

CATFIGHT

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*A fun, fast, competitive way to play MtG that won't break the bank or have long boring games.*

*(updated 04/23/25)*

## SETUP:

**1v1**

**9 Starting Life**

**Non-combat damage dealt to you by your opponent is prevented**  
*(life loss is allowed and you can damage yourself)*

## DECKBUILDING:

**40 Card Singleton Minimum**

**Each deck can only contain non-creature cards of CMC 1 and lands.**

*[no zero, no Dryad Arbor.]*

*X spells / Kicker / Talent, etc. are allowed*

**9 Card Sideboard**

## HELLO KITTY!

**Each player starts with a Nine-Lives Familiar w/ 8 revival counters**

*(This doesn't count toward your 40 cards. It can attack turn 1)*

**If your cat dies with no counters left, you lose!**



# Cat Specific Interactions:

## Golden Rule:

You cannot make the cat do what the cat  
doesn't want to do.

(in other words, you cannot stop the cat from coming back from the graveyard,  
as designed and intended)

## You cannot:

Exile the cat from any zone

Bounce the cat (the cat can't go into anyone's hand)

Put the cat into a library from any zone

Make the cat lose its ability to return after dying,  
other abilities will be removed by "loses all abilities" though

Stifle/Counter that cat's death trigger

Make the cat leave your opponent's graveyard [or not leave]  
(ie: Reanimate, or Malakir Rebirth trigger, Grafdigger's Cage)

Turn the cat facedown/manifest/etc.

Permanently gain control of your opponent's cat. If you do, it returns at the  
end of turn.

\*\*\*If something would affect multiple cards in a way listed above and one of  
those cards is the cat, it resolves as normal, except it doesn't affect the cat.  
(ie: [Bojuka Bog](#) a graveyard with the cat in it. Everything is exiled EXCEPT the cat)

\*\*\*If something would make you return/exile/etc a card or creature and you  
have another option other than the cat, you must choose the other card.  
(ie: [Curfew](#) is cast and you have a cat and a token in play, you must return the token)

# EXCEPTION CARDS

**Cards that won't show up on Scryfall**  
**"1cmc non-creature" search that actually ARE legal:**  
*(expect this list to grow as more weird cards get printed)*

[Okiba Reckoner Raid](#)

[Kumano Faces Kakazan](#)

[Wax/Wane](#)

[Skin Invasion](#)

[Crystal Fragments](#)

**This is also legal:**

[Pin Collection](#)

**Cards with specific interactions:**

[Urban Retreat](#)

You cannot attempt to bounce the cat to put an extra land into play. The bouncing is part of the cost, not the resolution so you are unable to pay the cost. This is notably different from how other spells/abilities that attempt to exile/bounce/etc. and will resolve the rest of the spell or ability.

BANLIST:

## **BANLIST:**

[as of 07/31/25]

The Ozolith  
Price of Betrayal  
Ice Floe  
Swift Reconfiguration  
Lurking Jackals  
Ancestral Recall  
Mishra's Workshop  
The Original 10 Dual Lands  
Ante Cards  
Silver Border and Acorn Cards (Unfinity Eternal cards are legal)  
Conspiracy Cards

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## **Watchlist:**

### **Likely to be banned:**

Nothing currently

### **Being monitored:**

Culling the Weak  
The Tabernacle at Pendrell Vale  
Maze of Ith