

Patrician - The Messengers (Online version)

The patricians have messengers to stay informed about the activities of the others, By that they can achieve additional prestige points or loose some.

Use the Patrician rules with the following changes.

Components

- 6 messengers
- 24 token with 2 prestige points
- 1 token with -3 prestige points

Preparation

Each player gets ...

... with 2 and 3 players: two messengers

... with 4 and 5 players: one messenger

Put remaning messengers back in the box.

Deposit the prestige tokens near the board.

Game play

If a player plays a card **with a star** he makes his turn at first as usual. Then he can place - if he likes - a messenger on the board. For that the following rules apply:

- The messenger has to be placed in between two cities, so that the arrows point on the two involved cities.
- The two cities have to be orthogonally directly adjacent to each other.
- None of the two cities is allowed to be the city in which he just has built.
- For a city it is forbidden to have more than two messengers.
- In between two cities just one messenger is allowed.

Orthogonally adjacent cities are:

Roma/Siena, Siena/Lucca, Siena/Bologna, Lucca/Milano, Lucca/Ferrara, Milano/Parma, Parma/Verona, Verona/Ferrara, Ferrara/Bologna and Bologna/Firenze.

With 5 players also: Roma/Pistoia and Pistoia/Firenze.



Scoring

- If a city with one messenger gets scored the winner of a tower gets one additional 2 points token.
- If a city with two messenger gets scored the winner of a tower gets two additional 2 points tokens.

Game end

- The player who has the fewest towers with any number of their floors in the cities with messengers gets the -3 point token. In case of a tie, the player with the fewest floors in those towers gets the token. Should there still be a tie, no one gets the token.
- For the towers of the last scored city in the game the winners just receive 2 points.

Special situations and comments

- If you place a messenger at an earlier already scored city the messenger has no effect on the city.
- There are just a few cards with star. Therefore you should keep an eye on having such a card on the hand until you have placed your messenger(s).