Competition Council
Republic of Latvia

Cartel

Educational game

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Educational game "Cartel" developed by the Competition Council of Latvia

Based on rules of well-known strategic game “Mafia”

Players:

from 6 to 10 (+ 1 narrator)

Roles:

- The member of cartel (3)
- Entrepreneur (6)
- The Competition Council of Latvia (1)

Set of the game

Includes **6 entrepreneur cards**, **1 the Competition Council of Latvia card** and **3 cards for participants of cartel**

The Objective

- For the all the participants of cartel to exclude entrepreneurs until they are the majority
- For the entrepreneurs to ban the entire group of cartel's members
- When one of those two things happens, the game is over

Take note:

Roles must be assigned to each person in secret! Do not tell anyone your identity!

The game is based on discussions! The players must convince others that they are entrepreneurs and what are the benefits of fair entrepreneurship.

How to play

Beginning of the game

The game begins at night phase, when all the players keep eyes closed until the narrator "awakens" each role, beginning with the members of cartel and then the Competition Council of Latvia (the CC).

Inspection by the CC

After agreement, the members of cartel "fall asleep", and with narrator's permission, the CC "wake up". The CC carry out an inspection and inspect one of the suspicious players. Its association with the cartel is confirmed or denied by the narrator with a nod. If the inspection is successful, the checked cartelist must leave the game.

Discussion and voting

When the day phase comes, all players open their eyes. The narrator reveal the

Prohibited agreement

When the narrator has met the roles of all participants, the game begins with the members of cartel who negotiate with gestures and glances.
As a result, one entrepreneur is going to bankrupt and leave the game.

result of the work between cartel members and the CC without disclosing the roles of the players.

During the day phase all players in 3 minutes have to make their bets on the alleged members of cartel. The players need to vote out the participants of cartel of the game. The cartelists must act like an entrepreneurs and lie down someone else who is not participant of cartel.

The CC presenting game to students in Open Days of Ministry of Economics (2018)

Voting

7 vs. 3
A player can be voted out of the game if more than half of the players vote for him by raising hand

Last speech
If the number of votes are equal for more than one player, the nominators have 30 seconds to justify themselves

Re-voting
The nominators do not participate in the re-vote

Safety for entrepreneurs
If the CC is excluded from the game, entrepreneurs continue to operate on the market without the CC who are defending entrepreneurs

Game over
Player with the most votes reveals his role and leaves the seat

End of the game

The game continues in a similar way, until the participants of cartel or entrepreneurs win.

Entrepreneurs win when all the cartelists have been discovered, while the cartelists – when the same number of cartelists and entrepreneurs have remained in the game.

The CC presenting game in Conversation festival LAMPA (2019)

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