



**Plateau d'or**  
Concours de création de jeux de société

The Journées ludiques de Québec committee presents the 10th edition of the Quebec board game design Contest *Le Plateau d'or 2017*

Rules for the 10th edition of the Quebec City board game design contest *Le Plateau d'or 2017*

## 1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1. The contest is open to canadian creation an co-creations, without an age limit. One author must attend (or be represented at) the Journées Ludiques in Québec on May, 20th 2017 during the final evaluation of the selected games. Jury members and event planners are not authorized to participate.

1.2. All games are accepted with exception of solo games, role playing games, puzzles and video games.

1.3. Games already published (even personally published or micro-edition) can't be submitted. If a game should be published before the end of the contest (May 20th, 2017), the author must inform the organizer, to be withdrawn.

1.3.1 Games that succeed a crowdfunding campaign (Kickstarter, Indigogo, Ulule, etc.) before the end of the contest, are considered published.

1.4. One game cannot be presented at this contest more than two times. Furthermore, if the game was selected in the finalists in a previous edition, the game would have to present differences in the mechanics for the newest presentation. The modifications must be indicated in the game presentation.

1.5. Up to three games can be presented by a candidate in the same year. One of the contest goal is to discover new authors : An author having three edited games or in the process, can only present one game. See rule 1.3.1 for crowdfunding.

1.6. Candidates commit to present an original game. Les Journées ludiques de Québec's comity can't be held responsible for any copy or forgery that has been presented.

1.7. Applicants whose games are preselected accept that a brief description with a picture of the game be published on the Journées ludiques de Québec website.

1.8. Application of the 10th edition of Le Plateau d'or entails all the agreement of these present rules. Any violations of these rules can follow a disqualification or the withdrawal of an awarded prize. In case of fraud, winning authors won't be able to use « *Plateau d'Or* », « *Le Plateau d'or du jury* », « *Le Plateau d'or du public* », « *Journées Ludiques* » or any similar quotes, used for communications of the game or the author.

1.9. The event is located in Québec, Canada, so most of the participants of les Journées ludiques de Québec, who try the games and vote for the *audience award*, speak only in French.

## **2. CONDUCT OF THE CONTEST**

2.1. Applications must be submitted by online form and email until 11:59 PM on April 14th, 2017 (6 weeks before the contest day).

2.2. Reading of the applications (including rules) and game preselection (about 25) by the preselection comity. Announcement on the April 28nd, 2017 (4 weeks before the contest day) on the Journées ludiques de Québec Facebook and website ([www.journeesludiques.ca](http://www.journeesludiques.ca)), under the plateau d'or section.

2.3. Reading of the preselected games rules by the jury and selection of eligible games (max 10) for both Plateau d'or 2017 awards (*jury* and *public audience* prizes). Selected games will be announced on May 5th, 2017 (3 weeks before the contest day) on the Journées ludiques de Québec website. The authors of the selected games must attend (or be represented) at the event, les Journées ludiques de Québec, on Saturday May 20th, 2016, from 9h AM to 6h PM, to present their game prototype to the public audience and thus be eligible to the *Le Plateau d'or du public 2017* award. They will have until May 8th, 2017 11:59 PM to confirm their presence or that of their representative.

### **2.4. For the *Plateau d'or du jury* award**

2.4.1 Reading by the jury on the rules of the selected games and designation of five finalist games for the *Le Plateau d'or du jury 2017*. The announcement will be made on the Plateau d'or website on May 10th, 2017 (10 days before the contest day).

2.4.2 Jury meeting, on Saturday May 20th, 2017, during the Journées ludiques de Québec, for game testing of the five finalists.

### **2.5. For the *Plateau d'or of the public audience***

Tests by the public audience of the selected game for the *Le Plateau d'or du public 2016* presented at the event by the authors (or representatives) 9:30 AM to 6h PM on May 21st, 2016 during the Journées ludiques de Québec.

2.6. Winners announcement and prize-giving of *Le Plateau d'or du public 2017* and *Le Plateau d'or du jury 2017* to the authors (or representatives), on May 20th, 2017, between 8 :00 and 9 :00 PM during the Journées ludiques de Québec. Announcement on the Journées ludiques website in the next 36 hours.

### 3. CONTEST ENTRY

Candidates must submit each game by filling an online description form and sending an email with all the asked documents to the Plateau d'or email (plateaudor@gmail.com). Author's and game name must be clear in the email. These informations must be given:

3.1. Description form : <https://goo.gl/forms/VlwV7rbG4DY6fABz1>

- a) Name of the game
- b) Author(s) name
- c) Type of game (cards, boards, abstract, dexterity, dice, coop, etc.)
- d) Base mechanics (worker placement, area control, set collection, auction/bidding, etc.)
- e) Number of players (min and max)
- f) Users suggested age
- g) Playing time
- h) Components
- i) Brief description of the game (goal, flow of the game and end game)

3.2. Complete anonymous scanned rules (.PDF, .DOC, .RTF, .DOCX, .ODT format) in french or in english. Author's name must not be present for the evaluation to stay impartial.

3.2.1 Revisions are accepted until 11:59 PM on April 14th, 2017 (6 weeks before the contest day), the application period final day. Only the rules submitted during the application period will be evaluated during all the course of this contest.

3.2.2 If a game was previously presented at this contest, add a new file of the same format mentioning the year of the first presentation and the modifications applied in this version.

3.3. Two color pictures (.JPG ou .GIF format) :

- Picture 1 : game components
- Picture 2 : Model picture in gameplay No other rules version will be accepted after the closing date neither the day of the final evaluation.

There are no fee to participate at this contest. Applicants that get their game selected must still pay the entrance fee for the event at les Journées ludiques de Québec. No reimbursement of expenses for travelling or for the entrance fee. For more detail about other possible expenses, see sections 5.3 and 8.

**Beware : without the agreement to all these conditions, the game participation cannot be taken.**

#### 4. PRESELECTED GAMES (ABOUT 25)

Candidates will be contacted by email, on April 28nd, 2017 (4 weeks before the contest day), about the decisions of the preselection committee. They are not appealable decisions.

4.1. Games authors that will not be selected won't get comments on reasons on why their game was not selected, neither by writing or phone.

4.2. Pre-selected games will be assessed by the jury and will be eligible for the selection of April 24th, 2017.

#### 5. SELECTED GAMES (MAXIMUM 10)

Candidates will be contacted by email, on May 5th, 2017 (3 weeks before contest day), about the jury's decisions. These decisions are not appealable.

5.1 Games authors that will not be selected won't get comments on reasons on why their game was not selected, neither by writing or phone.

5.2. The authors of the games that will be selected must confirm their presence (or that of a representative) at les Journées ludiques de Québec before Monday, May 8th, 2017, 11:59 PM so that they're eligible for Le Plateau d'or 2016 (jury and public audience prize).

5.3. Applicants who confirm their presence will be required to make a fully playable model of their game accompanied by a rule of the game printed. A second model of the game is recommended, but not mandatory, because the model won't be available to the public audience during jury testing.

#### 6. AUDIENCE AWARD (LE PLATEAU D'OR DU PUBLIC 2016)

Game authors that will be selected and that could be present the day of the event (or represented), May 20th, 2017, during les Journées ludiques de Québec, will be eligible to Le *Plateau d'or du public* 2017. Between 10h AM and 6h PM, candidates must invite participants of les Journées ludiques de Québec to play their game on the playable model. Event participant will be given a vote bulletin on which they will note the games played.

At the end of the day, votes will be counted and the winner will be determined.

Candidates will have the responsibility to invite participants to play their game at les Journées ludiques de Québec. We suggest that candidates limit game time at about 45 min per game during the presentations.

Tables will be available during the evaluation period. Only one table will be allowed per game submitted.

## 7. JURY PRIZE (LE PLATEAU D'OR DU JURY 2016)

Among the selected games, in which the authors will have confirmed their attendance (or a representative) at les Journées ludiques de Québec on May 20th, 2017, jury will determine five finalists for *Le Plateau d'or du jury 2017*. Announcement will be made by email or phone, and on the Journées ludiques website, on May 10th, 2017.

### 7.1. Jury

The jury members will be at les Journées ludiques de Québec, on May 20th, 2017, to test the game's playable model. Jury will be composed of members from the board game industry (publishers, distributors, designers, enthusiasts). The jury is made of up of 3 to 5 members from the board game industry (publishers, distributors, designers and/or enthusiasts).

### 7.2. Evaluation

The jury will begin the evaluation of the finalist's games on 10h AM on May 20th, 2017. Every game will be tested during 90 to 120 minutes. The jury will had taken a look at the rules beforehand. To keep an anonymous testing, no name must be written on the prototype or on the printed rules. Candidates will not be solicited or intervene during the jury's testing to ensure an objective evaluation.

### 7.3. Evaluation criteria

During evaluation, jury will look at these points:

- Clarity of rules
- Interest of the game
- Innovative nature
- Effectiveness of the mechanisms
- And especially... fun provided!

## 8. WINNERS OF LES PLATEAUX D'OR

*Le Plateau d'or du public 2017* and *Le Plateau d'or du jury 2017* will be officially announced on May 20th, 2017 between 8 and 9 PM during les Journées ludiques de Québec. An official certificate will be given for the winners of the two prizes. Jury decisions are without appeal.

If a winning game eventually gets published, the winner agrees, on one hand, to include a *Le Plateau d'or* logo on the game box and, on the other hand, to give the Journées Ludiques de Québec's organizers two signed copies of the published game.