

## What are fomats?

A format in Magic: the Gathering *defines what cards are legal for play!* This makes sure everyone is playing by the same rules, and that the decks are somewhat fairly matched up.

### What is Standard as a Magic: the Gathering format?

The most popular format with a frequently-changing pool of cards!

Currently legal sets for standard are limited to:



(Theros, Born of the Gods, Journey into Nyx, Core Set 2015, Khans of Tarkir, Fate Reforged, Dragons of Tarkir in that order)

You can also play any card which has been printed in one of these sets, even if you have the older version of it.

If you're not sure, assume it **IS NOT** in these sets when building a deck.

### Rotation:

On July 17<sup>th</sup>,  (Magic Origins) will release, adding to the standard card pool.

On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the release of  (Battle for Zendikar) will cause the rotation of

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### Modern:

If you don't like the idea of Rotation, but still want to play tournaments, Modern may be the format for you!

The legal sets in modern (in reverse chronological order) are:

 Dragons of Tarkir  Fate Reforged  Khans of Tarkir  Magic 2015  
 Journey into Nyx  Born of the Gods  Theros  Magic 2014  
 Dragon's Maze  Gatecrash  Return to Ravnica  Magic 2013  
 Avacyn Restored  Dark Ascension  Innistrad  Magic 2012  
 New Phyrexia  Mirrodin Besieged  Scars of Mirrodin  Magic 2011  
 Rise of the Eldrazi  Worldwake  Zendikar  Magic 2010  
 Alara Reborn  Conflux  Shards of Alara  
 Eventide  Shadowmoor  Morningtide  Lorwyn  Tenth Edition  
 Future Sight  Planar Chaos  Time Spiral  Coldsnap  
 Dissension  Guildpact  Ravnica: City of Guilds  Ninth Edition  
 Saviors of Kamigawa  Betrayers of Kamigawa  Champions of Kamigawa  Eighth Edition  
 Fifth Dawn  Darksteel  Mirrodin

### If you're not interested in tournaments:

The format *Commander* may be right for you! In *Commander*, your deck is 100 cards including a Legendary Creature who begins in the Command Zone, and defines the Color Identity of your deck. The format is Singleton, which means no doubles except basic lands. It is most commonly played as a casual Multiplayer (3-5 people around a table), with a starting total of 40 life. Almost every card from any set in Magic are legal, minus a short ban list.