Metagaming Committee Report

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Abstract

This is the report of the **Metagaming Committee** of STEPHEN. It contains Strting Rulesets and a list of all STEPHEN Subgames along with their relevant information. It also contains other information relevant to STEPHEN metagaming.

1 Possible Starting Rulesets of STEPHEN Subgames

There are currently two possible Starting Rulesets for new STEPHEN Subgames.

1. A "pure" Nomic, which may take up to a year to finish. There are no Subgames using this Ruleset, but Aardvark uses a closely related Ruleset.

2. Nomic Chess, which usually takes a few hours and requires several chess half-boards and differently-colored chess sets. There are no Subgames using this Ruleset.

All starting rulesets are available in the InitialTemplates directory.

2 List of Current STEPHEN Subgames

There is currently one active STEPHEN Subgame, and there is one Completed STEPHEN Subgame. The active Subgame is "Aardvark", the Starting

Ruleset of which is included in the Subgames folder. Please note that this Ruleset is not available for future STEPHEN subgames; please use the updated Nomic Ruleset instead. The completed subgame is a Nomic Chess game started on October 20, 2012, and it was won by Helen Woodward the same day. It was marked completed on November 3, 2012. Its starting ruleset is also available in the Subgams folder and is again not available for future use.

Additionally, there are some games which may be considered for some non-official purposes as a Completed STEPHEN Subgames, which are discussed in Section 3.1.

3   Miscellaneous Metagaming Information.

3.1   Games Related to STEPHEN Which Are Not Subgames

STEPHEN arose from STEVE, a Nomic game which took place during the Harvey Mudd College 2011-2012 Academic Year. This game had a initial ruleset somewhat similar to the current STEPHEN Starting Ruleset for the game of Nomic. STEVE may be unofficially considered both the predecessor of and a completed subgame of STEPHEN, but is not officially recognized by STEPHEN[1].

Additionally, there were two games of Nomic Chess (not counting STEVE, which was turned in to such a game but never completed as one) which could be unofficially viewed as completed STEPHEN Subgames. Their initial rulesets were fairly similar to the Starting Ruleset currently attached for the game of Nomic Chess.

4   List of Enclosures to the Metagaming Committee Report

The following documents are enclosed as separate files.

1. The Starting Ruleset for the Game of Nomic

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[1]Except in records kept of failing votes in the initial STEPHEN meeting

2. The Starting Ruleset for the Game of Nomic Chess

3. The Starting Ruleset for the Subgame "Aardvark"

4. The Starting Ruleset for the Subgame of Nomic Chess began on October 20, 2012