

Ashes Ascendancy: New & Returning Player FAQ

This is a compilation of frequent questions from players starting Ashes with the Ascendancy Starter Set, whether brand new to the game or returning after some time away. It's broken up into two sections, general questions about the starter and game, and questions specific to the kickstarter and/or the all-in pledge.

The Ascendancy Starter Set and Future Expansion

So, you just got the Ashes Ascendancy starter! What now?



I want to buy the Reborn Master Set and/or older expansions. Why are they out of stock?

With the release of Ascendancy, the master set and deluxe expansions are being retired in favor of a new sales model for Ashes. All the Reborn expansions are still legal if you find them for sale, but they will not be reprinted again in their original packaging. Older expansions are instead moving to a Print-on-Demand (POD) model, with sets and dice packs for sale individually through Plaidhat's storefront (<https://www.plaidhatgames.com/store/>) and fully-customizable decks available through their POD site (<https://ashesdb.plaidhatgames.com/>). Select expansions are also available as free downloads to print at home (also on the POD site) and such printed "proxies" are fully legal for all Ashes games.

What are the future planned expansions for Artifice and Astral magic, and the Dragonborn?

Plaid Hat has stated the plan for the next cycle is that each release focus on combining Artifice and Astral with one of the older dice colors. We can expect seven more sets, with each set containing two new phoenixborn and a dragonborn with a single aspect. The first up will be nature, so we'll get one player deck focused on artifice+nature, another on astral+nature, and presumably a nature-themed dragonborn for them to face off against. At current rate, the new cycle will take at least a couple years to get through all seven releases.

The Ashes ALL IN and Ascendancy Kickstarter



I can't find the last Red Rains set, End of Argaia! Why isn't it included?

The final entry in the Red Rains cycle, End of Argaia, was unfortunately not yet released at the time of the kickstarter, so it was not included in the All In package.

I can't find the Errata Pack! How am I supposed to update my cards?

With the All In set, all cards with errata have already been replaced in their respective decks. There's no need to swap them out.

How are the cards intended to be sorted in the big box?

The big box comes with dividers intended for it to be separated by preconstructed deck. Each phoenixborn has their own precon, plus there are seven Red Rains precons that can each be used with one of four phoenixborn. Separate dividers are included for the Chimera and Dragonborn decks.

What dice type am I supposed to use with each precon?

If you need to check composition of the preconstructed decks, use

<https://ashes.live/decks/?preconstructed>

It lists the cards included, the dice types, and the recommended First Five for each.

Why are there multiple copies of phoenixborn cards?

The most recent expansion cycle before Ascendancy, Red Rains, did not introduce new phoenixborn. Instead, it revisited each of the existing phoenixborn in sets of 4, adding a new unique card for each and a single new precon deck intended to be used with any of the four phoenixborn. Each Red Rains precon has 27 general cards, which make a full 30 card deck when the chosen PB's unique is added.

How many sleeves are needed to sleeve everything?

Including End of Argia and the Ashes Ascendancy starter, you will need sleeves for:

- **1,182** White backed cards
- **293** Black backed conjurations
- **58** Phoenixborn face cards
- **270** Aspect cards
- **87** Conjured aspects
- **43** Chimera and Dragonborn face cards
- **48** Behaviors, Ultimates, Ready Spells, Stamina and Fatigue cards

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