one-at-a-time, and place them facedown (resource-side up) into a 4 X 4 grid, starting with the top left-most card and proceeding to fill all spaces until the bottom right-most card is placed.

[Note: In setup, and during the game, the order in which cards are added to the Market will always proceed from top-left, across the row, then down to the left-most card of the next row, and so on, with the bottom-right card being the final card.]

- Flip all Civic Tokens facedown and shuffle them. Then, select a number of tokens, based on the number of players (2P: 10, 3P: 12, 4P: 14). Flip the selected tokens faceup and arrange them into a supply so that each can easily be seen by all players.

- 5 Take a number of Ingenuity Starting Cards equal to the number of players and be sure to include the card with the starting player symbol (♂).
- 6 Each player takes one Ingenuity Starting Card at random and turns it over. The player with the starting player symbol (♂) becomes the starting player.

You are now ready to begin the game!

3 PLAYER SETUP EXAMPLE



GAMEPLAY

On your turn, draft any 2 orthogonally adjacent cards from the Market, or draft the top two cards of the Draw Pile.

You may always draft a Resource Card. Take the Resource Card and place it in front of you. This card may be used this turn, or on future turns to provide the required resources to construct a Building Card. Resource Cards with two symbols count as 2 of that resource.



If you have the required resources, you may draft a Building Card. Supply the required resources by discarding Resource Cards or using permanent resources that are provided by your previously constructed buildings.

[Note: If you are not able to construct a building because you do not have the required resources, then you may not draft that Building Card. You must always be able to draft both of the cards you have chosen.]

You may always choose to take the top two cards of the Draw Pile instead of taking two adjacent cards from the Market (the first card will always be known, but the second card will be unknown). You may not select one card from the Draw Pile and one card from the Market. If you choose to draft cards from the Draw Pile, you must draw two cards from the Draw Pile.

Optional Flip Action

If there is a row or column in the Market that contains ALL Resource Cards, you may also, once per turn, before you draft any cards, flip **one** of the Resource Cards in that row or column to its Building Card side. You may do this in order to provide yourself more options of buildings to potentially construct. This is a free, optional action that you may take as long as the conditions described above are met. You may never flip a Building Card to its resource side.

Constructing a Building

Once you have paid the required resources to construct a building (either from Resource Cards, or permanent resources from your previously constructed buildings), place the Building Card into your City (a tableau of cards in front of you). In order to keep track of which permanent resources you have at your disposal, it is recommended that your City take the form shown above. This will keep all of your cards organized and minimize the amount of space your City occupies. **[Note: if a player constructs two buildings in a single turn that require the same resource, they may only use each of their permanent resources once.]**



PERMANENT RESOURCES

Usable on future turns after constructing the building



POINTS

Counted at the end of the game.

REQUIRED BUILDING RESOURCES

Spend resources from hand, or permanent resources to build

EXAMPLE PAYMENT



Spent Resource Cards go to the discard pile.

[Note: Ingenuity Resources act as wild resources and may be used in place of any other resource type.]



Constructing a Civic Building

Some buildings have a civic icon in the top right corner (🏛️). These buildings do not contribute to permanent resources or earn you points directly, but they allow you to select one of the Civic Tokens. Civic Tokens earn you points at the end of the game for different features within your City - primarily for permanent resources on Building Cards you have constructed.



TURN END

Once you have drafted two cards, paid the required resources to construct any Building Cards, and selected any Civic Tokens you have earned, your turn ends and the Market is refilled.

To refill the Market, take 2 cards from the top of the draw pile to refill the spaces in the Market.

[Note: if a player elected to take the top two cards of the draw pile, then this refill step is skipped this turn.]

Refill cards one-at-a-time following the order described in setup (from top-left to bottom-right).



Important: If the card that was drafted from a spot was a Resource Card, flip the card from the draw pile to its building side. If the card that was drafted from a spot was a Building Card, then place the card directly into the Market on its resource side. This creates a dynamic Market of Resource and Building Cards that will evolve based on players' choices.

Players may elect to use the supplied Market Tokens during play to assist in remembering the orientation of cards drafted from the Market. If you choose to use them, place the Market Tokens down in the empty spaces as soon as cards are drawn as a reminder of which way to flip the replacement card when you are refilling the Market.



Alternatively, one of the Market Tokens may be used in the event that no player is able to remember which side of a refilled card should be faceup. Players may agree to use a Market Token as a randomizer. Flip a Market Token like a coin and whichever side lands faceup determines the side of the card that should be placed faceup in the open Market space.

GAME END

The game ends when the Market is no longer able to be refilled because the Draw Pile has been depleted. *[Note: Each player will play exactly 17 turns and the market will have 14 cards remaining in it.]*

SCORING

Players add up the points printed on their constructed Building Cards and the points gained by their Civic Tokens, and the player with the most points wins!

Note: Civic Tokens that score points for certain resource types only score points for permanent resources, not resources on unspent cards.

In the event of a tie, the player with the most unspent Resource Cards wins. If the tied players have the same number of unspent Resource Cards, they share the victory!



Points on constructed Building Cards	24
Civic Token 1 (2pts/economy permanent resource)	8
Civic Token 2 (3pts/set of energy and community permanent resources)	6
Civic Token 3 (3pts/permanent resource type with 3+ = 3pts for economy + 3 pts for ecology)	6
Civic Token 4 (2pts/unspent Ingenuity card)	4
Total Score	24 + 8 + 6 + 6 + 4 = 48 points

SOLO MODE

Setup

Follow the setup rules for a 2-player game, with the following exceptions:

- Only give yourself an Ingenuity Starting Card. You take the first turn.
- Line up the 10 chosen Civic Tokens in a single line - their order is important.
- Place one token above the top left-most card, and place the other token to the left of the left-most card in the second row, as shown below.

Turn Summary

You take the first turn of the game. Follow a turn as usual, and refill the Market just as you would in a standard multiplayer game. Once you take your turn, the AI opponent takes a turn.

AI opponent turn

The AI opponent will always draft the card at the intersection of the two Market Tokens, as well as the card below it. Once the AI opponent drafts cards, the Market is refilled as usual, and the Market tokens are advanced, according to the following pattern: The top Market token (the one that tracks the columns) always moves one space from left to right each turn. When the token is in the right-most column, it moves back to the left-most column, and the bottom Market token (the one that tracks the rows) is moved to the next row below it). When the bottom Market token is in the bottom row and must be moved, it is moved to the top row. The AI opponent always drafts 2 cards. When a bottom row card is at the intersection of the two Market Tokens, the card 'below' it is the card in the corresponding top row.



[Note: this movement is designed such that the AI opponent will always draft cards in a predictable pattern from left to right, top to bottom. This allows you to strategically plan out which cards the AI opponent will receive by drafting cards in their path.]

[Note: the AI opponent is not required to pay any resources to construct Building Cards. Any card that the AI opponent drafts goes directly into a tableau in front of them.]

When the AI opponent constructs a Building Card with a civic icon on it, they take the left-most Civic Token from the line of tokens. Flip the Civic Token over so it is facedown and place it next to the AI opponent's tableau of cards.

Scoring

Add up your points according to the standard multiplayer scoring.

AI opponent scoring

The AI opponent scores points for the following:

- The points printed on their constructed Building Cards
- Points per permanent resource on their constructed Building Cards
- Points for each Civic Token
- Ingenuity Resource Cards (Hard only)

You can choose the level of AI opponent - start off with Easy and see if you can work your way up to defeating Hard!

- **Easy:** Points printed on cards, 1 pt per permanent resource, 3 pts per Civic Token.
- **Medium:** Points printed on cards, 1|2|3 pts for 1|2|3+ of each type of permanent resource, 5 pts per Civic Token.
- **Hard:** Points printed on cards, 1|3|6 pts for 1|2|3+ of each type of permanent resource, 7 pts per Civic Token, 1 pt per 'Ingenuity' Resource Card.

QUICK REFERENCE

Setup

1. Set up the Draw Pile (tier 1 on top).
2. Set up the Market (4x4 of 16 Resource Cards).
3. Draw Civic Tokens.
4. Give each player an Ingenuity Starting Card.

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3P	-13 (use 52)	-14 (use 36)	-17 (use 28)	12
4P	-1 (use 64)	-2 (use 48)	-7 (use 38)	14

Turn Summary

1. [Optional] Flip a Resource Card if a row or column is all Resource Cards.
2. Select any 2 adjacent cards from the Market - or - the top 2 cards of the Draw Pile.
3. Pay resources if constructing building(s).
4. Select Civic Token (if you constructed a Civic Building).
5. Refill the Market (from top to bottom, left to right).



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