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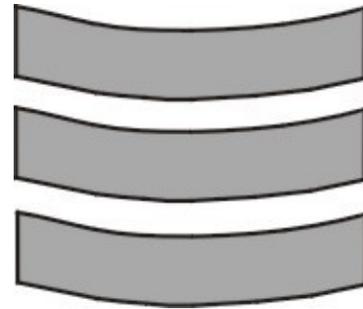
The Megagame of Power Politics in Old Japan

TEAM BRIEFING - YAMANA CLAN

The lord of the clan is Yamana Masakuni age 31.
The family is descended from the ancient Minamoto family.

The clan controls the following provinces:

INABA	7 points
TAJIMA	1 point
HOKI	2 points
HARIMA	8 points



TOTAL 18 points all in rice tax.

Recent Events

The current lord took over from his father four years ago, who died of illness. In recent years, the clan has managed, by using a combination of strong armies and good diplomacy to remain on good terms with its neighbours.

Unfortunately, things may not go on like this - the Shogunate is weak, and some of the more ambitious Daimyo may try to take advantage of the situation and try to take more power - to influence the Shogun - or perhaps become Shogun themselves!

At present the Miyoshi clan seem poised to take overall control.

Team Players

Yamana Masakuni (31) -
Clan leader

Akira Shimaka (40) - Clan
general

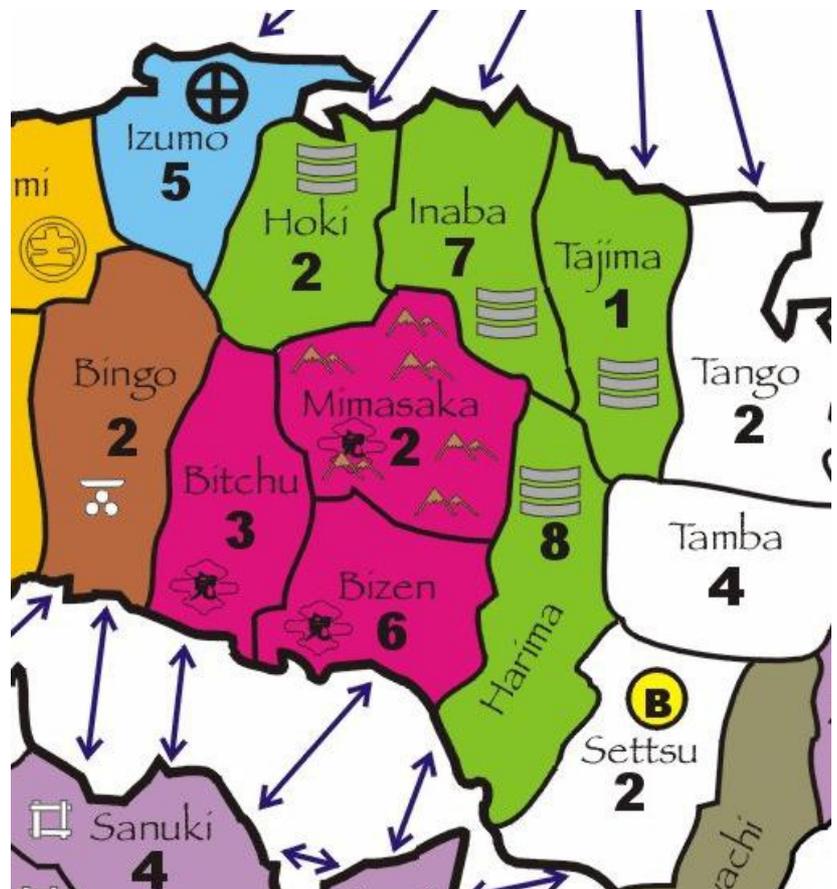
Kazuyasu Tatama (45) -
Clan Chamberlain

Yamana Mitsuyasu (50) -
Uncle of Masakuni

Kosugi Yoshio (26) - a loyal
clan samurai

Dynastic Information

Yamana Masakuni has a 3
year old son, Toyokuni.





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Personal Briefing : Yamana Masakuni



You know that now is a time of great danger to the clan.



The lack of strong central control from the Shogun has meant that powerful and aggressive Daimyo are constantly fighting amongst themselves, often to extinction.



You do not want this to happen to your clan - the destruction of your clan by one or more of these rapacious warlords would not only be a bitter thing, but would disgrace the names of your ancestors. You do not wish this.

Your personal objectives are therefore:

- a. To ensure that the clan survives at all costs.
- b. To try to avoid all adventures that might put the clan and its current holdings at risk.
- c. To ensure that the clan does nothing that would disgrace the names of its ancestors.
- d. You would like to increase your standing in the clan also - but obviously this should not be at the expense of the greater good of the clan itself.



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Personal Briefing : General Akira Shimaka



You believe that now is the time of greatness for the clan.



The Shogun is a snivelling weakling, and the various other Daimyo are disorganised and fight for only local advantage.



You could see your Lord as Shogun, if only he will pursue the cause and defeat his enemies.

Your personal objectives are therefore:

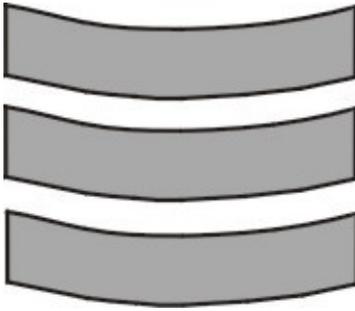
- a. encourage and support your Lord in a bid to become Shogun.
- b. To increase the standing of your clan substantially.
- c. To ensure that your clan is the strongest and most respected in Japan.
- d. To never, never, stand for insults from your inferiors (which is just about anyone from another clan).



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Personal Briefing : Chamberlain Kazuyasu Tatama



Times are hard for the samurai class, and this clan in particular.

Merchants and peasants seem to grow fat while the honest warrior risks his life defending them and their homes in the many wars.

The common folk do not understand the privations of the warrior - they think that

because you have a mansion and servants and horses and followers that you are a rich man - but what are riches? Only fleeting things that pass only too quickly (especially when you have a mansion, servants, horses etc. to maintain).

You feel that the commoners are getting rich on these wars, and that you should join in on this general atmosphere of wealth creation. Your personal objectives are therefore:

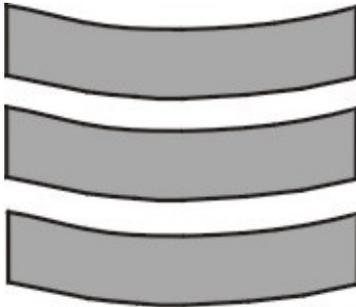
- a. To ensure that you clan becomes and remains very wealthy.
- b. To ensure that you personally become very wealthy.
- c. That samurai from other clans become poorer (preferably in meeting objective b. above).



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Personal Briefing : Yamana Mitsuyasu



Despite what is said about the hard and sombre life of the samurai, you have always fought hard and played hard.

You feel that it is up to the samurai class to outshine the old and decadent nobility in terms of patronage of the arts, plays and buildings, so that the legacy of the samurai will last for thousands of years - and you will have a good time in the here and now also.

Your personal objectives are therefore:

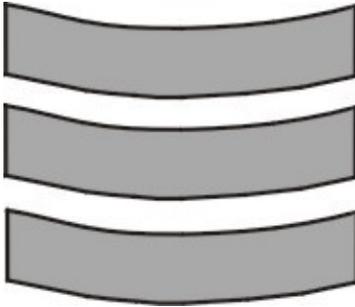
- a. To ensure that your clan becomes famed for its lavish patronage of the arts, if not the most famous clan in the land.
- b. to make sure that you yourself patronise the arts to the greatest possible extent.
- c. To improve your personal standing within the clan.



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Personal Briefing : Kosugi Yoshio



You are a great traditionalist.

You believe in the absolute power of your Lord, have total loyalty to him, and through him to the Emperor (may he live for 1000 years).

Honour is not just the most important thing, it is the *only* thing.

You avoid the dishonourable, do the honourable, and be ready to die at all times.

Your personal objectives are:

- a. Obey your Lord in all things - no matter what.
- b. Gain honour for your Lord by your actions.
- c. Gain honour for your clan by your actions
- d. If necessary, die an honourable death rather than be dishonoured, or fail in your objectives.