

# Catan Tournament — Rules & Information

**Organizer:** Kasia and Alan (Board Games in Funchal), <https://javaheri.pl/boardgames-in-funchal/>

**Date and place:** 27th of August 2025, Funchal Taproom, Funchal, Madeira (6:30-10:00pm)

## Grand Prize

- A Portuguese version of *Catan: O Jogo de Cartas*
- Plus a drink or soft drink of your choice at the bar

## General Rules

- This event is not affiliated with the official Catan National Championship.
- **Familiarity with the rules:** You don't need to be a professional Catan player, but all participants must know the basic rules before the event. (No in-game teaching will be provided.)
- **Games:** Each player will play one qualifying game. The top players will advance to a final game.
- **Random seating:** Players will be randomly assigned to tables.
- **Capacity:** Maximum 12 players (2 tables of 6). Minimum 6 players (2 tables of 3) required for the event to take place.
- **Language:** Games are in Portuguese, but printed English rules and explanations will be available. If you already know the rules, don't worry — you can play even if you don't speak Portuguese.
- **Cost:** Attendance is free, but at least one purchase at the bar is required.
- **Behavior:** Standard Catan etiquette applies — no take-backs after dice rolls. Friendly chats and table talk outside of trades are welcome as long as they don't disrupt other players.

## How the Winner is Chosen

### Qualifying Games

- Two qualifying games will be played simultaneously.
- Time limit: 1 hour 15 minutes.
- Games end when a player reaches 10 Victory Points or when the time limit expires.

### Advancing to the Final

- The winner of each game automatically advances.
- The second-highest scorers from both tables also advance.
- In case of a tie for advancing spots, up to 6 players may qualify for the final. If more than 6 players tie, a random draw will determine who advances.

### Final Game

- Time limit: 1 hour 30 minutes.
- The game ends when a player reaches 10 Victory Points or the time limit expires.
- The highest-scoring player at the end of the final wins the grand prize.
- Tiebreakers if the final ends due to time: 1. Most resources in hand. 2. Most development cards (played + unplayed). 3. Random draw (if still tied).