

THE LORD OF THE RINGS™

THE CARD GAME

DEFENDERS OF GONDOR™

STARTER DECK

*“By our valour the wild folk of the East are still restrained,
and the terror of Morgul kept at bay...”*

—Boromir, The Fellowship of the Ring

This starter pack contains everything you need to play a Gondor-themed deck for *The Lord of the Rings: The Card Game*.

To play the pre-built starter deck, take the 53 cards preceding the “Halt!” divider, marked with an “★” in the lower-right corner. Then follow the Setup instructions in the Rules Reference (page 16). There is a complete decklist on the last page of this book for your convenience.

The remaining cards after the “Halt!” divider can be used when building your own custom player deck (see Deckbuilding on page 6 of the Rules Reference).

The cards in this expansion can be identified by the following symbol before each card’s collector number:



Playing the Gondorians Starter Deck

The Kingdom of Gondor has been beset by enemies for centuries. As the defenders of the Free Peoples' eastern flank, the Gondorians have thrived with their backs up against the wall.



One of the major driving forces of this deck is a group of cards that work optimally when your threat is 40 or higher, such as **Angbor the Fearless** and **Soldier of Gondor**. You may want to let your threat increase a bit faster than normal, to activate these powerful abilities.



However, take care when doing so that you don't let your threat get too high—you'll be walking a fine line between activating your card abilities and losing the game. A few threat reduction effects, like **Pillars of the Kings** and **Gandalf**, are available in the deck to assist in managing this aspect of the game.

Another intriguing feature of this deck is the ability that you unlock by attaching the **Visionary Leadership** card to **Boromir**. Both of these cards will work best when you have extra resources in Boromir's resource pool.





This means you'll have to pay extra attention to your spending, and sometimes hold back on playing a card to preserve the extra tokens in your resource pools. There are a number of other cards in the deck, such as **Steward of Gondor** and **Squire of the Citadel**, that can be used to manage your resources and ensure that these abilities are active at critical times.



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The Gondorians Starter Decklist

This list can be used to reconstruct the Gondorians starter deck after it has been disassembled.

Heroes (3)

Boromir
Prince Imrahil
Mablung

Allies (26)

2x Angbor the Fearless
3x Soldier of Gondor
2x Citadel Custodian
3x Defender of Rammas
2x Pelargir Ship Captain
2x Errand-rider
2x Faramir
2x Gandalf
2x Gondorian Spearman
3x Envoy of Pelargir
3x Squire of the Citadel

Attachments (12)

1x Captain of Gondor
2x Gondorian Shield
1x Heir of Mardil
2x Steward of Gondor
3x Valiant Sword
3x Visionary Leadership

Events (12)

2x Behind Strong Walls
2x Feint
2x Need Drives Them
2x Pillars of the Kings
2x Valiant Sacrifice
2x Foe-hammer