

# Adapting White Box edition to play either Imperium or Republica rules

The 2011 French ‘white box’ edition of Glory to Rome, as played out of the box, uses the [MIT secret rules](#) from 2007. These rules were a variant that became, with a few changes, the Republica rules in the 2012 Black Box edition. To my knowledge, the Spanish, German and Polish white boxes are the same as the French version. The 2011 Italian version, which has different art to the White Box editions, uses the Imperial rules.

	Black Box Imperium	Black Box Republica	Default White Box (‘MIT secret rules’)
<b>Starting hand</b>	4 order cards and 1 jack	5 order cards and no jack	4 order cards and 1 senator (jack)
<b>Petitions</b>	3 cards	2 cards	2 cards
<b>Unique cards</b>	<i>Circus</i> <i>Forum</i> <i>Senate</i> <i>Colosseum</i>	<i>Crane</i> <i>Forum Romanum</i> <i>Tribunal</i> <i>Domus aurea</i>	<i>Circus</i> (but text corresponds to Crane) <i>Forum</i> (but text corresponds to Forum Romanum) <i>Senate</i> <i>Colosseum</i>
<b>Other differences</b>	<i>Stairway</i> : Ability (architect can make another player’s building available to all) is <u>in addition to</u> the default Architect action.	As per Imperium	<i>Stairway</i> : Ability is <u>instead of</u> the default Architect action.

To play **Imperium** rules using White Box:

- Use Imperium rules for petitions and starting hand
- Use the alternate *Circus* and *Forum* cards provided (these have a red highlight on them)
- Make a mental note to use Black Box text of *Stairway*

To play **Republica** rules using White Box:

- Use Republica rules for petitions and starting hand
- Use the default *Circus* and *Forum* cards
- Use the *Tribunal* and the *Palais Imperial* cards from the “**Plus de Gloire de Rome**” expansion..
- Make a mental note to use Black Box text of *Stairway*

Other differences between the White Box and Black Box:

- the “Plus de Gloire de Rome” expansion, in addition to the aforementioned *Tribunal* and *Palais Imperial* cards, contains the “unofficial Geek expansion” cards included in the Black Box Edition
- the *Marché aux esclaves* (‘slave market’) card is renamed *Circus Maximus* in the Black Box