



2 players
20 minutes
Age 10+

History:

Tomoe Gozen was the feared female commander of hundreds of Samurai during the Genpei War 1180-1185.

Setup:

Beginners battle on a 5x5 field; experienced players on a 7x7 field.

Players roll, or pretend to roll, 4 dice.

The first player chooses the smallest or largest two and writes their sum in a corner square.

The second player uses a different colour. They write the sum of the remaining dice in a non-perimeter square.

Turns:

Turns alternate. Each turn has two parts. Moving and Battling.

Moving:

Start at your largest integer on the field and move at most four empty squares from it—moving North-East-West-South but not diagonally. Write the next largest integer.

If there is no room to move to an empty square, you are defeated.

Battling:

From the new integer, look North-East-West-South at the first non-empty square. For each of these that is an integer of your opponent's colour, check if it shares a factor more than 1 with your new integer. If they all do, then you survive, otherwise you are defeated.

				7
	13	12	10	
		11		
10	←←	14	6	
5	↑	←←←	9	8

The red player's largest integer is 9. They move four times and write 10.

				7
	13	12	10	
		11		
10		14	6	
5		←15→	9	8

The black player looks North-East-West-South from 15. A friendly black 14 is seen. An enemy red 5 and 9 are seen. They both share a common factor greater than one with the black 15, so the black player survives and the game continues.











