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Extended Format Changes

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There will be a significant change to the Extended tournament format when *Onslaught* rotates into play in the fall. Standard has a rotation every 3 sets. Similarly, Extended will have a rotation every 3 blocks. While Standard fluctuates between 4 and 6 sets, Extended will fluctuate between 6 and 8 blocks.

At the initial implementation of this pattern, the legal blocks will be: *Onslaught*, *Odyssey*, *Invasion*, *Mercadian Masques*, *Urza's Saga*, and *Tempest*. Base set editions are counted as being part of the block during which they were released. This means that 6th Edition and 7th Edition will be included in the new Extended format.

As a result, this means that dual lands will be rotating out of Extended on November 1st, 2002, along with the *Ice Age* block (including *Alliances* and *Homelands*), *Mirage* Block (including *Visions* and *Weatherlight*), and 5th edition. In 2005 the *Tempest*, *Urza's Saga*, and *Mercadian Masques* blocks, as well as 6th Edition, will be rotating out.

We believe this new Extended Format rotation policy will result in a healthy and challenging play environment with a greatly reduced need for card banning.



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