



# SENGOKU

The Megagame of Power Politics in Old Japan

## TEAM BRIEFING - IMAGAWA CLAN



The Imagawa clan are descended from the ancient Minamoto family, and are a much revered and old family.

The family has ruled Suruga Province for many generations, having been given control by the Emperor in ancient times.

The clan is ruled by Imagawa Yoshimoto (age 32).  
The clan controls the following provinces:

MIKAWA	5 rice points
TOTOMI	3 rice points
SURUGA	2 rice points
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TOTAL	value 10 points all in rice tax.
PLUS	3 points in cash from tolls on the Tokkaido

### Recent Events

The current lord Yoshimoto spend many years wandering and studying as a Monk before returning to take control of the clan on the death of his elder brother Ujiteru who has just died without an heir.

The clan does not have a particularly high military reputation, its forces were defeated by Oda Nobuhide of Owari province in 1542. Nobuhide has just died, the Oda clan being taken over by his 17 year old son.

### Player Team

IMAGAWA YOSHIMOTO (32) - leader of the clan

IMAGAWA YOSHITOYO (30) - brother of Yoshimoto and Clan General

IMAGAWA UJIZANE (13) - son and heir of Yoshimoto, aged 13, but keen and enthusiastic for battle.

MITSUTOMO AMANO (29) - Clan chamberlain

NAKAJIMA HARUO (63) - A loyal samurai

### Dynastic Information

The clan holds a hostage, one Hirotada Takechiyo (age 9), heir to the subordinate clan that controls Mikawa province and which has sworn allegiance to the Imagawa.

Yoshimoto's daughter is married to Takeda Harunobu.

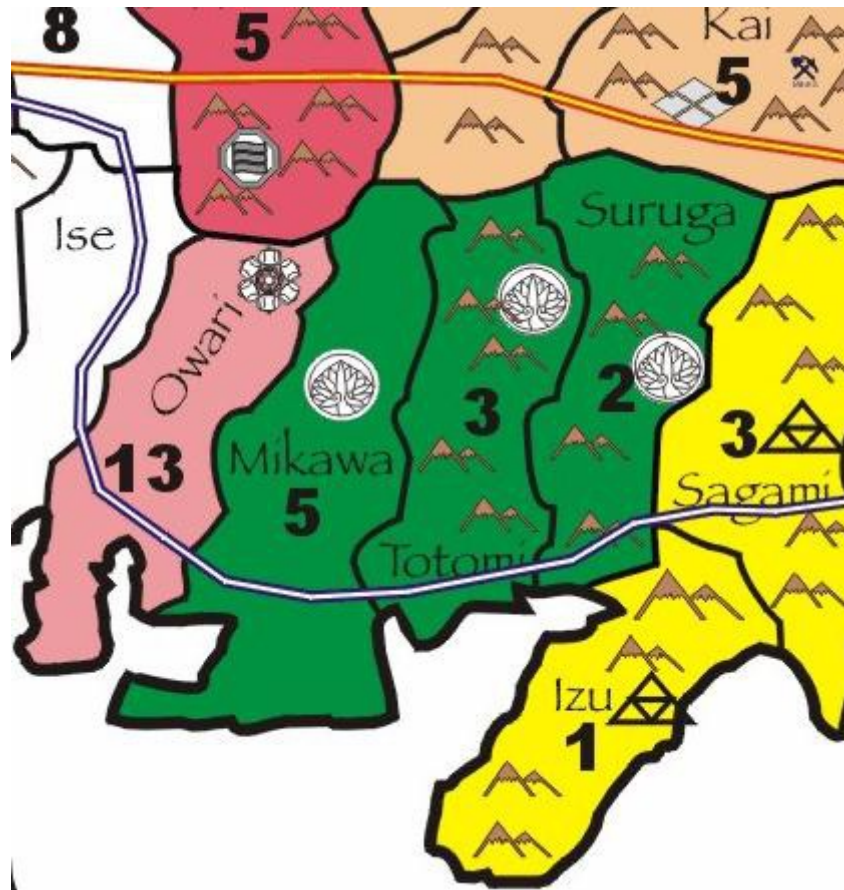


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Over ten years ago, Takeda Nobutora, the father of Takeda Harunobu, has been a prisoner by the clan (at the request of Harunobu who deposed him). Nobutora has shaved his head and lives in a temple in Suruga.

### LANDS HELD BY THE IMAGAWA





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## Personal Briefing : IMAGAWA UJIZANE

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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 encourage your Lord 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 : DAIMYO IMAGAWA YOSHIMOTO

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You feel that the clan needs to take stock of its position and rebuild after recent reverses - but on the other hand the neighbouring Oda clan might prove easy to take over with a young and inexperienced lord in charge.

Otherwise, your main aim is to hold things together in difficult times.



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## **Personal Briefing : IMAGAWA YOSHITOYO**

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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 MITSUTOMO AMANO

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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 : NAKAJIMA HARUO

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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.