

The Sims 4: Decades Challenge Rules

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Helpful Links:

- [Original Challenge by ZombieCleo](#)
- [Modified Rules by kakeru naruse](#)
- [My Scoring Template](#)
- In January 2021, Google deleted the rules document and I was terrified that they were lost for good. Special thanks to [Folklore1489](#) and StephKayCeeYT for sharing your Rules saves so that we can keep playing the Decades Challenge for years to come!
- For the most current rules, visit [CuteCoffeeGal.com](#)

The goal of this challenge is to live from the 1890s to the 2010s in a somewhat historically accurate way, showing how things changed over more than a century of time. By nature of the goal, this challenge will have some limitations in regards to race, gender, and sexuality, particularly in the earlier decades - please note that playing this challenge does NOT condone these limitations. Each decade has rule changes based on societal changes and world events. I have all the current Sims 4 packs and will try to keep this updated as new packs become available. These rules assume that you are not including any Vampires, Mermaids, Spellcasters, or StrangerVille gameplay.

Paranormal investigation was popularized in the 2000s, but has been around since before the Decades Challenge begins; seances have been around even longer. You are welcome to use Paranormal Stuff in your gameplay from a historical perspective - just keep in mind that the specters and creepy objects may reduce the realistic nature of this challenge.

Aging and Time

Aging is an important part of the game as it helps to determine when you change decades! Some people play this challenge so that as each new heir becomes a young adult the decade changes, and that is certainly the most simple way to play.

However, if you want to be a bit more exact, you can track each Sim day to know exactly when to switch decades. Using the [Normal Sim Lifespan](#) as a guide, we will assume that each Sim day is 6 months, so every 2 days the year changes, and every 20 days the decade changes.

So based on a Normal Sim Lifespan, Sims will automatically age up according to the approximate schedule:

- Baby: 3 days, ages up at 1.5 years old
- Toddler: 7 days, ages up at 5 years old
- Child: 13 days, ages up at 11.5 years old
- Teen: 13 days, ages up at 18 years old
- Young Adult: 24 days, ages up at 30 years old
- Adult: 24 days, ages up at 42 years old
- Elder: 10 days, dies at 47 years old

Added Accuracy (and Difficulty): The Normal Sim Lifespan works well for the first few generations as [average life expectancy](#) for someone born in 1890 was mid-forties. However, life expectancy increased steadily, and by 1950, average life expectancy had increased to closer to 70. If you are interested in mimicking this in your game, you can do so by following these steps:

- When your game hits 1950, change your game options so that you are on the Long Sim Lifespan. **This will require that you MANUALLY age up ALL of your Sims from this point forward.**
- Any Sims born **before 1950** should MANUALLY age up using the days listed above for the Normal Sim Lifespan (you'll be manually creating a normal lifespan for them).
- Any Sims **born 1950 or later** should MANUALLY age up according to this approximate schedule:
 - Baby: 3 days, ages up at 1.5 years old

- Toddler: 7 days, ages up at 5 years old
- Child: 13 days, ages up at 11.5 years old
- Teen: 13 days, ages up at 18 years old
- Young Adult: 24 days, ages up at 30 years old
- Adult: 50 days, ages up at 55 years old
- Elder: 40 days, dies at 75 years old
- Please note - this can get quite complicated as you may want to also manually age up the Sims you've moved out of your main home so that the siblings who are not the heir are still in the correct generation.
- The calendar can be helpful in keeping track of birthdays - I describe this in the following YouTube video, starting at 27:44 <https://youtu.be/cO4OB7QhyWc?t=27m44s>

Considerations for University: If you have Discover University and want your Sims to seek degrees, then you'll need to change how you handle time in your Decades Challenge. Each term is 7 Sim Days long, and if you're counting each Sim Day as 6 months, then the fastest a Sim can complete a degree would be 11 years, LOL!

- If you want to make this change, then I highly recommend you add MC Command Center to your game - it will be very difficult to track ages otherwise!
- This will also significantly lengthen your game play, so just be warned that your game will take three times as long to complete the challenge!
- Each Sim Day will now stand for 2 months in real time, so you will want to use the following time frames:
 - Baby: 9 days, ages up at 1.5 years old
 - Toddler: 21 days, ages up at 5 years old
 - Child: 42 days, ages up at 12 years old
 - Teen: 36 days, ages up at 18 years old
 - Young Adult: 72 days, ages up at 30 years old
 - Adult
 - Before 1950: 90 days, ages up at 45 years old
 - After 1950: 150 days, ages up at 55 years old
 - Elder
 - Before 1950: 60 days, dies at 55 years old
 - After 1950: 120 days, dies at 75 years old
- If you have Seasons: Since each Sim Day is 2 months instead of 6 months, it makes sense to designate time seasonally. When doing this, your time calculations will have ABSOLUTELY ZERO correlation to your seasons in-game. I've decided to just be OK with the fact that these do not match up, but if you come up with something that works better, please let me know!
 - Previously, time was calculated so that each day progressed like so: Early 1950, Late 1950, Early 1951, Late 1951, etc.
 - Now it makes more sense to calculate each day like so: Early Spring 1950, Late Spring 1950, Early Summer 1950, Late Summer 1950.

It is recommended that you set your game options so that you auto age unplayed Sims. You may need to occasionally pop into those homes to Try for a Baby so that there continue to be cousins. Feel free to use cheats for relationships and/or pregnancy in the houses that are not your primary home (though don't spend too much time here or your primary home will continue on in your absence)!

Holidays: Seasons comes with 4 holidays: New Year's Eve, Love Day, Harvestfest, and Winterfest. To add additional historical accuracy to the Decades Challenge, I would recommend editing these holidays and adding a few additional ones. At the start of the Decades Challenge, edit your calendar to include:

- New Year's Eve (Winter Saturday): New Year's Eve Decorations, Day Off, Traditions - Party Spirit, Make Resolutions, Countdown to Midnight
- Valentine's Day (Spring Tuesday): Love Day Decorations, No Day Off, Traditions - Romantic Spirit, Give Flowers, Go on a Date
- Easter (Spring Saturday): Spring Decorations, Day Off, Traditions - Egg Hunt, Flower Bunny, Give Flowers, Attend Holiday Ceremony
- Memorial Day (Summer Monday): No Decorations, Day Off, Traditions - Remembrance, Tell Stories, Thankful Spirit
- Independence Day (Summer Thursday): No Decorations, Day Off, Traditions - Appreciate an Object ([American flag](#)), Bar-B-Que, Fireworks

- Halloween (Fall): Spooky Decorations, No Day Off, Traditions - Wear Costumes, Trick or Treat, Spooky Spirit
- Thanksgiving (Fall Thursday): Harvestfest Decorations, Day Off, Traditions - Grand Meal, Thankful Spirit, Tell Stories, Baking
- Christmas (Winter Wednesday): Winterfest Decorations, Day Off, Traditions - Festive Spirit, Open Presents, Grand Meal, Attend Holiday Ceremony, Father Winter

Getting Started

- Starting Sims
 - You may start with one Young Adult and find them a spouse, or you may start with a married couple, both Young Adults.
 - You may also include the parent(s) for one of your starter Sims as it was common for multiple generations to live in the same home in 1890 (if you use this option, any parent Sims will NOT count towards your overall score - on the scoring sheet, it's like they don't exist).
 - There are no restrictions within CAS - have fun with decade appropriate clothing! Please note, Moschino was founded in the early 1980s, so clothing from the Moschino Stuff Pack should not be used until that decade!
- House and Finances
 - You may not have a home in Del Sol Valley until the 1950s. Any other world except StrangerVille is allowed (StrangerVille's storyline is not consistent with the Decades Challenge as it is not realistic).
 - Regarding Sulani:
 - It will be significantly difficult to live in Sulani until the 1960s as much of the gameplay and many objects are restricted until the mid/late 1900s.
 - Regardless of the year, the concept of the Sulani Elementals is unrealistic. This supernatural aspect of gameplay may break realism for your challenge, so only use if you are OK with gameplay that is not realistic. This includes the Child of the Island trait, the Island Spirits lot trait, and the "Summon Island Elementals" actions.
 - You should start with only the starter funds for your family (no cheats) and use that to buy any land or house (you may use a home from the Gallery if you can afford it).
 - You can start in an apartment if you are single AND have a job, but as soon as you get married you must move to a house. (Apartments were not ideal places for families in the 1890s as they were reserved for the single and working.)
 - If you would like to use a money cheat for your starter home, you must treat it as a bank loan - you must repay your loan plus 10% interest before your original Sim couple dies.
 - Throughout the game, if you need to add or remove funds from your home:
 - Ctrl + Shift + C will bring up the cheats entry bar in the top left.
 - **testingcheats on** + Enter will enable cheats
 - **money 1500** + Enter will change the amount of your household funds to \$1,500 - use with any number to set your household funds to that amount
- Modern Conveniences: Some game functions require a cell phone or computer, which were not present for the majority of this challenge! Until the appropriate time as indicated in the decade rules, use of these items is firmly restricted with the following exceptions.
 - Cell Phones are allowed, but only because they are the only way to get some gameplay options. You may NOT use the cell phone to chat, text, or for entertainment until the rules specify otherwise.
 - Computers are only allowed for career-specific tasks, Writing (pretend it's a typewriter), Household, and to Order seeds and books until the rules specify otherwise. You must lock the computer's security so that only the Sim who is allowed to use the computer can use it (and only when doing career specific-tasks).
 - It may be helpful to use the likes/dislikes feature to discourage music and activities that are not yet decades appropriate. For example, if your Sim keeps autonomously playing games on their phone, set them to dislike gaming.
- Wars: There are several wars that take place during this century, and your Sims will be sent off to fight - they may or may not return. To simulate this, we'll use the in-game mechanic of a Cow Plant.
 - [There are several ways to get a Cow Plant](#). You'll want to have yours fully grown by the time you hit 1910.
 - We will simulate sending someone off to war by having them eat the Cow Plant cake. This will make your Sim Drained.

- To learn if your Sim survives the war, roll a die after the Sim has eaten the cake once. Odds mean the Sim dies in the war, evens means the Sim comes home!
- If you roll odds, then your Sim must eat the cake from the Cow Plant AGAIN before the Drained moodlet goes away. They will not survive the second slice of cake . . .
- Fame: Famous Sims would certainly have existed as early as the 1890s, but what that fame looked like was very different from what it looks like in Get Famous. Hollywood, CA was a city long before 1890, but it didn't start looking like Del Sol Valley until much later - for instance, the Walk of Fame was created in 1956. In order to suspend our belief as best we can, there are some "fame" features that we will not allow access to in earlier years simply because the way that they are manifested in The Sims is anachronistic. Use your judgement for this - for instance, while there would have been famous chefs in the 1800s, the idea of a "celebrity chef" didn't really start until the 1950s. As such, you should not have famous chefs in-game until the 1950s.
- Odd Jobs: Various odd jobs are available for you to earn a little extra money. Given the significant variety of these jobs, it's difficult to place them within the Decades Challenge structure. Use your best judgement when determining if a certain odd job would be available based on your Sim's age, gender, race, and any other historical restrictions.
- Eco Living: There are a lot of aspects around Eco Living and Off-the-Grid that are applicable at various different times, so it is difficult to say that you can or cannot use these elements. Know that environmental awareness as we know it today (and in The Sims) started in small pockets in the early/mid 1960s and became more mainstream in the 1970s - use your best judgement.
 - Reduce & Reuse lot trait would be appropriate at any time (municipal recycling programs didn't start until the 1970s, but people have been finding creative ways to recycle trash long before 1890).
 - Eco Lot trait would not be appropriate at the beginning.
 - Fizzy juice drinks would have been around in the 1890s, but you'll have to suspend disbelief since there is a computer screen on the apparatus.
- Scoring: The primary object of the game is to successfully get your Sims to the current day, but if you are interested in keeping score you can use [my scoring template](#) to keep track of the score for each Sim as well as your total game score!

1890s - The Eve of the 20th Century

- Heir: **Only male heirs are allowed.** If there are no sons, then a daughter's husband may become heir.
- Traits: Daughters must have Creative as their first trait.
- Relationships/WooHooing
 - Sims may only have a relationship with and marry the opposite gender.
 - Sims may only marry within their own ethnicity/race.
 - Sims must only "Try for Baby" and never "Woohoo."
 - Teenage sims cannot "Mess Around"
 - Sims cannot get a divorce unless one of them commits adultery (in this case, flirting with another sim in front of the spouse).
 - Female children move out once they are married.
 - Adoption is not allowed.
- Home/Building
 - Consider using the Off-the-Grid lot trait if you have it. (Note: With the patch on Aug. 8, 2019, most of the bugginess was addressed. However, you will still need to use the shower/tub combo for bathing. If you find an Off-the-Grid CC bathtub, let me know!)
 - No electricity. Use candles or lanterns to light up the house.
 - Outhouses required - no toilets in the home.
 - Only bathtubs, no showers.
 - Only wooden furniture is allowed in the house
 - Wooden floors and walls. No drywall or wallpaper. Rugs are allowed.
 - Buy the cheapest/oldest stoves, fridges, counters, etc. No other kitchen appliances are allowed besides a stove, a grill, and a fridge.
 - Paintings styles allowed are Landscape, Classic, Impressionism, and Realism. Kids' drawings can only be hung in the kids' rooms.
 - Not allowed: coffee and tea brewers, DJ equipment, earbuds, kids tablets, thermostats, and anything else that obviously wasn't around in 1890!
 - No holiday decorations (with the exception of indoor decorations around winter holidays).

- A small, personal greenhouse for your home is allowed, but large commercial farm greenhouses are not.
- Education
 - Elementary school is mandatory, but high school is optional.
 - High school has a fee. It costs \$1,000 for every Teen going to school (money cheat).
 - University: Men and women may attend university.
 - All majors are allowed except Culinary Arts, Computer Science, and Psychology.
 - Student loans are not allowed, but scholarships are.
 - No kegs, no juice pong, no robotics.
- Career
 - Men can only have the Criminal (Boss), Doctor, Education (either branch), Engineer (Mechanical), Entertainer (Musician), Freelancer (Writer), Gardener (either branch), Law (either branch), Military (Officer), Politics (Politician), Scientist, Writing (either branch) career. Men can choose to stay home and make money through woodworking, painting, or gardening.
 - You can open a retail store or a restaurant, only if you have enough money.
 - Women take care of the children, tidy the house, and cook. They can help tidy the garden, and go jogging for fun.
 - If a woman becomes widowed, then she may earn money through freelancing (writing), gardening, painting, or woodworking. If she becomes divorced, then she can also join the Entertainer (Musician) career.
 - Part-time work: Men can be a fisherman or a manual laborer. Women can be a babysitter or a manual laborer. Teens and Elderly cannot have part-time work.
- Miscellaneous
 - Your sims cannot go to festivals or city events **with the exception of Cottage Living events.**
 - If your sims get sick, you can't give them medicine. You have to cure them through natural remedies.
 - Your sims may not throw any events besides weddings.
 - Births must occur at home. Babies can only be fed through breastfeeding and not by bottle.
 - If your family can afford it, then you may hire a butler or maid. However, you cannot hire a Nanny.
 - No fitness or wellness equipment allowed. Sims may work on these skills without equipment. No soccer - it was not popular in the USA at this time.
 - Vacations are not allowed, but camping is.
 - Archeology became more prevalent in the mid 20th century, but did exist in the 1800s, so you can travel to Selvadorada from the beginning (but keep in mind this would be incredibly rare, and definitely not a family vacation opportunity).
 - Veterinarians for house pets were not common - you may have a pet dog or cat, but you cannot take them to the vet if they are sick, and you cannot spay/neuter them. Small pets were not yet kept in the 1890s. Also, no pet clothing is allowed.
 - All laundry must be done with a wash basin and a clothesline.
 - Playground equipment, play dates, and ball pits were not yet invented, and are therefore not allowed.
 - Sims may become famous for reasonable reasons given the decade.
 - Only men can vote on Neighborhood Action Plans.
 - Skiing is allowed, but snowboarding and rock climbing are not.
 - While Sims may enjoy naturally occurring hot springs, in-home hot springs are not allowed.
 - **You may want to start working on a Cow Plant in this decade.**

1900s - Edwardian Era

All rules from 1890s still stand with the following changes:

- Home/Building
 - Remove the Off-the-Grid lot trait.
 - Electricity is allowed, but only in the form of lamps.
 - Indoor plumbing is allowed. However, still only bathtubs, no showers.
 - Upholstery is allowed.
 - Wallpaper is allowed.
 - You may use a [phonograph](#) for music (does not require electricity). Allowed music styles are Lullabies, Classical, and Baroque.
- Career

- Male Sims are permitted the following careers: Business (Management), Criminal (Boss), Doctor, Education (either branch), Engineer (Mechanical), Entertainer (Musician), Freelancer (Writer), Gardener (either branch), **Interior Decorator**, Law (either branch), Military (Officer), Politics (Politician), Scientist, Writing (either branch).
- Married female Sims are not permitted to work.
- Widowed or divorced female sims are permitted to make money through freelancing (writing), gardening, painting, or woodworking. The only careers they may join are Education (either branch), Entertainer (Musician), and **Interior Decorator**.
- Part-time work: Men can be a fisherman or a manual laborer. Women can be a babysitter or a manual laborer. Teens and Elderly cannot have part-time work.
- Miscellaneous
 - Your Sims can go on vacation.
 - By the end of this decade you will need a fully grown Cow Plant.

1910s - World War I and Women's Suffrage

All rules from 1900s still stand with the following changes:

- War: All male Sims who are a Teen, Young Adult, or Adult at the start of this decade, and all males Sims who become a Teen during this decade, must be drafted for World War I. This includes the husbands of the daughters in your family and their male children (even if they are no longer your primary household).
 - Make all the male Sims eat the Cow Plant cake once.
 - For each individual Sim, roll a die - odds will eat the cake a second time, evens are sent home!
 - Note: Men who are about to go to war do have the opportunity to Try for a Baby before they are called to service (so do this action before they eat the first piece of cake). This is for both the active household and for all the non-played households with your daughters.
- Heir: If ALL the male Sims in your family die in the war (whether they are in the active household or have moved out), then (and only then) your oldest daughter's husband can become the heir.
 - If he dies in the war, then move to the next oldest daughter's husband. You must look at all the daughters who have moved out - the oldest daughter with a surviving husband must move with her entire family back into the active household and the husband will become the heir.
 - If you do not have a single male Sim left in all of your entire family, then you must have the oldest daughter remarry, and her new husband will become the heir (though he's still got to go to war too). Keep going along this line of logic until you achieve a surviving male heir.
- Traits: Any male Sim returning from war must suffer trauma and take one of the following traits the next time they age up: Gloomy, Hot-Headed, Clumsy, Insane, Lazy, Mean, Paranoid, or Noncommittal.
- Home/Building
 - Drywall/Painted Walls are allowed.
 - Murphy beds are allowed.
- Education
 - Teens who do not earn a C or higher in high school must be sent away to another household.
 - World War I lasted Early Summer 1914 to Late Fall 1918, but the USA did not enter the war until Early Spring 1917. If your Sim wants to attend university, they may do so after they have served active duty for a minimum 8 Sim Days.
- Career
 - Young Adult male Sims are not allowed to have a career until they return from war - if you have StrangerVille, then they are required to take the Military (Officer) career during active duty.
 - Adult/Elder male Sims are permitted the following careers: Business (Management), Criminal (Boss), Critic (either branch), Culinary (Chef), Doctor, Education (either branch), Engineer (Mechanical), Entertainer (Musician), Freelancer (Writer), Gardener (either branch), **Interior Decorator**, Law (either branch), Military (Officer), Painter (either branch), Politics (Politician), Scientist, Writing (either branch).
 - Women may not have a Political career, but they are encouraged to participate in activism and protests.
 - Part-time work: Men can be a fisherman, lifeguard, or manual laborer. Women can be a babysitter, lifeguard, or a manual laborer. Teens and Elderly cannot have part-time work.

- Children and Teens are allowed to join the Scouting career.
- Miscellaneous
 - Soccer is beginning to gain popularity in the USA and is now allowed.
 - Portable generators are allowed.

1920s - Roaring Twenties and Prohibition

All rules from 1910s still stand with the following changes:

- Heir: **Women are allowed to be heirs** (they are no longer forced to move out when they marry).
- Traits: Daughters no longer have to take Creative as their first trait.
- Home/Building
 - All forms of lighting are allowed.
 - Radios are allowed, but only Talk Radio.
 - Movies are allowed (but not TV shows). Recommend that you use this sparingly as movie theaters would have existed in this decade, but televisions would not be in the home for many more years.
 - Surrealism paintings are allowed.
 - Wind turbines are allowed.
 - Upright vacuum cleaners are available.
- Career
 - Male Sims are permitted the following careers: Business (Management), Criminal (Boss), Critic (either branch), Culinary (either branch), Doctor, Education (either branch), Engineer (Mechanical), Entertainer (Musician), Freelancer (Writer), Gardener (either branch), **Interior Decorator**, Law (either branch), Military (Officer), Painter (either branch), Politics (Politician), Writing (either branch). Sims may NOT join the Scientist career anymore.
 - Female Sims are allowed to work if they are widowed, divorced, single, or if their husband does not bring in enough money. They are permitted the following careers: Criminal (Boss), Culinary (Chef), Entertainer (Musician), Freelancer (Writer), Gardener (either branch), **Interior Decorator**, Painter (either branch), Writing (either branch).
 - Young Adults are encouraged to work in the Criminal (Boss) career.
 - Part-time work: Men can be a fisherman, lifeguard, or manual laborer. Women can be a babysitter, lifeguard, manual laborer, or retail employee. Teens and Elderly cannot have part-time work.
- Holidays
 - Add a new holiday: Armistice Day (Fall Monday): No Decorations, Day Off, Traditions - Remembrance, Tell Stories, Thankful Spirit
- Miscellaneous
 - No alcohol of any kind is allowed! You cannot drink beer, nectar, etc.
 - Events other than weddings are allowed.
 - Women can vote on Neighborhood Action Plans.
 - Rock climbing is now allowed.

1930s - The Great Depression

All rules from 1920s still stand with the following changes:

- Traits: Any Sim who becomes a Young Adult in this era must take one of the following traits when they become a Young Adult: Gloomy, Mean, or Noncommittal.
- Education
 - High school no longer has a fee.
 - University: Kegs are now allowed.
- Career
 - Anyone who has a career at the start of the 1930s must lose their job. After 1 Sim week they may have their job again.
 - Teens who do not go to school, Young Adults, and Adult Sims MUST scavenge, fish, garden during the week of unemployment.
 - Sims may NOT join the Business career anymore.
 - The silent film era has ended. Your Sims may have the Acting career.
 - Part-time work: Men can be a fisherman, lifeguard, or manual laborer. Women can be a babysitter, lifeguard, manual laborer, or retail employee. Teens and Elderly cannot have part-time work.
- Financial:
 - Bills are only allowed to be paid once the electricity is cut off.

- Added Difficulty: Wait until the water has also been cut off to pay the bills.
 - War veterans can receive a pension of \$100 per veteran (money cheat).
 - Added Difficulty: To simulate the stock market crash, reduce your total household funds by 40% at the start of the decade (money cheat).
- Holidays
 - Add “Mischief Spirit” to the Halloween traditions.
- Miscellaneous
 - Prohibition ends, you can drink alcohol again.
 - Sims may only have one hot-cooked meal per day. Otherwise they must eat food found from scavenging, fishing, and gardening.
 - Sims cannot create medium or large paintings, only small paintings.
 - Sims may purchase a camera and tripod.
 - Small pets began to gain popularity, you can own a pet hamster or rat (but not a hedgehog or bubalus).

1940s - World War II

All rules from 1930s still stand with the following changes:

- War:
 - All male Sims **who are already** a Young Adult when the 1940s begin are drafted for World War II. They can Try for a Baby before they are called to service. Make them eat the Cow Plant cake once, roll a die, odds must eat a second piece of cake, events are sent home. These Sims are not allowed to have a career until they return from war - if you have StrangerVille, then they are required to take the Military (Officer) career during active duty.
 - All male Sims **who become** a Young Adult during this decade will not be drafted but **MUST** get a career.
- Traits: Any male Sim returning from war must suffer trauma and take one of the following traits the next time they age up: Gloomy, Hot-Headed, Clumsy, Insane, Lazy, Mean, Paranoid, or Noncommittal.
- Relationships/WooHooing
 - Sims may have relationships with other ethnicities/races, but they cannot marry.
- Home/Building
 - Every house must have a Victory Garden with at least 4 plants.
 - Every house must have a radio, and someone must listen to it for at least an hour each day.
 - Coffee makers are allowed (but not fancy espresso machines or one-cup brewers).
 - Fitness equipment (including the training bot) is allowed for Athletes and Military only.
 - Soundtastic jukebox is now allowed.
 - Winter Holiday music is allowed.
 - Large commercial farm greenhouses are allowed.
 - Thermostats are allowed.
- Education
 - Teens are no longer sent away for bad grades.
 - World War II lasted Early Fall 1939 to Early Fall 1945, but the US did not enter the war until Early Winter 1941. If your Sim wants to attend university, they may do so after they have served active duty for a minimum 8 Sim Days.
 - The GI Bill was introduced in 1944. From this point forward, any veterans can receive half of their tuition for free (use the money cheat to give the household the funds).
 - Sims can now major in Culinary Arts or Psychology at university.
- Career
 - Male Sims are permitted the following careers: Actor, Athlete (Bodybuilder), Civil Designer (Civic Planner), Criminal (Boss), Critic (either branch), Culinary (either branch), Detective, Doctor, Education (either branch), Engineer (Mechanical), Entertainer (either branch), Freelancer (Fashion Photographer, Writer), Gardener (either branch), **Interior Decorator**, Law (either branch), Military (either branch), Painter (either branch), Politics (Politician), Scientist, Secret Agent (either branch), Veterinarian, Writing (either branch).
 - Young Adult veterans cannot have a career until they have served active duty for a minimum 8 Sim Days.
 - Young Adults male Sims who are NOT veterans **MUST** have a career.
 - Female Sims **MUST** have a career. Once they are married, they may keep their career or leave to become a housewife, their choice. They are permitted the following careers: Actor, Athlete (Bodybuilder), Civil Designer (Civic Planner), Criminal (Boss), Culinary (either

branch), Engineer (Mechanical), Entertainer (either branch), Freelancer (Fashion Photographer, Writer), Gardener (either branch), **Interior Decorator**, Law (either branch), Military (Officer), Painter (either branch), Secret Agent (either branch), Writing (either branch).

- Teens are allowed (and encouraged) to have part-time work.
- Permitted part-time work for any Sims:
 - Babysitter
 - Fast Food Employee
 - Fisherman - males only
 - Lifeguard
 - Manual Laborer
 - Retail Employee
- Holidays
 - Holiday decorations are allowed - you may want to add "Decorate" to the traditions on your various holidays.
- Miscellaneous
 - Sims may only have one hot-cooked meal per day. Otherwise they must eat food found from scavenging, fishing, and gardening.
 - Sims can take medicine when they are sick.
 - Babies can be born at home or at the hospital.
 - The veterinary profession became more common - you may take your pet to the vet if they are sick. Also, spaying/neutering is an option!
 - You may use washing machines and dryers.
 - You may use the photo studio items (with the exception of the electronic backdrop).

1950s - Red Scare and Korean War

All rules from 1940s still stand with the following changes:

- War:
 - The oldest son is drafted for the Korean War when he becomes a Young Adult, and the oldest daughter becomes a volunteer nurse in the war when she becomes a Young Adult. The son can Try for a Baby before he is called to service. Both must eat the Cow Plant cake once, roll a die, odds must eat a second piece of cake, evens are sent home. These Sims are not allowed to have a career until they return from war - if you have StrangerVille, then they are required to take the Military (Officer) career during active duty.
- Traits: Any Sim returning from war must suffer trauma and take one of the following traits the next time they age up: Gloomy, Hot-Headed, Clumsy, Insane, Lazy, Mean, Paranoid, or Noncommittal.
- Relationships/WooHooing
 - Sims may divorce for any reason.
 - Adoption is allowed.
- Home/Building
 - Sims can live in apartments at any time.
 - Showers are allowed!
 - Carpet, patterned, and brick flooring is allowed.
 - Private pools are allowed.
 - Televisions are allowed! Only the first three cheapest TVs are available, and they can only be used from 6am to 9pm. News and TV Classics channels are allowed.
 - All painting styles are allowed. Kids' drawings can be hung anywhere.
 - Radio listening requirement is lifted.
 - Pop music is allowed.
 - Listening device is allowed.
 - Sunscreen, snorkeling, and float loungers are now allowed.
- Education
 - Both elementary school and high school are mandatory.
 - The Korean War lasted Early Summer 1950 to Late Summer 1953. If your Sim wants to attend university, they may do so after they have served active duty for a minimum 8 Sim Days.
- Career
 - Permitted careers for any Sims:
 - Actor
 - Athlete (either branch)

- Business (either branch) - males only
- Civil Designer (Civic Planner)
- Criminal (Boss)
- Critic (either branch)
- Culinary (either branch)
- Detective - males only
- Doctor - males only
- Education (either branch)
- Engineer (Mechanical)
- Entertainer (either branch)
- Freelancer (Fashion Photographer, Writer)
- Gardener (either branch)
- Interior Decorator
- Law (either branch)
- Military (Officer)
- Military (Covert Operator) - males only
- Painter (either branch)
- Politics (Politician) - males only
- Scientist - males only
- Secret Agent (either branch)
- Veterinarian
- Writing (either branch)
- Permitted part-time work for any Sims:
 - Babysitter
 - Diver
 - Fast Food Employee
 - Fisherman
 - Lifeguard
 - Manual Laborer
 - Retail Employee
- Women should quit their job while they have Babies, Toddlers, or Children. They may work again when they have Teens.
- Financial
 - World War II veterans can receive a pension of \$250 per veteran (money cheat).
- Holidays
 - Change the name of Armistice Day to Veterans Day.
- Miscellaneous
 - Cell phones can be used for chatting (pretend they are wall phones).
 - Sims can have unlimited hot meals.
 - You are allowed to hire a nanny.
 - With the commercial availability of formula, bottle feeding is now allowed.
 - Sims can paint any size painting.
 - Smoke alarms are allowed.
 - Playground equipment is allowed (but not ball pits).

1960s - Civil Rights, Sexual Revolution, and Counterculture

All rules from 1950s still stand with the following changes:

- War:
 - The first two children drafted for the Vietnam War when they become a Young Adult, regardless of gender. Males can Try for a Baby before they are called to service. Both must eat the Cow Plant cake once, roll a die, odds must eat a second piece of cake, events are sent home. These Sims are not allowed to have a career until they return from war - if you have StrangerVille, then they are required to take the Military (Officer) career during active duty.
- Traits: Any Sim returning from war must suffer trauma and take one of the following traits the next time they age up: Gloomy, Hot-Headed, Clumsy, Insane, Lazy, Mean, Paranoid, or Noncommittal.
- Relationships/WooHooing
 - Sims may marry other ethnicities/races.
 - Sims may have same-sex relationships, but they cannot marry.

- Sims no longer have to Try for a Baby every time! Birth control means they can simply WooHoo.
- Teens can Mess Around.
- Home/Building
 - You may have fancier sofas, beds, chairs, tables, and stairs.
 - Tea Brewers are allowed.
 - Yoga/meditation items and incense are allowed.
 - Lava lamps became popular in the late 1960s.
 - Spooky music and Japanese folk music are allowed.
 - Action and Comedy TV channels are allowed.
 - Space heaters, kotatsu tables, and in-home hot springs are allowed.
- Education
 - The Vietnam War Late Fall 1955 to Early Spring 1975. Significant USA involvement was Late Winter 1960 to Late Winter 1973. College students could be deferred from getting drafted as long as they didn't drop out or graduate.
 - If your Sim is drafted and wants to attend university, they may do so after they have served active duty for a minimum 8 Sim Days.
 - Sims can now major in any subject at university.
 - Student loans are now available to students.
- Career
 - Permitted careers for any Sims:
 - Actor
 - Astronaut (Space Ranger) - males only
 - Athlete (either branch)
 - Business (Management)
 - Business (Investor) - males only
 - Civil Designer (Civic Planner)
 - Conservationist (either branch)
 - Criminal (Boss)
 - Critic (either branch)
 - Culinary (either branch)
 - Detective - males only
 - Doctor
 - Education (either branch)
 - Engineer (Mechanical)
 - Entertainer (either branch)
 - Freelancer (Fashion Photographer, Programmer, Writer)
 - Gardener (either branch)
 - Interior Decorator
 - Law (either branch)
 - Military (Officer)
 - Military (Covert Operator) - males only
 - Painter (either branch)
 - Politics (Charity Organizer)
 - Politics (Politician) - males only
 - Scientist - males only
 - Secret Agent (either branch)
 - Veterinarian
 - Writing (either branch)
 - Permitted part-time work for any Sims:
 - Babysitter
 - Diver
 - Fast Food Employee
 - Fisherman
 - Lifeguard
 - Manual Laborer
 - Retail Employee
 - Women can take maternity leave in the third trimester and after the baby is born.
- Financial
 - Korean War veterans can receive a pension of §250 per veteran (money cheat).

- Miscellaneous
 - With significant advances in science, you can now interact with dolphins and study robotics.

1970s - Feminism and Environmentalism

All rules from 1960s still stand with the following changes:

- War:
 - In the 1960s, the first two children (regardless of gender) to become Young Adult were drafted for the Vietnam War. If no children became Young Adults or only the first child became a Young Adult, then the requirement for the first two children of that generation being drafted must be completed in the 1970s. Males can Try for a Baby before they are called to service. Drafted Sims must eat the Cow Plant cake once, roll a die, odds must eat a second piece of cake, events are sent home. These Sims are not allowed to have a career until they return from war - if you have StrangerVille, then they are required to take the Military (Officer) career during active duty.
- Traits:
 - Any Sim returning from war must suffer trauma and take one of the following traits the next time they age up: Gloomy, Hot-Headed, Clumsy, Insane, Lazy, Mean, Paranoid, or Noncommittal.
 - Any Sims born during this decade must take one of the following traits: Active, Loves Outdoors, or Vegetarian. (environmentalist movement)
- Relationships/WooHooing
 - Sims are no longer required to get married to continue the lineage (though it is still heavily encouraged).
- Home/Building
 - The Eco Lot trait would be appropriate now.
 - Solar panels are now used in homes.
 - Microwaves and dishwashers are allowed.
 - Plastic furniture is allowed.
 - You may upgrade appliances like stoves, fridges, sinks, and showers.
 - DJ equipment is allowed.
 - NuDisco music is allowed.
 - Civic Public Access and Romance TV channels are allowed.
- Education
 - The Vietnam War Late Fall 1955 to Early Spring 1975. Significant USA involvement was Late Winter 1960 to Late Winter 1973. College students could be deferred from getting drafted as long as they didn't drop out or graduate.
 - If your Sim is drafted and wants to attend university, they may do so after they have served active duty for a minimum 8 Sim Days.
 - Juice pong is now available.
- Career
 - Permitted careers for any Sims:
 - Actor
 - Astronaut (Space Ranger) - males only
 - Athlete (either branch)
 - Business (Management)
 - Business (Investor) - males only
 - Civil Designer (Civic Planner)
 - Criminal (Boss)
 - Critic (either branch)
 - Culinary (either branch)
 - Detective
 - Doctor
 - Education (either branch)
 - Engineer (either branch)
 - Entertainer (either branch)
 - Freelancer (all branches)
 - Gardener (either branch)
 - Interior Decorator
 - Law (either branch)
 - Military (Officer)

- Military (Covert Operator) - males only
 - Painter (either branch)
 - Politics (Charity Organizer)
 - Politics (Politician) - males only
 - Salaryperson (either branch)
 - Scientist
 - Secret Agent (either branch)
 - Veterinarian
 - Writing (either branch)
- Permitted part-time work for any Sims:
 - Babysitter
 - Diver
 - Fast Food Employee
 - Fisherman
 - Lifeguard
 - Manual Laborer
 - Retail Employee
- Holidays
 - Add a new holiday: Earth Day (Spring Wednesday): No Decorations, No Day Off, Traditions - Appreciate an Object, Festival Lighting, Gardening, Thankful Spirit, Water Fun
- Miscellaneous
 - Festivals and city events are allowed.
 - Lottery tickets are allowed.
 - Aqua Zips are allowed.
 - You may now use Pride items from CAS and Build/Buy.
 - Snowboarding is allowed.
 - Zoomers Food Delivery Service is allowed.

1980s - The Yuppies

All rules from 1970s still stand with the following changes:

- Traits: Any Sims born during this decade must take one of the following traits: Ambitious, Self-Assured, Materialistic, Snob, or Perfectionist.
- Home/Building
 - Computers are allowed for gaming, you may use gaming consoles with televisions.
 - Television time restriction is changed, 6am to 2am.
 - Marble flooring is allowed.
 - Fitness equipment (including the training bot) and using the TV for fitness are allowed.
 - Easy Listening and Backyard music are allowed.
 - Politisim and Sports TV channels are allowed.
 - If your Sims are environmentally-conscientious, you may now use the Off-the-Grid lot trait.
 - Bed upgrades are now allowed.
 - Hot pots are now allowed.
 - Handheld vacuum cleaners are available.
- Career
 - Permitted careers for any Sims:
 - Actor
 - Astronaut (Space Ranger)
 - Athlete (either branch)
 - Business (either branch)
 - Civil Designer (Civic Planner)
 - Criminal (either branch)
 - Critic (either branch)
 - Culinary (either branch)
 - Detective
 - Doctor
 - Education (either branch)
 - Engineer (either branch)
 - Entertainer (either branch)
 - Freelancer (all branches)
 - Gardener (either branch)

- Interior Decorator
 - Law (either branch)
 - Military (Officer)
 - Military (Covert Operator) - males only
 - Painter (either branch)
 - Politics (either branch)
 - Salaryperson (either branch)
 - Scientist
 - Secret Agent (either branch)
 - Tech Guru (Start-Up Entrepreneur)
 - Veterinarian
 - Writing (either branch)
- Permitted part-time work for any Sims:
 - Babysitter
 - Diver
 - Fast Food Employee
 - Fisherman
 - Lifeguard
 - Manual Laborer
 - Retail Employee
- One Sim in this generation MUST be in the Business career.
- Financial
 - Vietnam War veterans can receive a pension of \$250 per veteran (money cheat).
- Holidays:
 - Add a new holiday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Winter Monday): No Decorations, Day Off, Traditions - Remembrance, Tell Stories, Art & Music Spirit
- Miscellaneous
 - Babies MUST be born at the hospital.
 - Ball pits are allowed.
 - Domesticated hedgehogs are a thing - you can own a hedgehog (but still not a bubalus).
 - The music production table is allowed.

1990s - Globalization

All rules from 1980s still stand with the following changes:

- Home/Building
 - Computers are allowed for socializing, and laptops are now allowed. Plopsy is also now available.
 - Television time restrictions are lifted.
 - All restrictions on showers, appliances, furniture, etc. are lifted.
 - Conspiracy theorist paraphernalia and decor is now allowed.
 - Kids Radio, Alternative, World Music, and S-Pop music are allowed.
 - Kids Network, Cooking Channel, and World Culture Network TV channels are allowed.
- Career
 - Permitted careers for any Sims:
 - Actor
 - Astronaut (Space Ranger)
 - Athlete (either branch)
 - Business (either branch)
 - Civil Designer (either branch)
 - Criminal (either branch)
 - Critic (either branch)
 - Culinary (either branch)
 - Detective
 - Doctor
 - Education (either branch)
 - Engineer (either branch)
 - Entertainer (either branch)
 - Freelancer (all branches)
 - Gardener (either branch)
 - Interior Decorator

- Law (either branch)
- Military (Officer)
- Military (Covert Operator) - males only
- Painter (either branch)
- Politics (either branch)
- Salaryperson (either branch)
- Scientist
- Secret Agent (either branch)
- Tech Guru (Start-Up Entrepreneur)
- Veterinarian
- Writing (either branch)
- Permitted part-time work for any Sims:
 - Babysitter
 - Barista
 - Diver
 - Fast Food Employee
 - Fisherman
 - Lifeguard
 - Manual Laborer
 - Retail Employee
- Men are allowed to take paternity leave after children are born.
- Miscellaneous
 - Y2K: When your oldest Teen is about to become a Young Adult (or when you hit the second half of 1998), the family must prepare for the Y2K Disaster.
 - Build a temporary shelter using the cheapest furniture: no computers allowed.
 - The entire family must not leave the shelter for the three days leading up to 2000. No school, no work.
 - Babies may only be born at home if they are born during the 3 days in the shelter - otherwise they must still be born at the hospital.
 - Cell phones can be used for texting.
 - Kids tablets are allowed.
 - With the rise of the Internet, pet clothing is a thing. You can dress your pets in more than a collar.
 - Play dates are allowed.
 - You may use the electronic backdrop in photo studios.

2000s - The New Millennium

All rules from 1990s still stand with the following changes:

- Home/Building
 - Computer usage restrictions are lifted.
 - All restrictions for build/buy more are lifted.
 - All music types are allowed.
 - All TV channels are allowed.
- Career
 - Permitted careers for any Sims:
 - Actor
 - Astronaut (Space Ranger)
 - Athlete (either branch)
 - Business (either branch)
 - Civil Designer (either branch)
 - Criminal (either branch)
 - Critic (either branch)
 - Culinary (either branch)
 - Detective
 - Doctor
 - Education (either branch)
 - Engineer (either branch)
 - Entertainer (either branch)
 - Freelancer (all branches)
 - Gardener (either branch)

- Interior Decorator
 - Law (either branch)
 - Military (Officer)
 - Military (Covert Operator) - males only
 - Painter (either branch)
 - Politics (either branch)
 - Salaryperson (either branch)
 - Scientist
 - Secret Agent (either branch)
 - Tech Guru (Start-Up Entrepreneur)
 - Veterinarian
 - Writing (Author) - Journalism is removed because print media is dying!
- Permitted part-time work for any Sims:
 - Babysitter
 - Diver
 - Fast Food Employee
 - Fisherman
 - Lifeguard
 - Manual Laborer
 - Retail Employee
- Miscellaneous
 - Babies can be born at home or at the hospital.
 - All cell phone restrictions are lifted.
 - Earbuds are allowed.
 - The robot vacuum is allowed.
 - The video production table is allowed.
 - The fabricator is allowed.

2010s - Where do we go from here?

All rules from 2000s still stand with the following changes:

- Relationships/WooHooing
 - Sims may have same-sex marriages.
- Career
 - Any career except Writing (Journalism) is allowed!
 - Females still can't be in the Military (Covert Operator) career.
 - Any part-time work is allowed!
- Miscellaneous
 - Drones are allowed.
 - Atmospheric water generator is allowed.
 - Meat wall is allowed.

2020s - BONUS ROUND

All rules from 2010s still stand with the following changes:

- Career
 - [Women are allowed](#) to be in the Military (Covert Operator) career.
- Global Pandemic:
 - The global pandemic must last for at least one full year in your Sims game (you decide if it should be longer).
 - Face coverings are required anytime you leave the house (including exercising). You can use a CC facemask or something in-game (a helmet, for example).
 - During lockdown, you cannot go on vacations, dates, or any rabbit hole events! For the most part, Sims are not allowed to leave their lot. Exceptions:
 - If you are in the medical career, you must go to work with your Sim.
 - Once a day you are allowed to go jogging in the neighborhood or you can walk your dog - you must cover your face.
 - All Sims who have a job are required to work from home. If your job does not allow you to work from home, you must quit your job (you can get a new one that allows you to work from home).

- Absolutely no in-person interaction with Sims outside of your household (unless you are in the medical career - you can interact at work only, but social distance as much as possible). However, chatting online and on the phone are highly encouraged.
- School
 - If you are in University, you may keep up with all of your courses, but you are not allowed to go to class/lectures. This means you will need to work EXTRA hard to keep your grades up.
 - If you are in grade school or high school, you must attend school online ([this does require a mod](#)).
 - If there are children in the household (toddlers, grade school, or high school), then an adult must tutor each child.
 - Toddlers: Each day you must read them a story, and you must actively work on a skill (saying sorry, please and thank you, potty training) every day.
 - Grade School & High School: Each day you must help them with homework.
- If your Sim gets sick, you are not allowed to get them medicine. If they live with other people, you must lock them in their room until they are no longer sick (you can give them food by transferring it between inventories). If you do not have an en suite bathroom for them to use, you must designate one bathroom for the sick person and no one else can use that bathroom.
- Encouraged lockdown activities include baking, reading, and starting new hobbies. You should select one skill to max out during lockdown.
- You must own a computer, laptop, or tablet for each member of your household. That way everyone can work or do school at the same time.
- Miscellaneous
 - Galaxy's Edge opens at Disney amusement parks - you can now Journey to Batuu!