



## TGA RULES COMMITTEE UPDATE

### EMPIRE BUILDER SERIES April 2017

It has become apparent that key Empire Builder International (EBI) rules are not being played consistently, and even some of our most experienced conductors and players have different ways to interpret them. In particular, there are multiple conflicting methods currently in use related to ferry movement and half rate movement.

As many of you know, the TGA Rules Committee has undertaken an effort to gather information and hold discussions with the goal of clarifying these rules to eliminate the annoying confusion this creates. The plan is to have clear guidelines for TGA-sanctioned EBI tournament play published no later than Origins 2018, and we hope to implement on a trial basis for Railcon 2017 in October.

Until these new guidelines are published, TGA tournament play will continue as in recent years. The actual published rules are the default method of play, however if all players agree **at the beginning of the game**, the table is allowed to play variants such as area of effect or public domain ferries. However, since these variants means different things to different people, all are encouraged to clarify the specific rules under which you have agreed to play before you begin.

*TGA members who wish to have input in this discussion or any other rules issue may email Jeff Jackson (Rules Committee Chairman) at [Rules@traingamers.com](mailto:Rules@traingamers.com).*