



WELCOME TO PANDEMIC SURVIVAL!

Pandemic Survival is a competitive *Pandemic* event where teams of 2 players compete to be the first team to find all four cures or be the sole survivor at the end of the game, with a fabulous grand prize on the line!

During this unique experience, every team will face the same starting situation: identical roles, infected cities, and the same player cards in the same order. Your team's strategy will be what determines your victory or defeat! Survival starts with Regional tournaments, with the winners of each Regional advancing to Nationals, where each country will declare a champion to send to the World Championship.

How to Play

Before the Event

- Ask your local game store if they are hosting a Pandemic Survival event.
- Players must register in teams of exactly 2 players. **Each team must bring 1 copy of the *Pandemic* base game to the event.**

Additional Rules for the Tournament

Games of Pandemic Survival follow all the rules of *Pandemic*. Every team will face the same preset scenario. Your team draws from an individual, preset Player deck, but the Infection deck is controlled by the Game Master. A Judge will oversee your game to ensure that the rules are being followed and coordinate with the Game Master.

- At the beginning of the game, each team has 2 minutes to discuss their strategy. After this, each team has 1 minute and 15 seconds for each turn of the game, pausing in between each turn to draw Player and Infection cards. The Game Master will announce when there are 15 seconds left and when time is up. If time is not running, you cannot take any game actions or communicate strategy in any way with your teammate.
- After drawing Player cards, if you must discard down to hand size, inform your Judge so that they can signal the Game Master to hold until you have discarded. You cannot discuss strategy while discarding cards.
- If your team loses the game, you are eliminated.

Winning the Game

The winning team is either: the first team to find all four cures OR the last team standing, while all other teams have been eliminated.

A tie can occur in one of two ways: (1) Two or more teams find their fourth cure during the same turn. (2) The last surviving teams die during the same turn*. In either situation, see the tiebreakers below:

- First tiebreak: The team with the most cures wins.
- Second tiebreak: The team with the fewest outbreaks wins.
- Third tiebreak: The team with the fewest cities that have 3 disease cubes wins.
- Fourth tiebreak: The team with the fewest cubes on the board wins.
- If a tie still persists, randomly determine the winner among the tied teams.

If players are eliminated during an Infection phase, each Infection card is considered separate. For example: 3 teams are remaining; the 1st infection card eliminates 1 team; the 2nd Infection card eliminates the 2 other teams. Only the 2 last teams go to the tiebreaker.

Prizes

- **Regionals:** Each team receives 1 Player deck labeled with this year's Survival event as a participation prize. The winning team wins a spot in the National Championship. The winning team should fill out the form provided by the Game Master, allowing your local Pandemic Survival Contact to message you with details about Nationals.
- **Nationals:** The winning team wins a spot in the World Championship, including round-trip airfare to the World Championship site and paid hotel. The winning team should fill out the form provided by the Game Master, allowing your local Pandemic Survival Contact to message you with details about Worlds.
- **Worlds:** Each team receives a participation prize to be announced. The World Champions win the grand prize: a vacation to any city on the **Pandemic** board, with a total value of \$5,000 USD (terms and restrictions apply).

Penalties

Failure to follow the Survival rules or the core rules of **Pandemic** will result in a warning from your Judge. A team that accumulates 3 warnings will be disqualified. Instances of willful cheating may result in immediate disqualification, at the Judge's discretion. Instances of unsporting conduct will also result in warnings or disqualification, at the Judge's discretion.

FAQ

What about cards like One Quiet Night, how do those work in a game of Survival?

Any Event card that has an influence on the Infection deck will not be used in Pandemic Survival scenarios. Since only one Infection deck is used in a Survival game, it would be impossible to add such events to the players' hands.

Can I bring notes or things to take notes during the event?

No. All players must have an equal chance at winning the game and bringing notes—or being able to take notes—could give a team an advantage that others don't have.

If I have already PARTICIPATED in a Pandemic Survival Regional event this year, can I sign up for another Regional event?

Yes, absolutely!

If I have already WON a Pandemic Survival Regional event this year, can I sign up for another Regional event?

No. Players who have already won a Regional event are not eligible to participate in future Regional events.

What if I was a JUDGE/GAME MASTER for an event?

Judges and Game Masters can participate in a different future Pandemic Survival event.

If I can't participate in the National Championship in my home country, can I attend a National Championship in another country?

Unfortunately, no. Players that have qualified for a National Championship can only attend the National Championship of their country.