

# Solo Mode

You can play a solo game of *The Search for Planet X* against a bot player. The app manages the actions the bot takes and the theories the bot submits.

---

## Setup

---

Complete Steps 1-10 from the rulebook for Board and Player Setup for the solo player.

### **Bot Setup**

11. Choose a color for the bot player. Find the player pawn matching that color and place it after your pawn in sector 1 on the time track. (You will take the first turn.)

12. Place the 12 theory tokens matching the bot player's color face down next to the board. (These will be used whenever a bot's theory is face down on the board.)

13. Choose a secondary color to represent the bot's confirmed theories. Place the 12

theory tokens of the secondary color face up next to the board. (These will be used whenever a bot's theory is face up on the board.)

### **App Setup**

*Requires app version 1.5.0 (beta) or higher*

14. Complete step 11 from the rulebook to install the app. Press the "Start Solo Game" button from the app's initial screen.

15. Follow the instructions in the app (completing steps similar to step 12, 15-16 from the rulebook) and then press the "Start the Game" button.

## Gameplay

---

When you are the active player (i.e., when your player pawn is the farthest back on the time track), you take your turn as normal: take one action, advance your player pawn, and rotate the earth board.

When the bot is the active player, you will use the app to see the bot's turn. From the Game Menu, press the "Bot: Take Turn"

button. Confirm that the bot's pawn is in the correct sector on the time track and press the "Reveal" button. Then advance the bot's pawn and rotate the earth board, as normal. (We recommend paying attention to the actions the bot takes. You can record these in the far right column of your note sheet.)

## Theory Phase – Step 1. Theory Submission

---

In the theory phase, you will select and place your theory or theories first, following the rules for your game mode of play. The bot will then select and place its theory or theories. From the Game Menu, press the "Bot: Submit Theory" button.

If the bot submits a theory, place a theory token of the bot's player color face down in the appropriate sectors. (It does not matter what object is on the face of the token.)

**Note:** *The bot only submits theories that it knows to be correct.*

## Theory Phase – Step 2. Peer Review

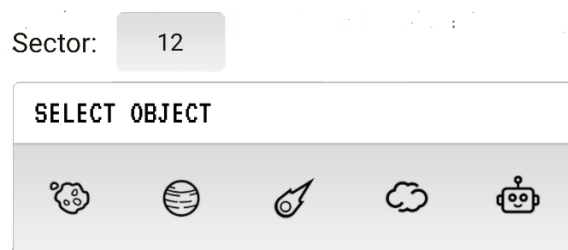
---

You conduct peer review for your own theory submissions using the app, as normal. (Even if you are certain of your theory, you must use the app so the bot knows the sector has been confirmed.)

For the bot's submitted theories, do *not* flip the tokens face up. (Remember, you randomly selected the token without knowing what object was on its face.) From the Game Menu, press "Peer Review." Select the sector, as normal, but select the bot icon (🤖) from the list of objects.

The app will reveal the object for the bot's theory submission. (Remember: The

bot only submits theories that it knows to be correct.) Find a face up theory token of the bot's secondary color, corresponding to that object, and place it face up on top of the face down theory submission that was just reviewed.



## End of the Game

---

The end of the game proceeds as normal. If you find Planet X first, advance your player pawn as normal. The app will ask you in what sector on the time track your pawn is now located; specify the sector. From the Game Menu, press the new "Bot: Take Final

Action" button to see what the bot does for its final scoring opportunity.

If the bot finds Planet X first (and your pawn is at least one sector back from the bot's pawn), you can take one last final scoring opportunity as normal.

## Reveal Objects

---

Complete the "Reveal Objects" step for your theory tokens, as normal. For the bot's theory tokens, do *not* flip the tokens face up. Instead, find a face up theory token of the bot's secondary color, corresponding to

the object in that sector, and place it face up on top of the face down theory token. (Remember: The bot only submits theories that it knows to be correct.

## Final Scoring / Winning the Game

---

Tally the scores for you and for the bot player, as normal. If you scored the most points, you have won the game!