# Gaiaton

# Lifeforce Battle

# **How To Play**

The object of the game is to overpower all of the cards in your opponent's deck. You do this by playing a card in your hand that has a higher Maximum Lifespan than the card your opponent has played.

# Step 1. Build Your Deck

In Gaiaton Lifeforce Battle there is one 50 card Deck that is shared between the two players. The "Deckmaster" is the player that provides the Deck to be used in the Lifeforce Battle.

You need a 50 card deck to play the game, and you can build the deck in any way you see fit. You can have decks that are totally balanced with cards that have a range of lifespans, or you can craft a deck specifically to be mostly low lifespan cards or mostly high lifespan cards, making the game favorable to the lucky person who is dealt the few strong cards in the deck.

Experiment with Deck building and create multiple decks for different types of games. A good Deckmaster keeps things fresh with exciting decks full of surprises, twists, and turns.

### Step 2. Shuffle, Deal, and Draw.

Shuffle your 50 card deck and deal 25 cards to each player. Each player puts their stack face down next to them and draws 5 cards from the top. Each player keeps their cards hidden from their opponent.

# **Step 3. Lifeforce Battle**

Flip a coin to see who goes first. Whoever goes first chooses a card to play, and their opponent must play a card to begin the battle. The card with the higher lifespan is the winner of the battle.

The winning card goes into a new "Bullpen" pile, face down, near the player who dealt the card. The losing card goes in the player's "Expired" pile, face up, near the player who dealt the card.

Afterward, draw a new card. You should always have 5 cards in your hand.

When your pile has been fully used up, shuffle your Bullpen. Your Bullpen now becomes your new main Deck.

### **Battle Variables:**

Certain cards are strong against other cards. This doubles the "Lifeforce Attack" of certain cards in battle. These strengths go by the color of the card. The strengths are:

Blue is strong against Orange Orange is strong against Red Red is strong against Yellow Yellow is strong against Blue

Purple and Green Cards always create a \*stalemate against each other regardless of the lifespan of the cards. Reptiles and Amphibians cannot battle each other on their own. This type of stalemate occurs with the following:

Purple v Green Purple v Purple Green v Green

This means, for example, that if someone plays a Red (bird) card that has a lifespan of 20 Years, an Orange card with a lifespan of 11 or more would defeat the opponent.

#### \*Stalemate

There are two ways a stalemate can occur:

- 1. Lifespans of cards placed into battle are equal.
- 2. Purples and Greens are placed into battle against each other.

When a Stalemate occurs, the player who began the battle places a second card, and then the opponent does the same afterward. The player with the highest Lifespan total between all of their cards on the battlefield is the winner.

All winning cards go to the player's bullpen and all losing cards go to the player's expired pile.

Stalemates can stack up more than 2 cards in some cases, but the rules are the same. The player with the highest lifespan total wins.

# **Step 4. Ending the Game**

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