

Ashes of the Empire: Choose the Table Job

A one-page route through the teaching set, Spotlight Decks, Limited products, first six games, and the smallest useful event kit.

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Choose the result after opening

YOUR REAL GOAL	START WITH	STOP WHEN
Teach two complete beginners	Intro Battle: Hoth	Both players can finish an unaided game
Enter Ashes with one fixed deck	Luke Spotlight Deck	Six stock games identify a real question
Learn wider-board sequencing	Palpatine Spotlight Deck	Advantage timing is deliberate
Learn Sealed construction	Prerelease Box	One pool is built and played
Host Draft or shared opening	Booster Display	The named event is supplied
Open premium treatments	Carbonite Display	The fixed collector budget is spent

The first six games

1. Games 1-2: play open-handed
- Narrate resources, actions, attacks, and leader timing.
2. Games 3-4: close the hands
- Write down forgotten triggers and unclear token states.
3. Games 5-6: use a normal pace
- Change no cards; diagnose rules, sequencing, matchup, and role failures separately.
4. Only then edit
- Test one small package that fixes one named problem.

Mechanic rehearsal

- ☐ Support — Name the supporter, recipient, attack order, and exact timing before committing.
- ☐ Mandalorian token units — Use distinct official tokens and keep them out of the deck.
- ☐ Advantage — Name how temporary value becomes damage, a trade, or protected tempo.

First-event kit

- ☐ One legal deck — Plus all required tokens and a readable base-damage method.
- ☐ Opaque matching sleeves — Carry identical unused replacements.
- ☐ Fitted rigid deck box — Keep dice and hard tokens away from card backs.
- ☐ Current rules reference — Ask the organizer what format and procedure the event uses.

Sources. Fantasy Flight Games Ashes overview, product page, Spotlight Deck deep dive, current rules, and casual-play materials.

Accuracy. Every figure on this sheet was read from the sources above on August 26, 2026. Prices and availability change; rules do not. Where this sheet and the rulebook disagree, the rulebook is right.

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