

The Garden Gnomes Society

Rule variant: Free Bidding

In this rule variant, the bid chips are not needed. When looking for a mate or offering one in phase 2, the deals are determined in free and chaotic auctions instead of blind bidding.

Look for a mate

As prices for the services of one of their gnomes, the other players can ask for money or promised actions later in the game. Statement of prices does not follow any order and prices can be changed at any time before a deal is closed. The active player can make some demands (e.g. a minimum value of the prospective breeding mate) and haggle to his heart's content.

Once a deal is closed, any money has to change hands at once (no credit or leasing is possible), but it remains in the hands of every player whether he will 'remember' promises when it is time to fulfill them.

Offer a mate

The other players state their prices in a free auction as above.

While the active player can decide which offer to take, he has to take one of them (provided that any offers are made at all). Refusing to deal after offering a gnome and letting him do garden work is not possible. This is even true if only a single offer is made by another player - the deal is done, regardless of whether the active player likes the conditions or not.