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HABA Snail Sprint Instruction Manual

Model: 304558

Introduction

Welcome to the world of HABA Snail Sprint! This magnetic race game offers a unique and engaging experience for 2 to 4 players aged 5 and up. The game combines elements of luck and strategic choice, where players secretly cheer for three snails to reach the finish line first. The innovative design incorporates the game box itself as part of the playing field, adding a three-dimensional aspect to the snail race.
This manual provides detailed instructions for setting up the game, understanding the rules, and ensuring proper care of your game components. Please read through the instructions carefully before playing to maximize your enjoyment.

Components

Before you begin, ensure all components are present:

- 6 Magnetic Snails (various colors)
- 2 Dice (one with colors, one with symbols)
- 12 Race Cards
- 1 Game Board (double-sided)
- 1 Tin Box (serves as part of the game board and podium)



Image: All game components including the tin box, game board, snails, dice, and cards.

Setup

1. **Prepare the Game Board:** Open the tin box and place it upright in the center of the playing area. The tin box acts as a vertical part of the game board, with the podium inside.
2. **Assemble the Path:** Lay out the two halves of the game board on either side of the tin box, connecting them to form a continuous path. Ensure the magnetic surfaces of the tin box align with the path for the snails to climb.
3. **Place the Snails:** Position the six magnetic snails at the starting line of the game board.
4. **Distribute Race Cards:** Each player secretly draws one race card. This card indicates the three snails they are cheering for and their desired finishing positions (1st, 2nd, 3rd). Keep your card hidden from other players.
5. **Prepare the Dice:** Place the two dice (one color die, one symbol die) within easy reach of all players.



Image: The game board fully set up with the tin box forming a vertical section and snails positioned at the start.

Operating (Gameplay)

Game Objective

The goal of Snail Sprint is to have the snails indicated on your secret race card finish in the top three positions (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) to earn the most points.

Player Turn

On your turn, follow these steps:

1. **Roll the Dice:** Roll both the color die and the symbol die.
2. **Choose a Snail and Destination:** You must choose one of the rolled dice to determine which snail moves, and the other die to determine which symbol space it moves to.
    - The color die indicates which color snail can move.
    - The symbol die indicates the next available space with that symbol on the path.

    Example: If you roll a yellow star and a green shamrock, you can either move the yellow snail to the next star space, or the green snail to the next shamrock space. You choose which combination benefits your secret race card the most.
3. **Move the Snail:** Move the chosen snail to the next unoccupied space on the path that matches the chosen symbol. Snails can move over other snails.
4. **Stacking Snails:** If a snail lands on a space already occupied by another snail, it stacks on top. The snail on top "freezes" the snail below it, preventing the bottom snail from moving until the top snail moves off. A maximum of two snails can occupy one space.
5. **Changing Space Color:** Once a snail lands on a space, that space permanently changes to the color of the snail that landed on it. This means future moves to that space will be determined by the snail's color, not the original symbol.



Image: Children engaged in playing Snail Sprint, demonstrating the movement of snails on the game board.

Ending the Game

The game ends immediately when three snails have reached the podium inside the tin box. The podium has designated spots for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Scoring

Once the game ends, all players reveal their secret race cards. Points are awarded based on how the snails on your card finished:

- 1st Place: 3 points
- 2nd Place: 2 points
- 3rd Place: 1 point

Sum the points for all three snails on your card. The player with the highest total score wins the game.

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Video: An overview of the HABA Snail Sprint game, demonstrating setup, movement of snails, and how the magnetic tin box is integrated into gameplay.

Maintenance

- **Cleaning:** Wipe game components with a dry or slightly damp cloth. Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Storage:** Store all game components in the original tin box to prevent loss or damage. Keep the game in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight.
- **Magnetic Components:** The snails are magnetic. Ensure they are handled carefully to maintain their magnetic properties. Avoid exposing them to strong magnetic fields or extreme temperatures.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Solution
Missing components	Check the "Components" section to verify all parts. If a component is genuinely missing, contact HABA customer support.
Snails not moving smoothly	Ensure the game board is laid flat and the tin box is stable. Check for any debris on the magnetic surfaces.
Difficulty understanding rules	Re-read the "Operating (Gameplay)" section. Watch the official video tutorial for a visual explanation. Consider playing a few practice rounds without scoring.

Specifications

- **Product Dimensions:** 8.78 x 8.62 x 2.95 inches
- **Item Weight:** 1.23 pounds
- **Model Number:** 304558
- **Manufacturer Recommended Age:** 5 years and up
- **Number of Players:** 2-4 players

- **Approximate Playtime:** 15 minutes
- **Materials:** Wood, Metal, Cardboard
- **Language:** English

Safety Information

WARNING: Not suitable for children under 3 years due to small parts. For use only under adult supervision.

Warranty & Support

HABA products are known for their high quality and durability. For any questions regarding your HABA Snail Sprint game, including missing parts or product defects, please contact HABA customer support.
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