

EXPRESS TOURNAMENT RULES 2025

The 2024 version of Express is the standard for TGA play.

A player may not go out on the same turn he or she plays a Wild Car as a transition card. Clarifications:

If the Wild car is played as any freight or passenger car, the player may go out on that turn.

If a Wild car is played as the last car of a train and not covered, the player is not required to declare whether it is a transition or a matching car. On the following turn that player may use the Wild either way, and may go out on that turn. If another player goes out, a Wild on the end is scored as a matching car.

Playing a Turntable gives the player an additional turn.

TOURNAMENT TIME SLOT & ENDING THE GAME

Tournament Express is played to 120 points, scheduled for a two hour time slot. We recognize that some games will not be able to finish in two hours. Three hours will be allotted for the final.

A new hand MAY NOT START after 20 minutes before the end of the slot, or after an earlier or later time specified by the Conductor, unless all players agree to play past the top of the hour (and miss any game starting at that time). If a hand is not complete by 5 minutes before the end of the slot, the conductor may arbitrarily end the hand at any point, and score the hand as is (with no bonus for going out).

Feedback is welcome on this change or any other rules issue. Please speak to or email Jeff Jackson (Rules@traingamers.com) or anyone on the Rules Committee.