# GRIMDARK FUTURE



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Lost in a galaxy far from our own, humanity struggles to survive amongst the stars.

Earth is but a distant memory for those beneath the grim tapestry of war-torn worlds that form the new constellations of this sector. Looming over them, massive fleets of spaceborne vessels creep over the horizon, blocking out the stars as they slowly approach a Jumpgate.

Beyond this gate, lies the violence and beauty of the wider Sirius Sector. A myriad of systems, none left untouched by the ravages of war. Here, countless battles are constantly fought.

Bullets hiss across once lush worlds stripped bare by the greed of interstellar industry. Serrated claws, honed through genetic engineering, clash against energized plasma blades, as old foes fight bitterly to the death through the wilds of uncharted planets.

Matter is bent and shaped according to the will of powerful minds, whilst forces beyond mortal understanding pour forth from wormholes to wreak havoc and destruction on poor unsuspecting souls.

Vital trade routes are contested along the edge of remote systems by massive battle fleets, while the sector's fate is meted out in dark smoky rooms by political envoys. On the streets of mega cities, zealous preachers and visionaries call out to the masses, hoping to foster their own grim ambitions.

As all this unfolds, dispassionate eyes watch on from a distance, carefully considering the outcome of each clash, as promising commanders and leaders rise and fall throughout the battlefields of the Sirius Sector.

How will you forge your path through this Grimdark Future?



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# INTRODUCTION

Grimdark Future is a miniature wargame set in a war-torn sci-fi future, which is played using 32mm miniatures.

The game mechanics are designed to be easy to learn but hard to master, bringing engaging sci-fi battles for new and experienced players alike.

This rulebook is divided into 4 sections:

- **Basic Rules** Everything you need to play the game, with plenty of diagrams and examples.
- Advanced Rules Extra rules that you can use on top of the basic rules to spice up the game.
- **Total Conversions** Rules that radically modify the base rules and provide a new experience.
- Additional Content Extra content that is available on our website, added here for your convenience.

We recommend that you start off by playing with just a few advanced rules first, and then gradually add more as you get more comfortable with them.

Once you feel like you've gained a good understanding of the game, you can then try out the total conversions, which provide a radically different experience from the base rules.

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# GENERAL PRINCIPLES

# THE MOST IMPORTANT RULE

When playing a complex game there are going to be occasions where a situation is not covered by the rules, or a rule does not seem quite right. When that is the case use common sense and personal preference to resolve the situation.

If you and your opponent cannot agree on how to solve a situation, use the following method in the interest of time.

Roll one die. On a result of 1-3 player A decides, and on a result of 4-6 player B decides. This decision then applies for the rest of the match, and once the game is over you can continue to discuss the finer details of the rules.

Note that whenever possible, players should agree on any rules and unusual situations (such as weirdly shaped models) before the game begins, to avoid issues later.

# SCALE CONVENTIONS

This game was written to be played with 32mm scale models in mind, which are mounted on round bases. These bases come in various sizes, and we recommend that you always mount miniatures on the bases they come with.

Here are some rough guidelines for model and base sizes:

- Infantry: 32mm tall on 20mm/32mm round bases
- Large Infantry: 50mm tall on 40mm/50mm round bases
- Bikes: 40mm tall on 60mm oval bases
- Monsters: 70mm tall on 60mm round bases
- Large Walkers: 100mm tall on 120mm oval bases
- Vehicles: Various sizes and not mounted on a base

Note that the base size that you use doesn't matter, as long as you keep base sizes consistent across all models.

# **MODELS & UNITS**

In the rules, individual miniatures are referred to as models, whilst groups of one or more models are referred to as units.

This means that when a rule applies to a unit it applies to all miniatures within that unit, whilst if a rule applies to a model it only applies to one individual miniature.

# **UNIT STATS**

Units come with a variety of statistics that define who they are and what they can do.

- Name [Size]: The unit name and number of models.
- **Quality:** The score needed for attacks and morale.
- **Defense:** The score needed for defense.
- Equipment: Any weapons and gear the unit has.
- **Special Rules:** Any special rules the unit has.
- Cost: How many points it costs to take this unit.

# DICE

To play the game you are going to need some six-sided dice, which we will refer to as D6. Depending on how many models you are playing with, we recommend having at least 10 to 20 dice to keep things fast.

Additionally, we recommend having dice of multiple colors so that you can combine them for faster rolling. Whenever a unit is using multiple weapons, you can use different colors for each weapon, and then roll them all at once.

Sometimes the rules will refer to different types of dice, for example D3, 2D6 and D6+1. There are many types of dice, but the notation remains the same, so just apply the following explanations to all types of weird dice you come across.

- **D3:** To use these dice, simply roll a D6 and halve the result, rounding up.
- **2D6**: To use these dice, simply roll two D6 and sum the results of both dice.
- **D6+1**: To use these dice, simply roll a D6 and add 1 to the result.

# **RE-ROLLS**

Whenever a rule tells you to re-roll a dice result, simply pick up the number of dice you have to re-roll, and roll them again. The result of the second roll is the final result, even if it's worse than the first. A die roll may only be re-rolled once, regardless of how many rules apply to it.

# **ROLL-OFFS**

Whenever a rule tells you to roll-off, all players involved in the rolloff must roll one die, and then compare their results. The player with the highest result wins the roll-off, and in the event of a tie the players must re-roll until there is a winner.

# QUALITY TESTS

During the game you will be required to take Quality tests in order to see if a model succeeds at doing various things such as hitting its targets or passing morale tests.

Whenever a rule states that a unit must take a Quality test, roll one die. If you score the model's Quality value or higher, then it counts as a success, else it counts as a fail.

Example: A model with Quality 4+ must take three Quality tests. The player rolls three dice and scores a 3, a 4 and a 5. This means that the model gets two successes (the 4 and 5), and one fail (the 3).



# GENERAL PRINCIPLES

# MODIFIERS

Throughout the game there are going to be rules that apply modifiers to your die rolls. These will usually raise or lower the value of a unit's roll results by either +1 or -1, but the exact number may vary.

Whenever a modifier applies to one of your rolls, simply add or subtract the value from the roll and the new value counts as the final result, however a roll of 6 always counts as a success and a roll of 1 always counts as a fail, regardless of how much it is being modified by.

Example: A model with Quality 4+ must take three Quality tests with a -1 modifier. The player rolls three dice and scores a 3, 4 and 5, but because of the modifier the final result is a 2, a 3 and a 4.

# WEAPONS

All weapons in the game are separated into two categories: ranged weapons and melee weapons. Ranged weapons have a range value and can be used for shooting, whilst melee weapons don't have a range value and can be used in melee.

Weapons profiles are represented like this:

• Name (Range, Attacks, Special Rules)

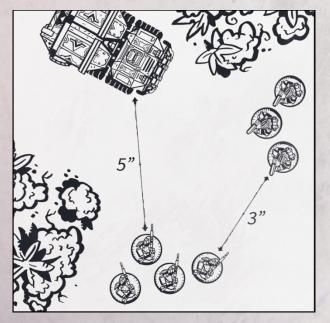
Example: Heavy Rifle (24", A1, AP(1))

# **MEASURING DISTANCES**

To play the game you are going to need a ruler marked in inches, which you may use to measure distances at any time:

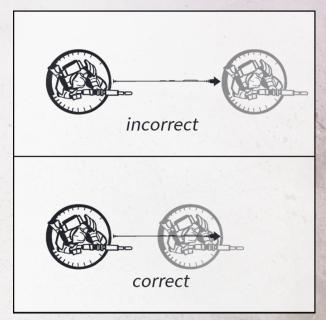
- When measuring the distance between two models you always measure from/to the closest point of their bases.
- When measuring the distance between two units you always measure from/to the closest model in each unit.

Distances are usually measured from a model's base, however if a model has no base, then players must agree from where distances are to be measured (such as its hull/torso), and which unusual features may be ignored (like decorative banners or flame effects).



# MEASURING MOVEMENT

When measuring how far a model moves always measure so that no part of its base moves further than the total distance.



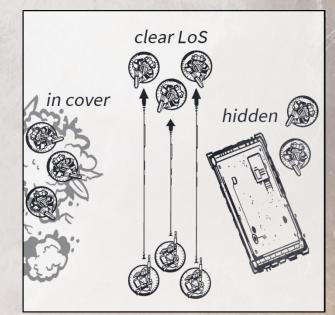
Note that these movement restrictions apply in the same way to models on bases of any shape or models without a base.

# LINE OF SIGHT

When playing the game, line of sight is used to determine if a model can see another model for any purpose. Simply get down to the eye level of the miniature, and check if it can see the target. If the target is visible, then it has line of sight.

Models can always see in all directions, regardless of where the miniature is actually facing, always have line of sight to themselves, and may always target themselves (unless stated otherwise). Models can't see through solid obstacles, including the perimeter of other units (friendly or enemy), but they can always see through friendly models from their own unit.

Note that for players may agree to ignore unusual features (like decorative banners or flame effects) for line of sight.



# PREPARATION

# PREPARING THE BATTLEFIELD

You are going to need a flat 6'x4' area to play on, which is usually referred to as "the battlefield" or "the table". Note that the game can be also played on smaller areas, as long as armies deploy at least 24" apart.

Whilst we recommend playing on a table, you can of course play on the floor, on a bed, or wherever else you have space.

Once you have found a space to play, you are going to have to place at least 15 pieces of terrain on it, though we recommend using 20 or more to keep things interesting. Whilst it's always nice to play with great looking pieces of terrain, you can simply use household items such as books or cups as terrain.

There are no specific rules on how you should place terrain, but we have provided some general guidelines in the terrain section of this book to help you get started.

# PLACING OBJECTIVES

After the table has been prepared, you and your opponent must set up D3+2 objective markers on the battlefield.

The players roll-off and the winner picks who places the first objective marker. Then the players alternate in placing one marker each outside of the deployment zones, and over 9" away from other markers (note that markers can't be placed in unreachable positions, like impassable terrain or spots too tight to get to).

# THE MISSION

At the end of each round, if a unit is within 3" of a marker whilst no enemies are, then it counts as being seized.

Markers remain seized even if the unit moves away, but if units from both sides contest a marker at the end of a round, then it becomes neutral again.

After 4 rounds have been played, the game ends, and the player that controls most markers wins.

Note that unless stated otherwise, players don't ever win the game by fully destroying their opponent's army.

# PREPARING YOUR ARMY

Before the game begins, you and your opponent are going to have to agree on what size of game you want to play.

For a start we recommend playing with armies worth 1000pts each, and once you have gotten familiar with the game, you can start playing full matches with 2000pts armies each.

To put your army list together, simply select units and upgrades from one or more armies of your choice, and sum together their total point cost. There are no limitations as to how many units you can take, as long as their point cost doesn't go over the agreed total game size.

# FORCE ORGANISATION (OPTIONAL)

Optionally you and your opponent may agree to use the force organisation rules, which help make army composition more consistent and balanced.

The armies must follow these limitations:

- Only 1 hero per 500pts
- Only 1+X copies of the same unit, where X is 1 per 1000pts (combined units count as one)
- No single unit worth over 35% of total points
- Only 1 unit per 200pts

*Example: When playing a 2000pts game, players may bring max. 4 heroes, max. 3 copies of each unit, no unit worth over 700pts, and max. 10 units in total.* 

# **COMBINED UNITS**

When preparing your army, you may combine two copies of the same multi-model into a single big unit, as long as any upgrades that are applied to all models are bought for both.

Example: A unit of Dynasty Warriors with Rifles cannot be merged with a unit of Dynasty Warriors with Shotguns, because they have two different upgrades that are applied to all models in the unit.

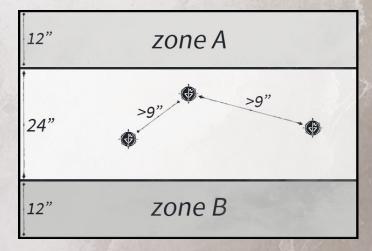
# **DEPLOYING ARMIES**

Once the mission has been set up, the players roll-off and the winner must start deploying their army first.

The winning player first chooses one long table edge to deploy on and then places one unit fully within 12" of their table edge.

Once they are done, then the opposing player places one unit fully within 12" of the opposite table edge.

Then the players continue alternating in placing one unit each, until all units have been deployed.





# GAME STRUCTURE & MOVEMENT

# ROUNDS, TURNS & ACTIVATIONS

The game is structured into game rounds, player turns and unit activations. Here is the breakdown of what these mean:

- Rounds: Each round is made up of multiple turns.
- Turns: Each turn is made up of a single activation.
- Activations: Each activation is made up of an action.

# GAME STRUCTURE

After both players have deployed their armies, the game starts with the first round and the player that won the deployment roll-off takes the first turn.

During their turn, the player picks a unit that has not been activated yet, and activates it by performing an action.

Once the action has been taken, their turn ends, and the opposing player's turn starts. This continues until all units have activated, at which point the round ends and a new one begins. On each new round the player that finished activating first on the last round gets to activate first.

After 4 rounds have been played the game ends, and players determine who won by checking their mission objectives.

# **ACTIVATING UNITS**

Players must activate one unit that has not been activated yet and take one of the available actions:

- Hold Doesn't move, can shoot.
- Advance Moves 6" and can shoot after moving.
- Rush Moves 12" but can't shoot.
- Charge Moves 12" into melee.

Note that Advance, Rush, and Charge actions may sometimes be referred to as "Move Actions".

# GENERAL MOVEMENT

Models may move and turn in any direction regardless of their facing, as long as no part of their bases move further than the total movement distance. Models may never be within 1" of models from other units, unless they are taking a Charge action, and may never move through other models or units (friendly or enemy), even if they are taking a Charge action.

Note that models may also never move outside of the battlefield (no part of them, at any point), or be placed in physically impossible locations.

# HOLDING

When taking a Hold action, the models in the unit may not move, but may freely turn to face any direction.

# ADVANCING

When taking an Advance action, all models in the unit may move by up to 6".

# RUSHING

When taking a Rush action, all models in the unit may move by up to 12".

# CHARGING

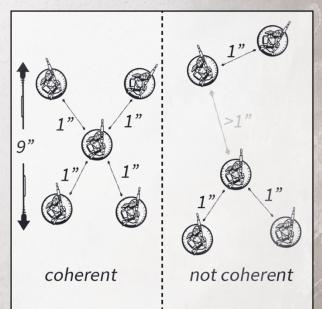
When taking a Charge action, all models in the unit may move by up to 12", trying to reach base contact with one enemy unit, and may ignore the 1" distance restriction. Units may only take a Charge action if at least one model is within charge distance of the target unit (including any additional movement from special rules).

Note that Charge moves don't have to be in a straight line, and if being within charge distance becomes impossible (due to killed models, special rules, etc.), then the unit may complete its move in any direction and ends its activation.

# UNIT COHERENCY

All models in a unit must always stay within 1" of at least one other model, and must stay within 9" of all other models (or as close as possible), forming an uninterrupted chain of models in 1" coherency with each other.

If a model is not in coherency with its unit at the beginning of its activation, then you must take an action so that the model gets back into coherency.





# SHOOTING

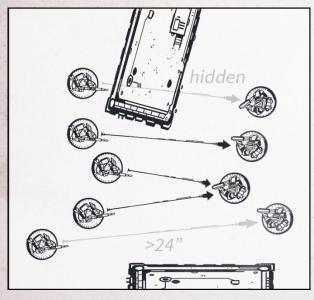
# **PICKING TARGETS**

When taking a Shooting action, a unit must pick one valid target and all models in the unit may shoot at it.

If at least one model in the unit has line of sight to an enemy model, and has a weapon that is within range of that model, then that enemy is a valid target.

# WHO CAN SHOOT

All models in a unit with line of sight to the target, and that have a weapon that is within range of it, may fire at it. Note that models may always ignore friendly models from their own unit when determining line of sight.



Example: Only the three Dynasty Warriors in the middle can shoot at the Dwarves. The model at the top is in range but has no line of sight, whilst the model at the bottom has line of sight but is out of range.

# MULTIPLE WEAPON TYPES

If a unit is firing multiple weapon types, then you may separate each weapon type into its own weapon group.

Each group may be fired at a different target, however you may fire only at up to two different targets, and all weapons from the same group must fire at the same target.

Note that the target for each weapon group must be declared before rolling, and all weapons are fired simultaneously.

Example: A unit of Dynasty Warriors is armed with Rifles and a Plasma Rifle. Since they have two weapon types, the Dynasty Warriors can fire all the Rifles at a nearby Dwarf squad, and the Plasma Rifle at a distant Powersuit Guard.

# THE SHOOTING SEQUENCE

Shooting is done in a simple sequence which has to be followed separately for each weapon group:

- 1. Determine Attacks
- 2. Roll to Hit
- 3. Roll to Block
- 4. Remove Casualties

# **1. DETERMINE ATTACKS**

Sum the Attack value from the weapons of all models that can shoot at the target to determine how many attacks the unit has in total for this shooting.

Example: A unit of five Dynasty Warriors is shooting at a unit of Dwarves. Three Dynasty Warriors with Rifles (Attack 1) are within range and line of sight of the Dwarves, which means the unit has a total of 3 attacks for this shooting.

# 2. ROLL TO HIT

After having determined how many attacks the unit has in total, take as many Quality tests as attacks. Each successful roll counts as a hit, and all failed rolls are discarded with no effect.

Example: The three Dynasty Warriors (Quality 4+) are shooting at the Dwarves. They take three Quality tests and roll a 3, a 4 and a 5. This means that they score a total of 2 hits.

# 3. ROLL TO BLOCK

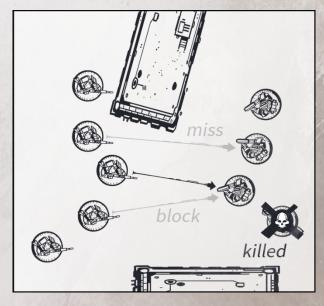
For every hit that the unit has taken, the defending player must roll one die, trying to score the target's Defense value. Each success counts as a blocked hit, and all failed rolls cause one wound each to the target.

Example: The unit of Dwarves (Defense 4+) has taken two hits. They roll two dice and get a 3 and a 4. This means that the Dwarves have blocked 1 hit and taken 1 wound.

# **4. REMOVE CASUALTIES**

For each wound that the unit has taken, the defending player must remove one model as a casualty.

The defending player may remove models from the target in any order, keeping unit coherency in mind.



# MELEE

# **PICKING TARGETS**

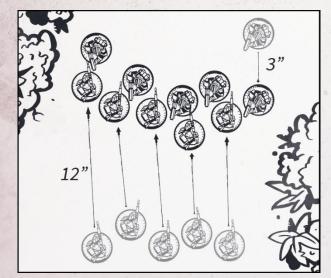
When taking a Charge action, a unit must pick one valid target and all models in the unit must charge it.

If at least one model in the unit is within charge distance of one model from the target unit, and has a clear path to reach it, then that enemy is a valid target (no line of sight is needed).

# CHARGE MOVES

Charging models must move by up to 12" to get into base contact with an enemy model from the target unit, or as close as possible, whilst still maintaining unit coherency (charge moves don't have to be in a straight line).

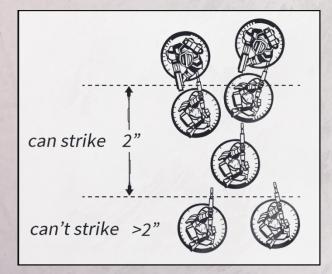
Once all charging models have moved, all models from the target unit that are not in base contact with a charging model must move by up to 3" to get into base contact with a charging model, or as close as possible, maintaining unit coherency.



# WHO CAN STRIKE

All models that are within 2" horizontally and 4" vertically of an enemy model from the target unit, may attack it.

Models must strike with all of their melee weapons, and may only strike at models from the target unit.



# THE MELEE SEQUENCE

Melee is done in a simple sequence which has to be followed separately for the charging unit and the target unit:

- 1. Determine Attacks
- 2. Roll to Hit
- 3. Roll to Block
- 4. Remove Casualties

### **1. DETERMINE ATTACKS**

Sum the Attack value from the weapons of all models that can strike at the target to determine how many attacks the unit has in total for this melee.

Example: A unit of five Dynasty Warriors is charging a unit of Dwarves. Three of the Dynasty Warriors armed with CCWs (Attack 1) are in range of the Dwarves, which means the unit has a total of 3 attacks for this melee.

# 2. ROLL TO HIT

After having determined how many attacks the unit has in total, take as many Quality tests as attacks. Each successful roll counts as a hit, and all failed rolls are discarded with no effect.

Example: The three Dynasty Warriors (Quality 4+) are striking at the Dwarves. They take three Quality tests and roll a 3, a 4 and a 5. This means that they score a total of 2 hits.

# **3. ROLL TO BLOCK**

For every hit that the unit has taken, the defending player must roll one die, trying to score the target's Defense value. Each success counts as a blocked hit, and all failed rolls cause one wound each to the target.

Example: The unit of Dwarves (Defense 4+) has taken two hits. They roll two dice and get a 3 and a 4. This means that the Dwarves have blocked 1 hit and taken 1 wound.

# **4. REMOVE CASUALTIES**

For each wound that the unit has taken, the defending player must remove one model as a casualty.

The defending player may remove models from the target in any order, keeping unit coherency in mind.

# **RETURN STRIKES**

Once all charging models have attacked, the defending unit may choose to strike back (following the melee sequence again), but doesn't have to. Note that striking back does not count as its activation, and activated units may strike back.

# FATIGUE

After attacking in melee for the first time during a round, either by charging or by striking back, units only hit on unmodified rolls of 6 in melee until the end of that round.

# **MELEE RESOLUTION & MORALE**

# MELEE RESOLUTION

Once the defender has struck back (or not if they chose not to strike back), you need to determine who won the melee.

Sum the total number of wounds that each unit caused, and compare the two. If one unit caused more wounds than the other, then it counts as the winner, and the opposing unit must take a morale test. Note that in melee only the loser takes a morale test, regardless of casualties.

If the units are tied for how many wounds they caused, or neither unit caused any wounds, then the melee is a tie and neither unit must take a morale test.

This means that if a unit didn't strike back in melee, then it must only take a morale test if it suffered at least one wound.

Example: A unit of Dynasty Warriors charges a unit of Dwarves. The Dynasty Warriors inflict 2 wounds in that melee, whilst the Dwarves only inflict 1 wound. Since the Dynasty Warriors caused more wounds, the Dwarves have lost and must take a morale test.

# **CONSOLIDATION MOVES**

After determining who won the melee and taking morale tests, the units must make consolidation moves.

If one of the two units was destroyed (by removing all models as casualties, or by routing due to a failed morale test), then the other unit may move by up to 3".

If neither of the units was destroyed, then the charging unit must move back by 1" (if possible), to keep the separation between units clear, and show they are not locked in melee.

Note that players may agree not to separate units by 1" for simplicity, as long as they remember that units can still freely activate, move, shoot, charge, etc. despite being in contact.



# GENERAL MORALE TESTS

At the end of an activation in which a unit takes wounds that leave it with half or less of its starting size or tough value (for units with a single model), it must take a morale test.

Note that starting size is counted at the beginning of the game.

Example: A unit of Dynasty Warriors shoots at a unit of Dwarves that started the game with 10 models, and manages to kill 5. Since half of the Dwarves were killed, the unit must take a morale test.

# TAKING MORALE TESTS

To take a morale test, the affected unit must simply take one regular Quality test, and see what happens:

- If the test is passed, nothing happens.
- If the test is failed, the unit is Shaken.

# **MELEE MORALE TESTS**

Units that were in melee don't take morale tests from wounds at the end of an activation, but must compare the number of wounds each unit caused instead. The unit with the lowest total loses, and must take a morale test.

Note that units that are destroyed in melee always count as having lost, and their opponent doesn't have to take a morale test, even if it dealt less wounds, or it previously took wounds that would have otherwise caused a morale test.

To take a morale test, the affected unit must simply take one regular Quality test, and see what happens:

- If the test is passed, nothing happens.
- If the test is failed, and the unit still has over half or more of its starting size or tough value (for units with a single model), then the unit is Shaken.
- If the test is failed, and the unit only has half or less of its starting size or tough value (for units with a single model), then the unit Routs.

# SHAKEN UNITS

Shaken units must stay idle, always count as fatigued, always fail morale tests, and can't contest or seize objectives.

When activated, Shaken units must spend their activation being idle and doing nothing, which stops them from being Shaken at the end of their activation.

# **ROUTED UNITS**

Routed units have lost all hope and are taken captive, flee the battle, or are otherwise rendered ineffective.

Simply remove the entire unit from the game as a casualty.

Example: A unit of 10 Dwarves has lost 5 models in melee and must take a morale test. The unit takes a morale test and fails, so it routs (as it only has half as many models left as it started with).

# TERRAIN

# **TERRAIN RULES**

When setting up terrain, players must agree on what terrain type rules each piece of terrain follows. This will make sure that you do not have any arguments during your game, and that things can proceed smoothly.

Each piece of terrain may count as having multiple terrain types, and you may also add other conditions to further customize your terrain rules.

Example: A piece of Forest terrain could count both as Cover as well as Difficult Terrain. Additionally, you could allow units to shoot into and out of it freely, but not through it.

# **OPEN TERRAIN**

Examples: Grass Fields, Dirt Roads, Streets, etc.

Any surface that is not specifically defined as a type of terrain (like forests, buildings, rivers, etc.) counts as open terrain.

Open terrain does not have any special rules, and any rules that affect terrain do not apply to open terrain.

# **IMPASSABLE TERRAIN**

Examples: Mountains, Canyons, Deep Water, etc.

Any surface that would stop models from moving through it, as well as gaps over 1" wide, count as impassable terrain.

Units may not move through impassable terrain, unless they have any rules that allow them to ignore it. Note that units may move across gaps up to 1" wide as if they were flat ground, but may not end their move partially overhanging gaps or terrain.

# **BLOCKING TERRAIN**

Examples: Walls, Buildings, Rocks, etc.

Any piece of terrain that models can't see or shoot through counts as blocking terrain.

Units may not draw line of sight through blocking terrain, unless they have any rules that allow them to ignore it.

### **COVER TERRAIN**

Examples: Forests, Ruins, Sandbags, etc.

Terrain features that models can hide in or behind, or that could stop projectiles, count as cover terrain.

If the majority of models in a unit are fully inside a piece of cover terrain or behind a sight blocker (for multi-model units), or that are mostly inside cover terrain or behind sight blockers (for singlemodel units), they get +1 to Defense rolls when blocking hits from shooting attacks.

Note that other units are sight blockers and provide cover (despite not being terrain), since models can't see through the perimeter of other units (friendly or enemy).



# DIFFICULT TERRAIN

Examples: Woods, Mud, Rivers, etc.

Terrain features that hinder a model's movement, or force them to slow down, count as difficult terrain.

If any model in a unit moves in or through difficult terrain at any point of its move, then all models in the unit may not move more than 6" for that movement.

# DANGEROUS TERRAIN

Examples: Quicksand, Razor Wire, Mine Fields, etc.

Terrain features that could harm models, or outright kill them, count as dangerous terrain.

If a model moves in or through dangerous terrain, or is activated in it, then it must take a dangerous terrain test.

To take a dangerous terrain test, roll one die (or as many dice as the model's Tough value), and if the result is 1, then the unit takes one automatic wound.

# **ELEVATED TERRAIN**

Examples: Hills, Rooftops, Cliffs, etc.

Terrain features that are over 3" tall count as elevated terrain, and are impassable, but any terrain piece that is up to 3" tall may be climbed as part of a unit's move (units may not end their move mid-climb).

Note that short terrain up to 1" tall may be ignored for the purposes of movement (instead of having to climb up 1" and down 1" to cross it).



# TERRAIN

# TERRAIN SETUP GUIDELINES

Whilst there are no specific rules as to how terrain should be placed, here are some guidelines on how to handle terrain to have a balanced match.

Here are all the things you should consider:

- Size of your terrain
- Rules for each terrain
- Number of pieces
- How to place it

### TERRAIN OVERVIEW

Whilst there is no limit to the size of terrain that you can use for your games, we have a few recommendations for you:

- Small pieces of scatter terrain, like barrels, boxes, barricades, etc. should be somewhere between 1"x1" and 3"x3" in size.
- Large terrain features, like buildings, forests, lakes, etc. should be somewhere between 4"x4" and 8"x8" in size, but can be as large as 12"x12".

For each terrain feature you'll also have to define some basic rules for how it works in the game. Most terrain features will probably have a single type, but you can combine multiple types together, and even add extra conditions to them.

Here are some guidelines for common terrain types:

- Barricades Cover
- Buildings Impassable + Blocking
- Fields Difficult + Cover
- Forests Difficult + Cover + Units can see into and out of forests, but not through them
- Hills Cover + Difficult when moving up + Units on top may ignore one unit/terrain for line of sight
- Lakes Difficult (if shallow) or Impassable (if deep)
- Lava Dangerous
- Mountains Impassable + Blocking
- **Rivers** Dangerous when using rush/charge
- Rubble Difficult
- Ruins Cover + Dangerous when using rush/charge
- Swamps Difficult

Note that whilst all of the terrain we mentioned so far is what you'll need for gameplay purposes, it's also always good to have elements of decorative terrain that have no effect on the game, but that help make your table look better.

These could be elements such as patches of grass, shallow water puddles, scattered gravel, chain-link fences, street signs, and other things that make sense for your table.

# TERRAIN PLACEMENT

When setting up terrain, you should use at least 15-20 pieces of terrain, although using more can be more interesting.

A simple way to make sure that you're using enough terrain is to take as many pieces of terrain as you need to fully cover at least 25% of the table, and then spread them out.

It's also good to keep a balance of different terrain types, so that units with different weapons and special rules can use them effectively in various situations.

Here are some basic terrain type recommendations:

- At least 50% should block line of sight
- At least 33% should provide cover
- At least 33% should be difficult terrain
- Each player should pick 1 piece to be dangerous

Example: If you're playing with 12 pieces of terrain, at least 6 should block line of sight, 4 should provide cover, 4 should be difficult terrain, and 2 should be dangerous terrain.

Once you have chosen which terrain pieces you are going to use, you can either have one player set up all of the terrain, or have both players set up terrain together.

To make sure neither player has an advantage, you can roll-off, and then then alternate in placing one terrain piece each, starting with the player that won the roll-off.

There are no specific rules on how you should place terrain, so we recommend trying to set up the table in such a way that it will provide a balanced playing field for everyone involved.

Ideally you want to place enough blocking terrain that you can't draw clear line of sight from edge to edge across the table, as well as make sure that there are no gaps bigger than 12" between different terrain pieces. If you are playing with large units, we also recommend making sure that there are gaps of at least 6" between terrain, so they can fit through.



# SPECIAL RULES

# **RULES PRIORITY & STACKING EFFECTS**

Most units have one or more special rules that affect the way they behave, and that sometimes go against the standard rules.

Whenever you come across one of these situations, the special rule always takes precedence over the standard rules.

Note that effects from multiple instances of the same special rule or spell don't stack, unless it is a rule with (X) in its name, or unless it is specified otherwise.

# SPECIAL RULES REFERENCE

# Aircraft

May only use Advance actions, moving in a straight line, and adding 30" to its total move (even if Shaken). Aircraft ignore all units and terrain when moving and stopping, can't seize objectives, can't be charged, and units targeting them get -12" range and -1 to hit.

Note that whilst Aircraft models are flying above their ground, their base doesn't block movement or line of sight, and units may move and shoot under them (only the actual model is used for purposes of blocking movement and line of sight). Aircraft can't move into the table edges to move less than 30", and their mandatory move doesn't break the staying idle requirement to stop being Shaken.

### Ambush

May be set aside before deployment. At the start of any round after the first, may be deployed anywhere over 9" away from enemy units. Players alternate in placing Ambushers, starting with the player that activates next. Units that deploy via Ambush can't seize or contest objectives on the round they deploy.

# AP(X)

Targets get -X to Defense rolls when blocking hits from weapons with this special rule.

### Blast(X)

Ignores cover, and after resolving other special rules, each hit is multiplied by X, where X is up to as many hits as models in the target unit.

Example: A weapon with 2 Attacks and Blast(3) scores two hits against a unit with 2 models. Each hit is multiplied by 2, so the target takes a total of 4 hits.

# Caster(X)

Gets X spell tokens at the start of each round, but can't hold more than 6 tokens at once. At any point before attacking, spend as many tokens as the spell's value to try casting one or more spells (only one try per spell). Roll one die, on 4+ resolve the effect on a target in line of sight. Models within 18" in line of sight of the caster's unit may spend any number of spell tokens at the same time before rolling, to give the caster +1/-1 to the roll per token.

Note that Casters get spell tokens each round even if they are not on the table (waiting to Ambush for example), and that the Caster's spells must be picked from their own faction.

### Counter

Strikes first with this weapon when charged, and the charging unit gets -1 total Impact rolls per model with Counter.

Example: A model with Impact(3) charges a unit with 1 model that has Counter, so it only makes 2 Impact rolls.

# Deadly(X)

Assign each wound to one model, and multiply it by X. Hits from Deadly must be resolved first, and these wounds don't carry over to other models if the original target is killed.

### Entrenched

Enemies get -2 to hit when shooting at models with this special rule from over 9" away, as long as the Entrenched model hasn't moved since the beginning of its last activation.

### Fast

Models with this special rule move +2" when using Advance and +4" when using Rush/Charge.

### Fear(X)

This model counts as having dealt +X wounds when checking who won melee.

#### Fearless

Whenever a unit where most models have this rule fails a morale test, roll one die. On a 4+ it counts as passed instead.

### Flying

Models with this special rule may move through units and terrain, and ignore terrain effects whilst moving.

### **Furious**

When charging, unmodified rolls of 6 to hit in melee deal one extra hit (only the original hit counts as a 6 for special rules).

Example : A Furious model with a weapon with 1 Attack and Rending scores one hit on a roll of 6, so it deals two hits, of which only the first counts as having AP(4) because of Rending.

### Hero

Heroes with up to Tough(6) may deploy as part of one multi-model unit without another Hero. The hero may take morale tests on behalf of the unit, but must use the unit's Defense until all other models have been killed.

Note that when a Hero joins a unit, they count as part of that unit, so the unit's size is increased by 1, and even if the hero is the last model remaining, it takes morale tests as the unit. This also means that a hero may never leave its unit or join another one.

Example: A Hero joins a unit of [5] models, so the unit's size is [6]. Once all other models have been killed, the Hero must take a morale test whenever it takes wounds, and if it fails a morale test in melee it will Rout, because it's a unit with half or less of its starting size.

# SPECIAL RULES

### Immobile

Models with this special rule may only use Hold actions.

### Impact(X)

Roll X dice when attacking after charging, unless fatigued. For each 2+ the target takes one hit.

#### Indirect

Gets -1 to hit rolls when shooting after moving. May target enemies that are not in line of sight as if in line of sight, and ignores cover from sight obstructions.

### Lance

When charging, gets +1 to hit rolls and AP(+1) in melee.

### Lock-On

Ignores cover and all negative modifiers to hit rolls and range.

### Limited

Weapons with this rule may only be used once per game.

### Poison

This weapon ignores Regeneration, and the target must re-roll unmodified Defense rolls of 6 when blocking hits.

Note that a die roll may only be re-rolled once, so if another 6 is rolled after re-rolling Defense, then the hit is blocked.

### Regeneration

When taking a wound, roll one die. On a 5+ it is ignored.

### Relentless

When this model uses a Hold action and shoots, unmodified rolls of 6 to hit deal one extra hit (only the original hit counts as a 6 for special rules).

*Note: Check out the examples from the Furious special rule.* 

### Reliable

Models attacks at Quality 2+ with this weapon.

Note that Reliable only changes the Quality value, so the roll can still be modified, Fatigue still applies, etc.

### Rending

This weapon ignores Regeneration, and unmodified rolls of 6 to hit get AP(4).

### Scout

May be set aside before deployment. After all other units are deployed, must be deployed and may then be placed anywhere within 12" of their position. Players alternate in placing Scout units, starting with the player that activates next.

### Slow

Models with this special rule move -2" when using Advance, and -4" when using Rush/Charge.

#### Sniper

Shoots at Quality 2+, and each model with Sniper may pick any model in the target unit as its individual target, which is resolved as if it was a unit of 1. Sniper weapon shooting must be resolved before other weapons.

Note that other models in the target's unit don't block line of sight or provide cover to the target model in the unit.

Example: A Sniper targets a Hero that has Stealth, and is in a unit with Regeneration but not Stealth. Since the shooting is resolved as if the target was a unit of 1, the Sniper gets -1 to hit from Stealth, and the target doesn't get Regeneration.

#### Stealth

Enemies get -1 to hit rolls when shooting at units where all models have this rule from over 9" away.

### Strider

May ignore the effects of difficult terrain when moving.

### Tough(X)

This model must take X wounds before being killed. If a model with tough joins a unit without it, then it is removed last when the unit takes wounds. Note that you must continue to put wounds on the tough model with most wounds in the unit until it is killed, before starting to put them on the next tough model (heroes must be assigned wounds last).

### Transport(X)

May transport up to X models or Heroes with up to Tough(6), and non-Heroes with up to Tough(3) which occupy 3 spaces each. Transports may deploy with units inside, and units may enter/exit by using any move action, but must stay fully within 6" of it when exiting. When a transport is destroyed, units inside must take a dangerous terrain test, are Shaken, and must be placed fully within 6" of the transport before removal.

Note that units inside Transports are deployed at the same time as the Transport, and units can't both embark/disembark as part of the same activation. Units inside/outside of Transports don't have line of sight to the outside/inside, so they can't target each other for shooting, spells, etc. (but units inside can target other units inside, and the Transport itself). Units may use Charge actions to disembark, and they ignore the 1" move restriction when embarking (only one model needs to reach the Transport for everyone to embark).

Example: Regular models and Heroes with Tough(3) or Tough(6) occupy 1 space, Tough(3) models occupy 3 spaces, and models with Tough(6) or higher can't be transported. This means that a unit of 10 regular models with a Tough(3) Hero occupy 11 spaces in total.

# PRE-MADE RULE PACKS

# **USING PRE-MADE RULE PACKS**

The advanced rules were designed to give players the freedom to customize their gaming experience however they like, to play the version of the game that is perfect for them.

In order to help new players get started with the advanced rules, we have provided pre-made rules packs, which allow you to play a tailor-made version of the game in no-time.

Before the game, players can agree to use one of the following rules packs in the game:

- Extended Core Pack
- Added Complexity Pack
- Competitive Play Pack
- Narrative Battles Pack
- Chaotic Rules Pack

Note that you shouldn't feel limited by these pre-made packs, and you can freely add or remove rules from any of them, to get the best version of these packs for you.

# **EXTENDED CORE PACK**

Adds a few extras to the core rules, whilst keeping things light.

To play with this pack, use the following rules:

- Advanced Terrain Solid Buildings
- Advanced Deployment Styles
- Advanced Missions Extra Missions
- Extra Actions

### ADDED COMPLEXITY PACK

Extra rules that add more complexity to the game.

To play with this pack, use the following rules:

- Advanced Terrain Solid Buildings
- Advanced Deployment Styles
- Advanced Missions Extra Missions
- Advanced Missions Side-Missions
- Advanced Actions Extra Actions
- Advanced Actions Action Boosting
- Advanced Casting Currents of Power
- Advanced Casting Living Spells
- Command Points

# COMPETITIVE PLAY PACK

Extends the rules with more options for competitive play.

To play with this pack, use the following rules:

- Advanced Deployment Styles
- Advanced Missions Extra Missions
- Advanced Missions Side-Missions

### NARRATIVE BATTLES PACK

Additional rules with small twists that help build a narrative.

To play with this pack, use the following rules:

- Advanced Terrain Terrain Generator
- Advanced Terrain Army Terrain
- Advanced Deployment Styles
- Advanced Missions Extra Missions
- Advanced Actions Hero & Monster Feats
- Advanced Casting Relic Wargear
- Fog of War
- Unit Psychology

### CHAOTIC RULES PACK

Lots of randomness which can be less balanced, but more fun.

To play with this pack, use the following rules:

- Advanced Terrain Terrain Placement
- Advanced Deployment Styles
- Battlefield Effects Special Conditions
- Battlefield Effects Terrain & Objective Effects
- Random Events
- Brutal Damage
- Twists & Gambits



# **ADVANCED TERRAIN - TERRAIN PLACEMENT**

# **TERRAIN PLACEMENT STYLES**

When preparing the game, you can either pick one of the placement styles below, or select it randomly.

To select a random placement style, roll one die:

- 1. Random
- 2. Alternating (Free)
- 3. Alternating (Restricted)
- 4. Full Table
- 5. Two Halves
- 6. Six Squares

Once you have decided what placement style to use, pick 15+ pieces of terrain that you want to play with, and then follow the instructions of the selected placement style.

### 1. RANDOM

Divide the table into six 2'x2' sections.

For each piece of terrain, roll one die to place it at the center of one random section, and then move it 2D6" toward the center of another randomly selected section, stopping to be at least 6" away from other pieces of terrain.

If it's impossible to place the terrain piece, simply remove it.

# 2. ALTERNATING (FREE)

Players roll-off, and then alternate in placing one terrain piece each, starting with the player that won.

Terrain pieces must be placed at least 6" away from each other, and if it's impossible to place them they are removed.

# 3. ALTERNATING (RESTRICTED)

Roll one die to select a random restriction, and then follow the same rules as the "Alternating (Free)" placement style:

- 1. No pieces of terrain may be placed within 12" of the center of the table.
- 2. No pieces of terrain may be placed within 12" of the edge of the table.
- 3. Place the first piece of terrain at the center of the table. The rest must be placed more than 12" away from that piece of terrain.
- 4. Place the first piece at the center of the table, and the rest must be placed within 9" of another piece of terrain that was already placed.
- 5. Place the first 4 pieces each within 12" of a different table corner. The rest can be placed anywhere.
- 6. Place the first 4 pieces each in a different table quarter. The rest can be placed anywhere.

# 4. FULL TABLE

Players roll-off, and the winner places all pieces of terrain on the table, at least 6" away from each other and the table edge.

Then the player that lost the roll-off gets to pick which side they wants to deploy on.

# 5. TWO HALVES

Players roll-off, and the winner may draw a straight line from one corner of the battlefield to the opposite, and pick which table half they place terrain on.

Then the players alternate in placing one piece of terrain each on their own table half, at least 6" away from other pieces of terrain and the table edge.

# 6. SIX SQUARES

Divide the table into six 2'x2' sections.

Players roll-off, and then alternate in placing one terrain piece each in a random section, starting with the player that won.

Terrain pieces must be placed at least 6" away from each other, and if it's impossible to place them they are removed.



# **ADVANCED TERRAIN - TERRAIN GENERATOR**

# **TERRAIN GENERATOR**

If you're looking for more variety in your table setups, you can use one of the following terrain generators, to get themed terrain that fits a thematic battlefield.

There are 4 planet types that you can pick from:

- Generic Planets
- Hospitable Planets
- Wasteland Planets
- Death Planets

Whilst there is no limit to the size of terrain that you can use for your games, we have a few recommendations for you:

- Small pieces of scatter terrain, like barrels, boxes, barricades, etc. should be somewhere between 1"x1" and 3"x3" in size.
- Large terrain features, like buildings, forests, lakes, etc. should be somewhere between 4"x4" and 8"x8" in size, but can be as large as 12"x12".

Note that all of the terrain generated in this section can be used in combination with different terrain placement styles for a more varied table setup.

# **GENERIC PLANETS**

The Generic Planet setup allows you to generate terrain without having to worry about using thematic pieces.

To generate balanced terrain, follow these steps:

- First, take 9 pieces of terrain:
  - 2 Barricades
  - o 2 Large Forests / Large Fields
  - o 5 Large Sight Blockers
- Then, take 4D3 more pieces of terrain, determining their type by rolling 2D6 for each:
  - o 2-3 = Large Hill
  - 4 = Large Ruins
  - 5 = Large Field
  - 6-8 = Barricade
  - 9 = Large Forest
  - 10 = Large Sight Blocker
  - o 11-12 = Large Lake

After terrain has been placed, roll-off to see who goes first, and then players alternate in picking D3 pieces of terrain each, which count as Dangerous Terrain.



# HOSPITABLE PLANETS

Many planets are pleasant and liveable, sustaining wildlife and civilization alike, with relatively intact natural landscapes.

To generate hospitable terrain, follow these steps:

- First, take 9 pieces of terrain:
  - o 2 Walls or Fences
  - 2 Hills or Plantations
  - 5 Forests or Large Buildings
- Then, take 4D3 more pieces of terrain, determining their type by rolling 2D6 for each (see results below).

#### 2 = Deep River or Lake

Counts as Impassable terrain.

#### 3 = Shallow River or Stream

Counts as Difficult terrain. Optionally, you may add one 3"-6" wide Bridge for every full 24" of Shallow River or Stream.

#### 4 = Tall Crops Field

Counts as Difficult and Cover terrain.

#### 5 = Ruins or Debris

Counts as Cover terrain, as well as Dangerous terrain when using Rush/Charge actions.

#### 6 = Forest or Plantation

Counts as Difficult and Cover terrain, and units may see into and out of them, but not through.

#### 7 = Hill, Forest, or Field

See other entries for specific rules.

#### 8 = Hill

Counts as Cover terrain, and units on top may ignore one unit/terrain for line of sight.

#### 9 = Wall or Fence

Counts as Cover, as well as Difficult terrain when moving through it.

#### 10 = One Large Building

Counts as Impassable and Blocking terrain.

#### 11 = Group of Small Buildings

Count as Impassable and Blocking terrain.

#### 12 = Steep Hill

Counts as Cover terrain, as well as Difficult terrain for units moving up, and units on top may ignore one unit/terrain for line of sight.

# **ADVANCED TERRAIN - TERRAIN GENERATOR**

# WASTELAND PLANET

Either naturally barren or devastated by years of industry or war, some planets are little more than wastes of dirt and ash.

To generate wasteland terrain, follow these steps:

- First, take 9 pieces of terrain:
  - o 2 Groups of Small Dunes
  - o 2 Large Rocks / Craters
  - o 5 Large Buildings / Toxic Smog
- Then, take 4D3 more pieces of terrain, determining their type by rolling 2D6 for each (see results below).

#### 2 = Toxic River

Counts as Difficult and Dangerous terrain. Optionally, you may add one 3"-6" wide Bridge for every full 24" of Toxic River.

#### 3 = Sludge Stream or Canal

Counts as Dangerous terrain. Optionally, you may add one 3"-6" wide Bridge for every full 24" of Toxic River.

#### 4 = Sludge Field

Counts as Difficult terrain.

#### 5 = Ruins or Debris

Counts as Cover terrain, as well as Dangerous terrain when using Rush/Charge actions.

#### 6 = Large Rock or Two to Three Small Rocks

Counts as Impassable and Blocking terrain.

#### 7 = Group of Small Dunes

Counts as Cover terrain, and units on top may ignore one unit/terrain for line of sight.

#### 8 = Crater

Counts as Cover terrain.

#### 9 = Toxic Smog

Counts as Cover and Dangerous terrain, and units may see into and out of it, but not through.

#### 10 = Large Building

Counts as Impassable and Blocking terrain.

#### 11 = Mine Field

Counts as Dangerous terrain.

#### 12 = Group of Small Buildings

Count as Impassable and Blocking terrain.

# DEATH PLANET

Some of the most dangerous planets in the universe, varying from deadly jungles, to burning volcanoes, to icy mountains.

To generate death terrain, follow these steps:

- First, take 9 pieces of terrain:
  - o 2 Overgrown Ruins
  - 2 Deadly Vegetation / Hills
  - 5 Dense Vegetation / Steep Hills
- Then, take 4D3 more pieces of terrain, determining their type by rolling 2D6 for each (see results below).

#### 2 = Death Marsh

Counts as Difficult and Dangerous terrain.

#### 3 = Crumbly Rock

Counts as Difficult terrain.

#### 4 = Overgrown Ruins

Counts as Difficult and Cover terrain.

5 = Deadly Vegetation

Counts as Difficult, Cover, and Dangerous terrain.

#### 6 = Dense Vegetation

Counts as Difficult and Cover terrain, and units may see into and out of them, but not through.

#### 7 = Dense Vegetation or Hill

See other entries for specific rules.

#### 8 = Hill

Counts as Cover terrain, and units on top may ignore one unit/terrain for line of sight.

#### 9 = Group of Small Buildings

Count as Impassable and Blocking terrain.

#### 10 = Steep Hill

Counts as Cover terrain, as well as Difficult terrain for units moving up, and units on top may ignore one unit/terrain for line of sight.

11 = Beast Lair

Counts as Dangerous terrain.

12 = Quicksand

Counts as Dangerous terrain when using Rush/Charge actions.



# ADVANCED TERRAIN - ARMY TERRAIN

# **USING ARMY TERRAIN**

Players can choose to play using army terrain, which allows each army to place a special piece of terrain that affects the game in different interesting ways.

Before the game begins, each army either picks one army terrain, or rolls to get one randomly.

To get army terrain randomly, first, roll one die to get one type of Battle Terrain:

- 1. Army Banner
- 2. Battle Forge

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- 3. Defensive Barrier
- 4. Icon of War
- 5. Protective Dome
- 6. Watch Tower

Then, roll one die to get one type of Relic Terrain:

- 1. Arcane Pillars
- 2. Enchanted Shrine
- 3. Faction Relic
- 4. Healing Well
- 5. Magic Armory
- 6. Twin Jumpgates

Finally, secretly pick one of the two results to be your army terrain for the match.

Army terrain pieces should be somewhere between 2"x2" and 4"x4" in size, and somewhere between 2" and 4" tall. Each piece counts are impassable and blocking terrain.

During deployment, army terrain pieces are placed as if they were a regular unit, but they can't be placed within 6" of any objective marker, or the table edges.

# **BATTLE TERRAIN**

#### Army Banner

Whenever a friendly unit activates within 6" of this army terrain, it gets +2" when using Advance actions, and +4" when using Rush/Charge actions.

#### **Battle Forge**

Whenever a friendly unit activates within 6" of this army terrain, it gets +1 to hit rolls when shooting.

#### **Defensive Barrier**

The area within 6" of this faction terrain counts as Difficult terrain for enemy units.

#### Icon of War

Whenever a friendly unit activates within 12" of this army terrain, it gets +1 to hit rolls in melee when charging.

#### **Protective Dome**

The area within 6" of this faction terrain counts as Cover terrain for friendly units.

#### Watch Tower

The area within 6" of this faction terrain counts as Dangerous terrain for enemy units.

### **RELIC TERRAIN**

#### **Arcane Pillars**

When placing this army terrain, place two copies of it within 12" of each other (instead of placing just one).

Draw a straight line from one copy of this army terrain to the other. Whenever an enemy unit ends its activation with at least one model touching the line, the unit takes 2D3 wounds.

#### **Enchanted Shrine**

Whenever a friendly Caster activates within 6" of this army terrain, it gets 1 spell token.

#### **Faction Relic**

Whenever a friendly unit within 12" of this army terrain takes a morale test, it gets +1 to its morale test roll.

#### **Healing Well**

Whenever a friendly unit within 6" of this army terrain is activated, you may remove D3 wounds from it.

#### **Magic Armory**

Whenever a friendly unit within 6" of this army terrain takes hits, it gets +1 to its defense rolls.

#### **Twin Jumpgates**

When placing this army terrain, place two copies of it within 24" of each other (instead of placing just one).

Whenever a friendly unit ends its activation within 3" of one of the copies of this army terrain, you may place it anywhere within 3" of the other copy of this army terrain.



# **ADVANCED TERRAIN - SOLID BUILDINGS**

# **OPEN VS SOLID BUILDINGS**

To play with these rules, you first need to understand the difference between open and solid buildings:

- Open buildings have one or more openings which can be used to place models inside.
- Solid buildings consist of one solid block which cannot be opened or reached into.

Usually, solid buildings would be treated as a piece of sight blocking and impassable terrain, however with these rules your units will be able to enter and defend them.

# **USING SOLID BUILDINGS**

Solid buildings may hold up to X models inside of them, which must be from the same army.

Units may enter by using any move action into contact with the building, and units inside may exit by using any move action, but must stay within 6" of it, however units may not both enter and exit a building as part of the same activation.

Since buildings come in different sizes, you have to decide how many models can be inside by yourself, however here are some guidelines that you can use:

- Small Sheds: 6 models
- Medium Houses: 11 models
- Large Fortifications: 21 models

# **SOLID BUILDINGS & COMBAT**

Units may shoot into and out of any side of a solid building that has some sort of firing port (doors, windows, etc.), and you may choose which firing port to shoot from.

Units inside of solid buildings always count as being in Cover, regardless of what material the building is made of.

When charging units inside a building, only one unit inside of it is targeted, and the defender may choose which. To charge the building, simply move models in base contact with it.

# **BUILDING DESTRUCTION**

Optionally, solid buildings may be targeted for all types of attacks as if they were any other unit.

All buildings count as having Defense 2+ and a Tough(X) value, which you are going to set yourself, however here are some guidelines that you can use:

- Wood Buildings: Tough(6)
- Brick Buildings: Tough(12)
- Concrete Buildings: Tough(18)

If a unit is inside of a building when it is destroyed, then it must take a Dangerous Terrain test, is immediately Shaken, and surviving models must be placed within 6" of the building before it is removed.

# **COLLATERAL DAMAGE**

Optionally, solid buildings may also take collateral damage when units inside of them are attacked.

Whenever a unit targets an enemy inside of a building with a ranged attack, roll one die for every attack that misses. On a 4+ that attack hits the building instead, which is resolved after all regular hits have been resolved.

Note that failing to cast a spell targeting a unit inside of a building does not count as a missed attack.



# **ADVANCED DEPLOYMENT STYLES**

# STANDARD DEPLOYMENT STYLES

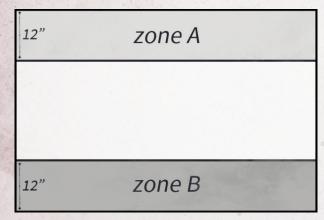
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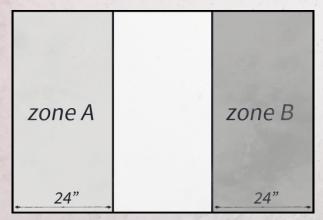
- 1. Frontline
- 2. Ground War
- 3. Side Battle
- 4. Disordered
- 5. Spearhead
- 6. Opposing Forces

# **1. FRONT LINE**

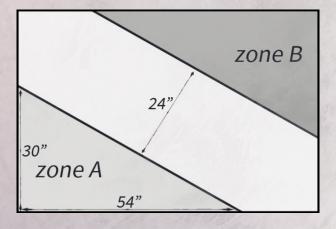
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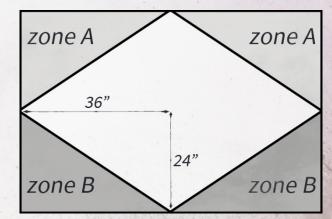
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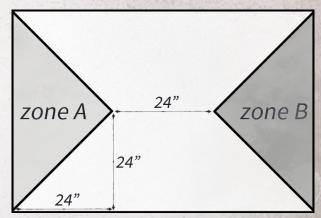
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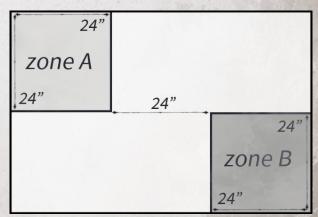
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# 6. OPPOSING FORCES





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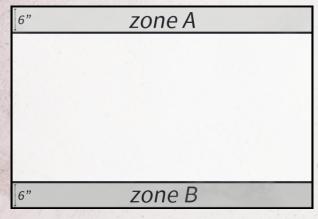
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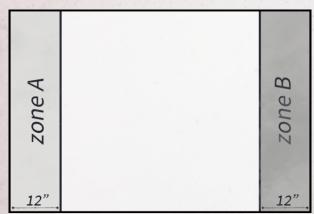
To select a random deployment style, simply roll one die:

- 1. No Man's Land
- 2. Long Haul
- 3. Flank Assault
- 4. Frontal Clash
- 5. Tactical Push
- 6. Meeting Engagement

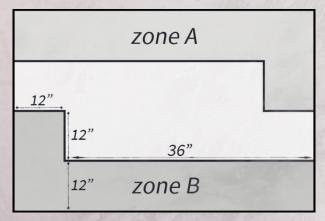
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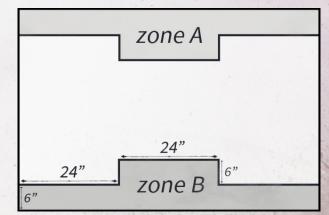
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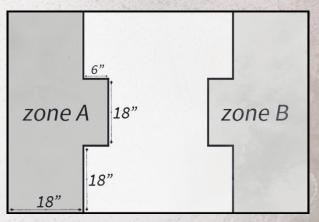
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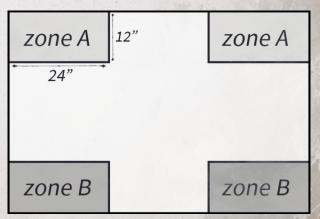
# 4. FRONTAL CLASH



# 5. TACTICAL PUSH



# 6. MEETING ENGAGEMENT





# **ADVANCED DEPLOYMENT STYLES**

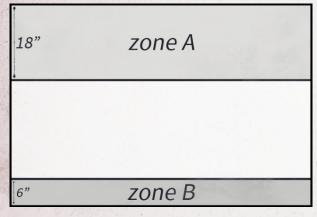
# **ASYMMETRIC DEPLOYMENT STYLES**

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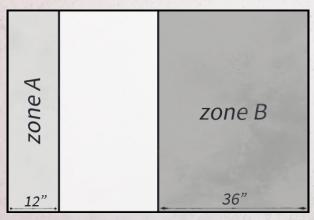
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- 1. Open Warzone
- 2. Pushback
- 3. Cornered
- 4. Encircled
- 5. Behind Enemy Lines
- 6. Lightning Strike

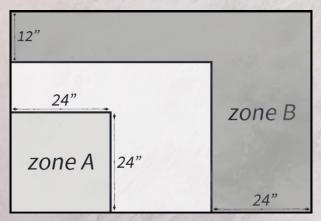
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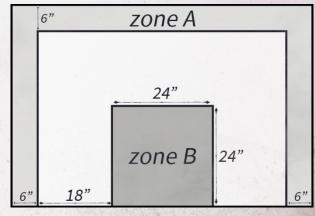
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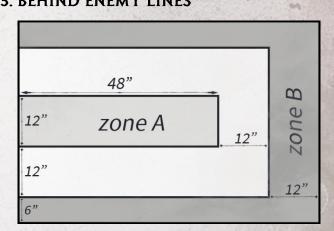
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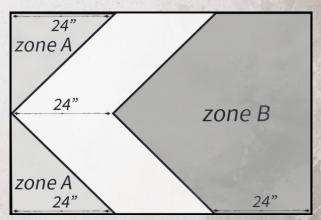
# 4. ENCIRCLED



# **5. BEHIND ENEMY LINES**



# **6. LIGHTNING STRIKE**





# **ADVANCED MISSIONS - EXTRA MISSIONS**

# **RANDOM MISSION SELECTION**

Pick one mission of your choice, or randomly select one before the game begins to keep players on their toes.

First select a mission type by rolling one die:

- 1-2 = Face-Off
- 3-4 = Progressive Scoring
- 5-6 = Attack & Defend

Roll one die to get a random Face-Off mission:

- 1. Duel
- 2. Seize Ground
- 3. Relic Hunt
- 4. Sabotage
- 5. Breakthrough
- 6. King of the Hill

Roll one die to get a random Progressive Scoring mission:

- 1. Pitched Battle
- 2. Domination
- 3. Capture & Hold
- 4. Demolition
- 5. Headquarters
- 6. Mosh Pit

Roll one die to get a random Attack & Defend mission:

- 1. The Raid
- 2. Smash & Grab
- 3. Ambush
- 4. Last Stand
- 5. VIP Escort
- 6. The Rescue

When playing Attack & Defend missions, the player that wins the deployment roll-off gets to pick if they want to be attacker or defender for this match.

# **MISSION OBJECTIVES**

Since all missions use objectives in order to determine who wins, the following rules are common for all missions:

- Placing Objectives: The players roll-off, and the winner picks who places the first objective marker. Then the players alternate in placing one marker each outside of the deployment zones, and over 9" away from other objective markers.
- Seizing Objectives: At the end of each round, if a unit is within 3" of a marker whilst no enemies are, then it counts as being seized. Markers remain seized even if the unit moves away, but if units from both sides contest an marker at the end of a round, then it becomes neutral.

Note that if you are using the random deployment styles rules, you must first roll to see which deployment style you will use, then roll for mission objectives, and only after you roll-off to see who picks where to deploy.

# FACE-OFF MISSIONS

#### 1. Duel

After the table has been prepared, the players must set up a total of D3+2 objective markers on the battlefield.

After 4 rounds have been played the game ends, and the player that controls most markers wins.

Note that this is the standard mission from the core rules.

#### 2. Seize Ground

After the table has been prepared, the players must set up a total of 4 objective markers on the battlefield.

Divide the non-deployment zone area of the table into 4 equal quarters, and place one marker at the center of each.

After 4 rounds have been played the game ends, and the player that controls most markers wins.

#### 3. Relic Hunt

After the table has been prepared, the players must set up a total of 3 objective markers on the battlefield.

If a unit seizes a marker, remove it from the table, and it counts as being carried by the unit. If the unit is shaken or destroyed at any point, the marker is dropped on the spot.

After 4 rounds have been played the game ends, and the player that controls most markers wins.

#### 4. Sabotage

After the table has been prepared, the players must set up 1 objective marker each 12" away from their table edge.

Each objective marker belongs to the player that placed it, and if at any point a unit seizes the enemy objective marker, then the marker is destroyed and removed from play.

After 4 rounds have been played the game ends, and the player that managed to destroy the enemy marker whilst keeping their own marker intact wins.

#### 5. Breakthrough

After the table has been prepared, the players must set up 1 objective marker each on the battlefield.

The objective markers must be placed at the center of each player's deployment zone, 12" away from the table edge.

After 4 rounds have been played the game ends, and the player that controls most markers wins.

#### 6. King of the Hill

After the table has been prepared, the players must set up only 1 objective marker on the battlefield.

The objective marker must be placed over 9" away from the deployment zones and the table edges.

After 4 rounds have been played the game ends, and the player that controls the marker wins.

# **ADVANCED MISSIONS - EXTRA MISSIONS**

# **PROGRESSIVE SCORING MISSIONS**

#### 1. Pitched Battle

After the table has been prepared, the players must set up a total of D3+2 objective markers on the battlefield.

At the end of each round players get 1 VP for each objective marker they seized, and at the end of the game players get 1 VP if they seized more markers than their opponent.

After 4 rounds have been played the game ends, and the player that scored most VPs wins.

#### 2. Domination

After the table has been prepared, the players must set up a total of 4 objective markers on the battlefield.

Divide the non-deployment zone area of the table into 4 equal quarters, and place one marker at the center of each.

At the end of each round players get 1 VP for each objective marker they seized, as well as 1 VP if they seized more objective markers than their opponent.

After 4 rounds have been played the game ends, and the player that scored most VPs wins.

#### 3. Capture & Hold

After the table has been prepared, the players must set up a total of 3 objective markers on the battlefield.

If a unit seizes a marker, remove it from the table, and it counts as being carried by the unit. If the unit is shaken or destroyed at any point, the marker is dropped on the spot.

At the end of each round players get 1 VP for each objective marker they seized, and at the end of the game players get 1 VP if they seized more markers than their opponent.

After 4 rounds have been played the game ends, and the player that scored most VPs wins.

#### 4. Demolition

After the table has been prepared, the players must set up 1 objective marker each 12" away from their table edge.

Each objective marker belongs to the player that placed it, and if at any point a unit seizes the enemy objective marker, then the marker is destroyed and removed from play.

At the end of each round players get 1 VP if their objective marker has not been destroyed, and 1 VP if they destroy the enemy marker whilst their own marker was already destroyed.

After 4 rounds have been played the game ends, and the player that scored most VPs wins.

#### 5. Headquarters

After the table has been prepared, the players must set up 1 objective marker each on the battlefield.

The objective markers must be placed at the center of each player's deployment zone, 12" away from the table edge.

At the end of each round players get 1 VP for each objective marker they seized, and at the end of the game players get 1 VP if they seized more markers than their opponent.

After 4 rounds have been played the game ends, and the player that scored most VPs wins.

#### 6. Mosh Pit

After the table has been prepared, the players must set up only 1 objective marker on the battlefield.

The objective marker must be placed over 9" away from the deployment zones and the table edges.

At the end of each round players get 1 VP if they seized the objective marker, and 1 VP if they seized the marker whilst it was not already seized by the enemy.

After 4 rounds have been played the game ends, and the player that scored most VPs wins.



# **ADVANCED MISSIONS - EXTRA MISSIONS**

# **ATTACK & DEFEND MISSIONS**

#### 1. The Raid

The attacking army gets 25% more points than the defender.

After the table has been prepared, the defender must set up 1 objective marker within 12" of the table center, and must then deploy half of its units within 12" of the marker.

The attacker then deploys all of its units anywhere within 12" of any table edge, and after that the defender must deploy its remaining units anywhere on the table over 12" away from enemy units, and over 12" away from the marker.

After 6 rounds have been played the game ends, and the player that controls the marker wins.

#### 2. Smash & Grab

The attacking army gets 25% more points than the defender.

After the table has been prepared, the defender must set up a total of D3+2 objective markers on the battlefield, and then secretly mark one of them as a trap, and one of them as a relic.

When an attacker's unit seizes a marker, the defender must reveal what it was. If it was a trap the unit takes D6+1 hits, and if it was not the relic then the marker is removed.

If it was the relic, then the unit seizes it and removes it from the table, counting as carrying it. If the unit is shaken or destroyed at any point, the marker is dropped on the spot.

After 6 rounds have been played the game ends, and if the marker is within 6" of any table edge, then the attacker wins, else the defender wins.

#### 3. Ambush

After the table has been prepared, the players must set up a total of D3 objective markers on the battlefield, starting with the defender.

After the table has been prepared, the defender must first deploy half of its units in their deployment zone, and then the attacker must deploy all of its units anywhere on the table over 12" away from enemy units, but within 6" of at least one other friendly unit. Finally, the defender may deploy the rest of its units anywhere on the table, over 12" away from enemy units.

After 6 rounds have been played the game ends, and the player that controls most markers wins.

#### 4. Last Stand

After the table has been prepared, the defending player must set up 1 objective marker within 12" of the table centre.

After the table has been prepared, the defender must deploy all of its units within 12" of the table center, and then the attacker deploys all of its units within 12" of any table edge.

Whenever an attacker's unit is fully destroyed for the first time, it is placed in reserves. At the beginning of each round, the attacker rolls one die for each unit in reserve, and on a 6 may place it within 12" of any table edge.

The attacker's units may only be placed in reserves once, and if at the beginning of a round the attacker has no units on the table, then any remaining reserves are destroyed.

After 6 rounds have been played the game ends, and the player that controls the marker wins.

#### 5. VIP Escort

After the table has been prepared, the defender must set up 1 objective marker within 6" of any table edge, and must then deploy all of its units within 12" of it. The attacker then deploys all of its units anywhere within 12" of any table edge, and over 12" away from enemy units.

At the beginning of each round, if the defender has seized the marker, then they may move it by up to 12" in any direction.

After 6 rounds have been played the game ends, and if the marker is within 6" of the table edge opposite of the one it was deployed on, then the defender wins, else the attacker wins.

#### 6. The Rescue

The attacking army gets 25% more points than the defender.

After the table has been prepared, the defending player must set up 1 objective marker within 12" of the table centre.

Players may only deploy up to half of their units, and keep the other half in reserves. At the beginning of each round after the first, the players must roll one die for each unit in reserves, and on a 4+ may place it within 12" of any table edge, over 12" away from enemy units and the objective marker.

If an attacking unit seizes the marker, remove it from the table, and it counts as being carried by the unit. If the unit is shaken or destroyed at any point, the marker is dropped on the spot and the defender may move it by up to 6" in any direction.

After 6 rounds have been played the game ends, and if the marker is within 6" of any table edge, then the attacker wins, else the defender wins.



# **ADVANCED MISSIONS - SIDE-MISSIONS**

# PLAYING WITH SIDE-MISSIONS

When playing with side-missions, the scoring at the end of the game is done using a Victory Points (VP) system, instead of winning based on the mission's conditions.

At the end of the game, players score VPs for each objective marker they seized, plus 1 VP for each side-mission that they completed. The player that scored most VPs wins.

Seized objective markers score a different number of VPs based on how many are on the table:

- 1 Objective = 3 VPs for seizing the marker
- 2 Objectives = 2 VPs per seized marker
- 3+ Objectives = 1 VP per seized marker

Note that if you're using progressive scoring missions, you still score VPs at the end of each round, plus VPs from seized markers and side-missions at the end of the game.

Before the game begins, pick one of the following playstyles, or roll a D3 to randomly get one:

- 1. **Shared** Each player selects 2 side-missions openly, both players can complete any of the side-missions.
- 2. **Hidden** Each player selects 3 side-missions in secret, players can only complete their own side-mission.
- 3. **Shared + Hidden -** Each player selects 1 side-missions openly, which both players can complete. Then each player selects 1 side-mission in secret, which only they can complete.

When selecting side-missions openly, the players must roll-off, and then alternate in picking 1 side-mission each, starting with the player that won the roll-off.

Additionally, you must pick one of the following selection methods, or roll a D3 to randomly get one:

- 1. **Free** Players may freely select any side-mission from any of the categories.
- 2. **Limited** For each side-mission, players must first roll one die to get a category, and may then freely select any side-mission.
- 3. **Randomized -** For each side-mission, players must first roll one die to get a category, and then roll one die to get a side-mission.

Note that if you roll a side-mission that cannot be completed, then you must re-roll until you get one that can be completed.

# MAD DASH VARIANTS

Another way to play with side missions is to use mad dash variants, where players are competing for randomly changing side-missions.

When playing with these variants, players earn VPs for each objective marker they seized at the end of each round (scoring a different number of VPs based on how many are on the table as usual), plus 1 VP for each side-mission they scored.

Before the game begins, pick one of the following mad dash variants, or roll a D3 to randomly get one:

- 1. **Shared Dash** At the beginning of each round, roll for one random side-mission, which both players can score during that round. Discard the side-mission if it wasn't scored during that round.
- 2. **Hidden Dash** At the beginning of each round, each player rolls for one random side-mission in secret, which only they can score during that round. Discard the side-mission if it wasn't scored during that round.
- 3. **Cumulative Dash** At the beginning of each round, roll for one random side-mission, which both players can score during any round. Side-missions are only discarded once they have been scored, and persist between rounds.

Side-missions from the tactical genius category must be completed on the same round in which they are scored, whilst missions from other categories may be scored even if they were completed on a previous round.

Example: A player destroyed two or more enemy Heroes during round 1, and then the Slay side-mission is selected at the beginning of round 3, so at the end of round 3 the player may score it.



# **ADVANCED MISSIONS - SIDE-MISSIONS**

# CATEGORIES

There are 6 different categories to choose from, each with their own twists and strategies:

- 1. Tactical Genius
- 2. Field Marshal
- 3. Astute Strategist
- 4. Combat Master
- 5. Monster Hunter
- 6. Heroic General

#### 1. Tactical Genius

- 1. Mislead Control no objectives.
- 2. Fortify Control only one objective.
- 3. Seize Control most objectives.
- 4. Rule Control more objectives than opponent.
- 5. Dominate Enemy must control no objectives.
- 6. Equalize Control as many objectives as opponent.

#### 2. Field Marshal

- 1. **Control** Have one or more friendly units fully within 6" of the table centre.
- 2. Intimidate No enemy units are fully within 6" of the table center.
- 3. **Overrun** Have one or more friendly units fully inside each table quarter.
- 4. **Spread Out** Have one or more friendly units within 12" of each table corner.
- 5. **Invade** Have two or more friendly units fully inside the enemy deployment zone.
- 6. **Defend** No enemy units are fully inside the friendly deployment zone.

#### 3. Astute Strategist

- 1. **Rush** Be the first player to destroy an enemy unit.
- 2. **Finalize** Be the last player to destroy an enemy unit.
- 3. **Conserve -** Keep at least 50% of friendly units alive.
- 4. Erode Destroy at least 50% of enemy units.
- Terrify Two or more enemy units must fail a morale test caused by friendly units.
- 6. Hex Successfully cast four or more spells.

#### 4. Combat Master

- 1. **Slaughter -** Destroy four or more enemy units with 3+ models.
- 2. **Wipe Out** Destroy more enemy units with 3+ models than opponent.
- 3. **Exterminate** Destroy the enemy unit with 3+ models with most models (if there are multiple, destroy one).
- 4. **Butcher** Destroy the most expensive enemy unit with 3+ models (if there are multiple, destroy one).
- Eradicate Destroy the least expensive enemy unit with 3+ models (if there are multiple, destroy one).
- 6. Massacre Destroy twenty or more enemy models.

#### 5. Monster Hunter

- 1. Eliminate Destroy two or more enemy units with Tough(12+).
- 2. **Destroy** Destroy more enemy units with Tough(12+) than opponent.
- 3. **Obliterate** Destroy the enemy unit with Tough(12+) with the highest Tough value (if there are multiple, destroy one).
- 4. **Erase** Destroy the most expensive enemy unit with Tough(12+) (if there are multiple, destroy one).
- 5. **Annihilate** Destroy the least expensive enemy unit with Tough(12+) (if there are multiple, destroy one).
- 6. **Decimate** Deal twelve or more wounds to a single unit with Tough(18+).

#### 6. Heroic General

- 1. Slay Destroy two or more enemy Heroes.
- 2. Execute Destroy more enemy Heroes than opponent.
- 3. **Terminate** Destroy the enemy Hero with the highest Tough value (if there are multiple, destroy one).
- 4. **Assassinate** Destroy the most expensive enemy Hero (if there are multiple, destroy one).
- 5. **Murder** Destroy the least expensive enemy Hero (if there are multiple, destroy one).
- 6. **Dispatch** Destroy one enemy Hero and its unit.



# **ADVANCED ACTIONS - EXTRA ACTIONS**

# **USING EXTRA ACTIONS**

Before the game, players can agree to use any or all of the following extra actions in the game:

- Assault
- Last Stand
- Hunker Down
- Defensive Stance
- Focused Fire
- Heavy Charge
- Stealth Move
- Covering Fire
- Overwatch

When using these extra actions the game is played normally, however players may pick any of the selected extra actions in addition to the regular ones.

# ASSAULT

When taking an Assault action, pick one enemy unit within the unit's charge range as its target. The unit must first shoot at the target, and then must charge the target, but gets -1 to hit rolls for both shooting and melee.

Note that units taking Assault actions may not split fire to shoot at multiple targets, and may not charge any other target if the original target is destroyed by shooting.

# LAST STAND

Units may take a Last Stand action even if they are Shaken.

When taking Last Stand actions, units may take a Hold, Advance, Rush, or Charge action, but count as being Shaken for the purpose of special rules until the beginning of their next activation.

Units in Last Stand get -1 to Quality and Defense rolls, halve their movement, can't contest or seize objectives, and can't use any special rules that require picking a target (ex.: Caster).

# HUNKER DOWN

When taking a Hunker Down action, the unit remains idle, and enemies shooting at it get -2 to hit rolls until its next activation.

Shaken units may take Hunker Down actions to get this bonus as well as stopping to be Shaken.

# **DEFENSIVE STANCE**

When taking a Defensive Stance action, the unit remains idle and may not strike back, and enemies attacking it in melee get -2 to hit rolls until its next activation.

Shaken units may take Defensive Stance actions to get this bonus as well as stopping to be Shaken.

# FOCUSED FIRE

When taking a Focused Fire action, the unit takes a Hold action, and gets +1 to hit when shooting at targets within 12".

# HEAVY CHARGE

When taking a Heavy Charge action, the unit takes a Charge action to charge a target that is between 3" and 6" away, and gets +1 to hit in melee.

# STEALTH MOVE

When taking a Stealth Move action, the unit takes an Advance action, but may not shoot, and enemies shooting at it get -1 to their hit rolls until its next activation.

# **COVERING FIRE**

When taking a Covering Fire action, the unit takes a Hold action, but when shooting only hits on unmodified rolls of 6. Then, roll one die per hit, and if you roll at least one 4+, then the target must take a morale test (regardless of casualties). All hits are then discarded as misses.

# OVERWATCH

When taking an Overwatch action, the unit remains idle, and until its next activation it may react once to an enemy unit's activation at any point as it moves or shoots.

The unit may react to two things:

- **Movement:** Shoot at an enemy at any point during its movement, but gets -1 to hit rolls.
- **Shooting:** Shoot back at an enemy within 24" that shot at it, but gets -1 to hit rolls.



# **ADVANCED ACTIONS - ACTION BOOSTING**

# PLAYING WITH ACTION BOOSTING

Action Boosting rules allow players to strategically enhance the actions of their units, pushing them to their limits.

Before the game begins, pick one of the following playstyles, or roll a D3 to randomly get one:

- 1. Tactical
- 2. Underdog
- 3. Random

# PLAYSTYLES

There are 3 different playstyles you can use, each providing a different flow of boosting:

- 1. **Tactical** At the beginning of each round, players get 1 boost point, which they may spend once per unit to boost their action. Unspent points carry over between rounds.
- 2. **Underdog** Play using the standard mission, but at the end of each round, players get 1 VP for each marker they seized, and after 4 rounds the player that scored most VPs wins. At the beginning of each round, players get 1 boost point, or 2 boost points if they have the least number of VPs. Players may spend one boost point per unit to boost its action, but unspent points don't carry over between rounds.
- 3. Random Before the game begins, each players needs to take as many tokens as units in their army, of which one needs to be marked as a boost token. At the beginning of each round, the players must put as many tokens as units they have left on the battlefield in separate bags. Then, whenever it's a player's turn to activate, they must draw a random token from their bag. If it's a regular token, then they activate a unit normally, but if it's a boost token, then they may boost the action of the unit they activate this turn.

# **BOOSTED ACTIONS**

Whenever a player spends a boost point on a unit, it gets a bonus depending on the action it takes.

#### **Standard Actions**

- Hold Gets +1 to hit rolls and +50% range when shooting.
- Advance Gets +1 to hit rolls when shooting.
- **Rush** May move by up to +50%.
- Charge Gets +1 to hit rolls in melee.

#### **Extra Actions**

- Assault Doesn't get -1 to hit rolls when shooting or in melee (pick one).
- Last Stand Doesn't get -1 to Quality, or -1 to Defense rolls, or doesn't halve its movement (pick one).
- Hunker Down Enemies get -3 to hit rolls when shooting at the unit (instead of -2).
- **Defensive Stance** Enemies get -3 to hit rolls when attacking the unit in melee (instead of -2).
- Focused Fire Gets +2 to hit rolls when shooting (instead of +1).
- **Heavy Charge** Gets +2 to hit rolls in melee when charging (instead of +1).
- **Stealth Move** Enemies get -2 to hit rolls when shooting at the unit (instead of -1).
- **Covering Fire** Needs to roll at least one 3+ to force a morale test (instead of 4+).
- **Overwatch** Doesn't get -1 to hit rolls when shooting.



# **ADVANCED ACTIONS - HERO & MONSTER FEATS**

# **USING HERO & MONSTER FEATS**

Players can choose to play with heroic and monstrous feats, which make your heroes more epic, and your large beasts more ferocious.

Before the game begins, players must define which units count as heroes, and which ones count as monsters. We recommend that units with the Hero rule count as heroes, and that units with Tough(6) or higher count as monsters, but players are free to define other units as heroes/monsters, based on the miniatures they have (such as robot walkers).

At the beginning of the game, each player gets special feat points based on the size of the game:

- D3+1 heroic feat point per 1000pts
- D3+1 monstruous feat point per 1000pts

# HEROIC FEATS

Once per round, at the beginning of a hero's activation, players may spend 1 heroic feat point to use one of the following:

- Heroic Move
- Heroic Accuracy
- Heroic Strength
- Heroic Channeling
- Heroic Resolve
- Heroic Recovery

#### **Heroic Move**

The hero may immediately move by up to 6". If the hero is part of a unit, the hero and its unit may move by up to 3" instead.

#### **Heroic Accuracy**

The hero gets +1 to hit rolls when shooting or in melee until the end of the round (pick one)

#### **Heroic Strength**

The hero gets AP(+1) when shooting or in melee until the end of the round (pick one).

#### **Heroic Channeling**

The hero gets 1 spell token which it may spend to give +1/-1 to spell casting rolls as if it was a Caster.

#### **Heroic Resolve**

The hero may pick one friendly unit within 12". That unit always passes all morale tests until the end of the round.

#### **Heroic Recovery**

The hero removes D3 wounds from itself.

# MONSTROUS FEATS

Once per round, at the end of a monster's activation, players may spend 1 monstruous feat point to use one of the following:

- Monstruous Stomp
- Monstruous Brawl
- Monstruous Roar
- Monstruous Terror
- Monstruous Oppression
- Monstruous Destruction

#### **Monstruous Stomp**

Pick one enemy unit within 3" of the monster, and it must take a Dangerous Terrain test.

#### **Monstruous Brawl**

Pick one enemy monster within 3" of the monster. Both monsters take D3 wounds each.

#### **Monstruous Roar**

Pick one enemy unit within 6" of the monster, which has to take a morale test. If failed, the unit is Shaken.

#### **Monstruous Terror**

Until the end of the round, enemy units must take a morale test when they declare a charge against the monster. If failed, they can't charge.

#### **Monstruous Oppression**

If the monster is within 3" of an objective, only other monsters can contest the same objective at the end of the round.

#### **Monstruous Destruction**

Pick one piece of terrain occupied by enemy units within 3" and roll one die. On a 2+, all enemies within that terrain take D3 wounds.



# **ADVANCED CASTING - CURRENTS OF POWER**

# PLAYING WITH ADVANCED CASTING

Advanced Casting rules add more complexity to how casters work in the game, making them more important to the battle.

Before the game, players can agree to use any or all of the following in the game:

- Currents of Power
- Living Spells
- Relic Wargear

# **CURRENTS OF POWER**

When playing with Currents of power, the Caster(X) rule is heavily modified, with all of these changes:

- Spell Books
- Psychic Pool
- Casting Spells
- Blocking Spells

#### **Spell Books**

Before the game begins, for each Caster(X) roll to get X+1 random spells from their spell list, and then pick X of those spells to be part of that caster's spell book for the battle.

Spells from a caster's spell books are cast on a 4+ as usual, whilst spells that are not part of their book are only successfully cast on a 6+ instead.

#### **Psychic Pool**

At the beginning of each round, each player gets 2\*X spell dice in their psychic pool, where X is the total number of spell tokens all their casters would have generated that round.

Then, each player rolls one die for each of their casters, and on a 1 removes one spell die from their psychic pool, and on a 6 adds one spell die to their psychic pool.

At the end of each round, each player must discard unspent spell dice down to 6\*X dice, where X is the total number of casters in their army.

#### **Casting Spells**

When casting spells, instead of rolling a single die and spending spell tokens to get +1 to the roll, players may take any number of spell dice from their psychic pool, and roll them instead. If you roll as many 4+ as the spell's casting value, then the spell is cast successfully.

If any of the dice has an unmodified result of 6, then the spell can't be blocked (see blocking spells section).

If any of the dice has an unmodified result of 1, then after resolving any spell effects, the caster can't cast any more spells until the end of the round.

If all of the dice have an unmodified result of 1, then the caster suffers a miscast. Remove D3 spell dice from the psychic pool, and then roll 2D6 to see what happens:

Result	Miscast Effect
2-4	<b>Cascade</b> - The caster takes D3 hits with AP(4). The caster's unit, or one random unit within 6" (if the caster is not part of a unit) takes 2D3 hits with AP(4).
5-6	<b>Detonation</b> - The caster takes D3 hits with AP(4). The caster's unit, or one random unit within 6" (if the caster is not part of a unit) takes D3 hits with AP(4).
7	<b>Boom! -</b> The caster takes D3 hits with AP(4).
8-9	Feedback - The caster takes D3 hits, and all friendly casters take D3 hits.
10-12	<b>Power Drain -</b> The caster takes D3 hits with AP(1), reduces its level by D3 and removes that many random spells from its magic book.

Note that casters that suffer a miscast can't cast any more spells until the end of the round.

#### **Blocking Spells**

When blocking spells, instead of spending spell tokens to give -1 to the roll, players may take any number of spell dice from their psychic pool, and roll them at the same time as the caster instead. Then, sum together the total result of all casting dice, and the total result of all blocking dice. If the total blocking result is equal or higher than the casting result, then the spell is blocked, and its effects are not resolved.

Note that if any of the casting dice has an unmodified result of 6, then the spell can't be blocked.



# **ADVANCED CASTING - LIVING SPELLS**

# LIVING SPELLS

Living Spells are physical representations of spells on the battlefield, which add a new dimension to casting. To play with living spells, you will need some miniatures for them, which come in three sizes:

- Small Spells = 32mm/40mm Round Base
- Large Spells = 50mm/60mm Round Base
- Long Spells = 175x32mm Oval/Rectangle Base

Living spells are cast like regular spells, and if successful, they are placed anywhere within 12" of the caster. Each army may only have one living spell in play at a time, and if a new one is cast, the previous one is removed from play.

Enemy casters that are within 12" of a living spell at any point of their activation before attacking, may try to unbind them. Unbinding spells works just like casting them, but if successful, the spell is removed from the table.

Before the game begins, each army gets one spell from each of these categories (all players either pick freely or roll to get a random spell from each category):

- Primitive Spells
- Intricate Spells
- Forbidden Spells

### **PRIMITIVE SPELLS**

#### 1. Burning Pyre (1) - Small Spell

At the end of each round, all units within 6" take D3+1 automatic hits with AP(4).

#### 2. Suffocating Cloud (1) - Long Spell

This spell needs to have a clearly marked front. This spell moves 12" straight at the end of each round. If it gets to a table edge, it is removed. Units the spell moves through must take a Dangerous Terrain test.

#### 3. Cogs of Time (1) - Small Spell

This spell moves 12" towards a random table corner at the end of each round. If it gets to a table edge, it is removed. Units within 6" get +1 to hit rolls when shooting.

#### 4. Deathly Pendulum (1) - Small Spell

This spell moves 12" towards a random table corner at the end of each round, and then units within 6" of it take D6+1 hits with AP(1). If it gets to a table edge, it is removed.

#### 5. Shard of Mist (1) - Small Spell

Units within 6" get -1 to hit rolls when shooting.

#### 6. Linked Jumpgates (1) - Small Spell

Place one additional copy of this spell within 24" of it. Whenever a unit ends its activation within 3" of one of the copies of this spell, you may place it anywhere within 3" of another copy of this spell.

### **INTRICATE SPELLS**

#### 1. Hungering Jaws (2) - Large Spell

This spell needs to have a clearly marked front. This spell moves 12" straight at the end of each round. If it gets to a table edge, it is removed. Units it moves through take 2D6+1 hits.

#### 2. Magic Shackles (2) - Small Spell

This spell moves 12" towards a random table corner at the end of each round. If it gets to a table edge, it is removed. Units within 6" count as being in Difficult terrain.

#### 3. Healing Swarm (2) - Small Spell

At the end of each round, one random caster within 6" may move this spell by up to 12" in any direction, and then units within 6" of it remove D3 wounds.

#### 4. Soul-Drain Platform (2) - Large Spell

The caster must be placed on top of this spell. As long as the caster is on top of this spell, the spell moves with it. When activated, one random unit (including the caster) within 6" takes D3+1 automatic hits with AP(4).

#### 5. Screaming Horror (2) - Small Spell

This spell moves 12" towards a random table corner at the end of each round. If it gets to a table edge, it is removed. Units within 6" get -1 to morale test rolls.

#### 6. Arcane Palisade (2) - Long Spell

This spell counts as Impassable and Blocking terrain.

### FORBIDDEN SPELLS

#### 1. Killing Sun (3) - Large Spell

At the end of each round, one random caster within 6" may move this spell by up to 12" in any direction. Units it moves through take D6+1 hits with AP(1).

#### 2. Divine Maelstrom (3) - Small Spell

Units within 6" count as being in Cover terrain.

#### 3. Sword Swarm (3) - Small Spell

Units within 6" get +1 to hit rolls in melee.

#### 4. Twin Shock-Spheres (3) - Small Spell

Place one additional copy of this spell within 12" of it, and draw a straight line between all copies of it. Whenever a unit moves through the line, it takes 2D6+1 hits.

#### 5. Spirit Seeker (3) - Small Spell

This spell needs to have a clearly marked front. This spell moves 12" straight at the end of each round. If it gets to a table edge, it is removed. Units within 6" get -1 to hit rolls in melee.

#### 6. Vortex Platform (3) - Large Spell

The caster must be placed on top of this spell. As long as the caster is on top of this spell, the spell moves with it, and the caster gets +1 to casting rolls.

# **ADVANCED CASTING - RELIC WARGEAR**

# **RELIC WARGEAR**

Relic Wargear can be anything from holy artifacts, to relic swords, to lost rings of might, and much more. These items are assigned heroes to make them more powerful.

Before the game begins, each hero may equip one relic item.

Pick one of the following selection methods, or roll a D3 to randomly get one:

- 1. Free
- 2. Limited
- 3. Randomized

# **SELECTION METHODS**

There are 3 different selection methods you can use, each giving the players a different degree of control:

- 1. **Free** Players may freely pick any one item from any of the categories.
- 2. **Limited** Players must roll one die to get a category, and may then freely pick any one item from it.
- 3. **Randomized** Players must roll one die to get a category, then roll two dice to get two random items from it, and then pick one of them to keep.

Each army may only have one copy of each item, and if you randomly get a duplicate, you must re-roll to get another item.

# **RELIC WEAPONS**

#### 1. Weapon of Bloodshed

Pick one of the Hero's weapons, which gets +3 Attacks.

#### 2. Obsidian Weapon

Pick one of the Hero's weapons, which gets AP(4).

#### 3. Kingslayer Weapon

Pick one of the Hero's weapons, which gets +3 Attacks and AP(4) when fighting against Heroes and their unit.

#### 4. Biting Weapon

Pick one of the Hero's weapons, which hits at Quality 2+.

#### 5. Spellthieving Weapon

Pick one of the Hero's weapons. Whenever an enemy Caster takes wounds from the Hero, for each wound it loses 1 spell token, and gets 1 less spell token next round.

#### 6. Fencer's Blade

Pick one of the Hero's melee weapons, which ignores Fatigue.

# HOLY ARMOUR

#### 1. Armour of Destiny

Whenever the Hero takes a wound, roll one die. On a 5+ the wound is ignored.

#### 2. Helmet of Fortune

The Hero gets +1 to Defense rolls.

#### 3. Silver-Steel Shield

The Hero counts as having Defense 2+ when shot at.

#### 4. Glittering Chainmail

The Hero counts as having Defense 2+ in melee.

#### 5. Dragon Shield

Whenever the Hero takes hits, they count as having AP(-2), to a min. of AP(0).

#### 6. Charmed Helmet

The hero gets +1 spell token at the beginning of each round.

# SORCEROUS TALISMANS

#### 1. Talisman of Preservation

Whenever the Hero takes a wound, roll one die. On a 6+ the wound is ignored, and you may remove one wound from it.

#### 2. Dawnstone

Whenever the Hero takes a wound from a spell, roll one die. On a 2+ the wound is ignored.

#### 3. Protective Gem

Once per game, you may give an enemy unit -1 to hit in melee when attacking the Hero and its unit.

#### 4. Opal Amulet

Once per game, you may give an enemy unit -1 to hit when shooting at the Hero and its unit.

#### 5. Luckstone

Once per game, when the Hero takes one or more wounds, you may ignore up to D3 of those wounds.

#### 6. Seed of Rebirth

Once per game, when the Hero is activated, you may remove up to D3 wounds from it.



# **ADVANCED CASTING - RELIC WARGEAR**

# **MYSTIC BANNERS**

#### 1. Banner of Swiftness

The Hero and its unit get +2" when using Advance actions.

#### 2. Rampager's Standard

The Hero and its unit get +4" when using Charge actions.

#### 3. Banner of Eternal Flame

The Hero and its unit may ignore all terrain effects.

#### 4. Ranger's Standard

The Hero and its unit get Ambush or Scout (pick one).

#### 5. Standard of Discipline

The Hero and its unit pass morale tests on rolls of 2+.

#### 6. Wailing Banner

The Hero gets Fear(+2).

# **ARCANE ITEMS**

#### 1. Tome of Magic

Once per game, the Hero gets 3 spell tokens.

#### 2. Hex Scroll

Once per game, after an enemy Caster within 12" of the Hero successfully casts a spell, it takes D3 wounds.

#### 3. Power Wand

Once per game, the Hero casts its next spell on a roll of 2+.

#### 4. Dispel Scroll

Once per game, after an enemy caster within 12" of the Hero successfully casts a spell, it may not resolve the spell's effects.

#### 5. Channeling Staff

Once per game, after a friendly Caster successfully casts a spell, it may double the spell's range.

#### 6. Scroll of Shielding

Once per game, after a friendly unit within 12" of the Hero takes wounds from a spell, it may roll one die for each wound. On a 4+ that wound is ignored.

# **ENCHANTED ITEMS**

1. Psychic Harness

The Hero gets Caster(+1).

2. Conjured Wings

The Hero gets Flying.

#### 5. Terrifying Mask

Once per game, enemy units in melee with the Hero automatically fail all morale tests.

#### 4. Trickster's Shard

The Hero's weapons ignore Regeneration.

3. Ring of Ruin

The Hero gets Impact(+3).

#### 6. Displacement Device

Once per game, when the Hero is activated, you may place it anywhere within 6" of its position.



# **BATTLEFIELD EFFECTS - SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

# PLAYING WITH SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Before the game, you can either pick one of the conditions of your choice, or have it selected randomly.

First roll a D3 to select a condition type:

- 1-2 = None
- 3-4 = Geological
- 5-6 = Mysterious

Then roll one die, and check which special condition you get, based on the type that was selected.

# **GEOLOGICAL CONDITIONS**

#### 1. Earthquake

The entire table counts as Dangerous Terrain.

Any piece of terrain that already counted as Dangerous Terrain becomes deadlier, and deals two wounds on a roll of 1.

#### 2. Heavy Storm

The entire table counts as Cover Terrain.

Any piece of terrain that already counted as Cover Terrain becomes more protective, and units get +2 to Defense rolls.

#### 3. Muddy Terrain

The entire table counts as Difficult Terrain.

Any piece of terrain that already counted as Difficult Terrain becomes harder to move through, and units may not move more than 4" when crossing it.

#### 4. Smell of Death

Whenever a unit needs to take a morale test, it gets -1 to its morale test roll.

#### 5. Zero Gravity

All units must move +D3" in a straight line on Advance actions, and +2D6" in a straight line on Rush or Charge actions.

#### 6. Dark Skies

Roll 2D6 once before the game to check how visibility is.

For the rest of the game, all units get -2D6" range when firing their ranged weapons (to a minimum of 3").

# **MYSTERIOUS CONDITIONS**

#### 1. Damnation

At the beginning of each round, you must select one of your units to make a sacrifice and take D3 wounds.

If you do, nothing happens. If you don't, then all of your units get -1 to all of their attack, defense and morale rolls this round.

#### 2. Arcane Power

All casters get +1 to their spell casting rolls.

On an unmodified result of 1, something went wrong with the spell, and the caster takes D3 automatic wounds.

#### 3. Inspiration

Whenever a unit needs to take a morale test, it gets +1 to its morale test roll.

#### 4. Deadly Vortex

Whenever a unit is activated, roll one die, on a 1 it takes D3 automatic wounds.

#### 5. Mystical Fog

Whenever a unit takes a wound, roll one die, on a 6+ it may ignore that wound.

#### 6. Sinister Echoes

Whenever a unit is Shaken, it also takes D3 wounds.

Whenever a unit is Routed as a result of losing in melee, all friendly units within 6" take D3 wounds.



# **BATTLEFIELD EFFECTS - TERRAIN & OBJECTIVE EFFECTS**

## **USING TERRAIN & OBJECTIVE EFFECTS**

Players can choose to add extra rules to their terrain features and objective markers by picking any of the ones they like, or by generating them randomly.

Whenever a unit enters a piece of terrain for the first time, roll one die, and the effect lasts the whole game:

- 1-2 = Regular Terrain
- 3 = Alien Infestation
- 4 = Deadly Spores
- 5 = Psychic Vigor
- 6 = Barbed Wire

Whenever a unit seizes an objective for the first time roll, one die, and the effect lasts the whole game:

- 1-2 = Regular Objective
- 3 = Booby Traps
- 4 = Gravity Field
- 5 = Defensive Barrier
- 6 = Holy Monument

## **TERRAIN EFFECTS**

#### 1 & 2. Regular Terrain

No special terrain effects are applied to this piece of terrain.

#### **3. Alien Infestation**

Units that activate in or move through this terrain immediately take D3 automatic wounds.

#### 4. Deadly Spores

Units that activate in or move through this terrain immediately take D6 automatic hits.

#### 5. Psychic Vigor

Units inside of this terrain get +1 to hit when shooting.

#### 6. Barbed Wire

Units charging into this terrain get -1 to hit when attacking.

## **OBJECTIVE EFFECTS**

### 1 & 2. Regular Objective

No special objective effects are applied to this objective.

#### 3. Booby Traps

Units within 3" of this objective always count as being inside Dangerous Terrain.

#### 4. Gravity Field

Units within 3" of this objective always count as being inside Difficult Terrain.

### 5. Defensive Barrier

Units shooting at targets within 3" of this objective get -1 to hit.

#### 6. Holy Monument

Units within 3" of this objective get +1 to their hit rolls in melee



# **RANDOM EVENTS**

# **USING RANDOM EVENTS**

Players can choose to add random events, which affect units on the battlefield in unexpected ways, by checking if a random event is triggered every round.

At the beginning of each round, roll one die. On a 5+ an event is triggered, and you must roll two dice to determine which one is triggered. The first die you roll represents the first number, whilst the second one represents the second number.

Example: A player rolls two dice, with the first result being a 2 and the second result being a 1. This would mean that event 21 (magic anomaly) is chosen.

Note that if a random event calls for randomly selecting a unit from any army, you must first randomly select an army for the event, and then randomly select a unit to be the target.

## **11. Monstrous Spawn**

Select one random unit, which immediately takes D3+3 automatic hits with AP(1).

## 12. Low Supplies

Select D3 random units, which can't shoot any of their weapons until the end of the mission.

## 13. Broken Morale

All units from one random army get -1 to morale tests until the end of the game.

## 14. Surprise Attack

Select one random unit that is inside a piece of terrain. That unit is immediately Shaken.

### **15. Chipped Weapons**

Select D3 random units, which can't strike in melee until the end of the round.

## 16. Mutated Beast

Select one random unit, which immediately takes 1 hit with AP(4) and Deadly(3).



## 21. Psychic Anomaly

Place an anomaly marker in the center of one random table quarter. All units that move within 3" of it take D3+3 hits.

## 22. Carnivorous Fauna

Until the end of the mission whenever a unit enters terrain roll one die, on a 1 it takes a dangerous terrain test.

### 25. The End is Nigh

All units fail all morale tests until the end of the round.

### 23. Toxic Fumes

Select one random table quarter. All of the units within that table quarter take D3+4 automatic hits.

## 24. Heavy Fog

All units get -1 to hit when shooting until the end of the round.

### 26. Havoc God's Playthings

Select one random table quarter. All units within that table quarter count as fatigued until the end of the round.

## 31. The Walking Dead

Place a unit of 2D6+3 Zombies (Qua 6+, Def 6+, Claws (A2), Slow) in the center of one random table quarter. At the end of each round the zombies must charge or rush the nearest unit.

### 32. Crazed Sniper

Place a Sniper on the highest piece of terrain with most line of sight on the table. Select one random unit, and at the end of each round if it is in line of sight of the sniper it takes D3 hits.

## 33. Alien Plague

Place a unit of D3+1 Alien Swarms (Qua 6+, Def 6+, Claws (A3), Tough(3)) in the center of one random table quarter. At the end of each round the alien swarms must charge or rush the nearest unit.

### 34. Havoc Nuisance

Place a Daemon Spawn (Qua 4+, Def 4+, Claws (A6), Tough(6)) within 12" of a random table corner. At the end of each round one random player may activate it.

### **35. Ancient Defense System**

Place an Ancient Robot in the center of one random table quarter. At the end of each round the nearest unit in line of sight of the ancient robot within 12" takes D3 wounds.

### 36. Rebel Uprising

Place a unit of D6+4 Rebels (Qua 5+, Def 5+, Rifles (24", A1), CCWs (A1)) within 12" of a random table corner. At the end of each round one random player may activate it.

# **RANDOM EVENTS**

## 41. Grave Miscalculation

The first time during this round when a unit rolls one or more results of 1 to hit for shooting it takes 1 hit with AP(2) for each.

## 42. Berserker

The first time during this round when a unit rolls one or more results of 6 to hit in melee the target takes 1 wound for each.

## 43. Rigged to Blow

Select one random player, who may note down one piece of terrain in secret. The first unit to enter that terrain takes D3+3 automatic hits with AP(2).

## 44. Panic Attack

The first time during this round when a unit rolls a 1 when taking a morale test, that unit immediately routs.

## 45. Suppressive Fire

The first time during this round when a unit rolls one or more results of 6 to hit for shooting the target must take a morale test, and gets -1 to its roll for each result of 6.

## 46. From Bad to Worse

The first time during this round when a unit rolls one or more results of 1 to hit in melee, it counts as having dealt -1 wounds for each when checking who won melee.

## **51. Fighting Vigour**

Select one random table quarter. All units within that table quarter get +1 to hit when shooting until the end of the round.

## 52. Gravitational Shift

All units within 18" of the centre of the table move +1" on Advance and +2" on Rush or Charge actions until the end of the round.

## 53. Godly Blessing

All units get AP(+1) in melee until the end of the round.

### 54. Land of the Brave

Select one random table quarter. All units within that table quarter pass all morale tests until the end of the round.

### 55. Get back in the Fight!

All units within 18" of any table corner may immediately move by up to 6" in any direction.

## 56. Shimmering Mist

Select one random table quarter. All units within that table quarter count as being in Cover until the end of the mission.

### 61. Flash Grenades

Select one random army. Enemy units get -1 in melee when attacking units from that army until the end of the round.

## 62. Suppressing Fire

Select one random unit, which doubles its shooting attacks during this round.

### 63. War Shout

Select one random unit that is Shaken, which immediately stops being Shaken.

### 64. Covered in Blood

Select one random unit. Enemy units within 6" of it get -1 to morale until the end of the mission.

### 65. Anti-Grav Boots

Select one random unit, which moves +D3" on Advance and +2D3" on Rush or Charge actions until the end of the mission.

## 66. Deep Rage

Select one random unit, which gets +1 to hit in melee until the end of the round.



# FOG OF WAR

## PLAYING WITH FOG OF WAR

Fog of War rules add an element of uncertainty to battles, by affecting how units are deployed and how rounds are played.

Pick any of the following:

- Surprise Engagement
- Ebb & Flow
- Shifting Focus
- Combat Hesitation
- Prolonged Battle

## SURPRISE ENGAGEMENT

When deploying armies, the players roll-off to see who goes first, and alternate in placing units as usual, however where they place them is randomized.

First, each player divides their deployment zone into 3 equal sections and gives each section a number from 1 to 3.

Then, when it's a player's turn to deploy a unit, roll a D3 and place the unit fully within the resulting section.

Units that are deployed differently due to special rules (such as Ambush) have to follow the same rules, however the entire battlefield is divided into 3 equal sections along the long table edge, instead of only the deployment zones.

## EBB & FLOW

Before the game begins, each players needs to take as many tokens as units in their army, and each player's tokens must be of a different color.

At the beginning of each round, the players must put as many tokens as units they have left on the battlefield in a bag.

Then, the players draw a random token from the bag, and the player whose color was drawn may activate one unit.

Once the player is done, another token is drawn to see who activates next, and this continues until all tokens have been drawn, at which point the round ends, and a new one begins by putting tokens in the bag.

Note that if a unit is destroyed before it was activated, then you must remove one token of that player's color from the bag.

# SHIFTING FOCUS

Before the game begins, the table must be divided into 3 equal sections along the long table edges, and each section must be given a number from 1 to 3

Whenever a player needs to choose which unit to activate, first they must roll a D3, and then they may only activate one of their units that is within that table section.

If there are no eligible units in that table section, then they must move on to the next section going from left to right.

# **COMBAT HESITATION**

Whenever it's a player's turn to activate a unit, if an opponent has more units that haven't activated yet, they may roll one die, and if the roll is successful, then they may pass the turn to their opponent without activating a unit:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Round = 5+ to pass
- $2^{nd}$  Round = 4+ to pass
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Round = 3+ to pass
- 4<sup>th</sup> Round = 2+ to pass

If the game lasts longer than 4 rounds, then the player may pass their turn without rolling for it.

## **PROLONGED BATTLE**

Starting from the end of the 4th round, players must roll one die at the end of each round to see if the game continues.

Roll one die, and if the roll is successful, then the game continues into the next round:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Round: 4+ to continue
- 5<sup>th</sup> Round: 5+ to continue
- 6th Round & Over: 6+ to continue

Note that mission objectives are checked at the end of the final round, and not at the end of the 4th round as usual.



# UNIT PSYCHOLOGY

## **USING UNIT PSYCHOLOGY**

Unit psychology rules change how units behave as they are put through continuous fighting, making them less predictable.

Pick any of the following:

- Frenzy
- Panic
- Retreating
- Suppression

## FRENZY

Whenever a unit fully destroys an enemy unit in melee or shooting, roll one die. On a 1, the unit is frenzied.

When activated, frenzied units must either shoot at the nearest available enemy (moving as needed to get as many of its models into range as possible), or must charge the nearest enemy unit, and if neither is possible, then the unit ends its activation. Frenzied units stop being frenzied at the end of their activation.

## PANIC

Whenever a unit would be Shaken, roll one die. On a 1, the unit panics instead of being Shaken.

When a unit that is panicking is activated, the opponent may control it for that activation, and then it stops panicking at the end of its activation.

## RETREATING

At the end of an activation in which a unit has taken wounds from shooting, it must move X" directly away from the shooting unit, where X is 1" for each wound it took.

Whenever a unit is Shaken after losing a melee, it must move X" directly away from the enemy unit it fought, where X is 2" for each wound it took.

If a retreat move can't be completed because the unit would hit an obstacle or unit, then it takes D3 wounds and stops within 1" of the obstacle or unit. If a retreat move would bring off the table, then it's removed from play as destroyed.

## SUPPRESSION

Units get 1 suppression marker whenever one of the following things happens during the game:

- After they fought in melee.
- Whenever a friendly unit within 6" is destroyed or routs after failing a morale test.
- Units may also willingly get 1 suppression marker to add +2" to their Advance or +4" to their Rush/Charge moves.

There is no limit to how many suppression markers a unit can take or have during the game.

For each suppression marker:

- Units move -1" when using Advance, and -2" when using Rush/Charge actions
- Units get -1 to hit rolls when shooting or in melee
- Units get -1 to morale test rolls

Whenever a unit takes n suppression marker that brings it to a total of 3 markers or more, then it must take a morale test, and if failed, then the unit is Shaken, even if it didn't take wounds.

When a unit that has suppression markers is activated, it must take as many morale tests as markers on it, ignoring the penalty of -1 to morale test rolls from suppression. For each success you may remove one marker from the unit, and once you are done you may activate it normally.

Units with suppression markers may use a Rest action by staying idle during their activation, which removes all markers at the end of the round. Note that Shaken units may use Rest actions to remove all suppression as well as stop being Shaken.

Whenever a hero is activated, you may remove 1 suppression marker from the hero and their unit, and from all other friendly units within 12" (this doesn't require any rolls).



# **BRUTAL DAMAGE**

## **USING BRUTAL DAMAGE**

Brutal Damage rules make the game deadlier by modifying how units are damaged during combat.

Pick any of the following:

- Unit Attrition
- Friendly Fire
- Horrible Mishaps
- Critical Hits
- System Damage
- Directional Damage

## **UNIT ATTRITION**

Whenever a unit takes one or more wounds, it must take as many morale tests as the number of wounds it suffered.

For each failed morale test:

- Take 2 additional wounds if in melee
- Take 1 additional wound otherwise

These wounds can't be ignored in any way, and they don't trigger any additional morale tests.

Note that if you want, you can use the unit attrition rules whilst ignoring the regular morale rules, so units never get Shaken from shooting or routed.

## FRIENDLY FIRE

Whenever a unit shoots at an enemy that is within 3" of another friendly unit, then for every hit landed roll one die.

On a 1-3 the hit lands on the friendly unit, on a 4-6 the hit lands on the targeted enemy unit.

Note that if there are multiple friendly units within 3", then you must randomly determine which one is hit.



## HORRIBLE MISHAPS

Whenever a unit rolls a 1 whilst shooting, some horrible mishap happens that could potentially kill it.

Roll one die, on a 1-3 the unit takes 1 automatic wound, and on a 4-6 nothing happens.

Note that wounds taken this way don't trigger morale tests, even if they bring the unit down to half or less of its original size or tough.

## **CRITICAL HITS**

Whenever a unit rolls a 6 whilst shooting, the unit managed to land a critical hit that could be devastating.

Roll one die, on a 1-3 nothing happens, and on a 4-6 the target unit takes 1 automatic wound.

Note that this wound is in addition to any regular damage, so you must still roll to see what happens with the original hit.

## SYSTEM DAMAGE

Whenever a unit with Tough(6) or higher has taken X or more wounds, it gets the following penalties:

- 3 wounds = -2" Move
- 6 wounds = -2" Move, -1 Quality
- 9 wounds = -2" Move, -1 Quality, -1 Defense
- 12 wounds = -4" Move, -1 Quality, -1 Defense
- 15 wounds = -4" Move, -2 Quality, -1 Defense
- 18 wounds = -4" Move, -2 Quality, -2 Defense
- 21 wounds = -6" Move, -2 Quality, -2 Defense

Additionally, whenever a unit with Tough(6) or higher is destroyed, all units within X/2" must take a Dangerous Terrain test, where X is the unit's Tough(X) value.

Example: If a unit with Tough(12) is destroyed, all units within 6" must take a Dangerous Terrain test.

## DIRECTIONAL DAMAGE

Before the game, the players are going to have to agree on which units are big enough to be affected by directional damage (we recommend that monsters and vehicles should be affected), and then they have to agree which parts of those units are their front, side, and rear facings

Whenever a unit shoots at a big unit, draw a straight line from all shooting models to the center of the target. The facing that most models' line passes through is the target facing.

Whenever a big unit takes hits from shooting in its front facing, it gets +1 to Defense rolls, and when it takes hits in its rear facing, it gets -1 to Defense rolls. Additionally, when taking wounds in its rear facing, it takes D3 extra wounds.

# **COMMAND POINTS**

# PLAYING WITH COMMAND POINTS

Command Points (CP) are an extra resource that can be added to the game, giving players access to critical tactical abilities that boost their units in battle.

Before the game begins, pick one of the following playstyles, or roll one die to randomly get one:

- 1. **Fixed** At the start of the game, players get X CP, where X is 4 for every 1000pts in their army.
- 2. **Growing -** At the start of each round, players get X CP, where X is 1 for every 1000pts in their army.
- 3. **Temporary** At the start of each round, players get X CP, where X is 1 for every 1000pts in their army, and unspent CP are discarded at the end of the round.
- Fixed Random At the start of the game, players get D3\*X CP, where X is 2 for every 1000pts in their army.
- Growing Random At the start of each round, players get D3\*X CP, where X is 0.5 (rounding up the total) for every 1000pts in their army.
- 6. **Temporary Random** At the start of each round, players get D3\*X CP, where X is 0.5 (rounding up the total) for every 1000pts in their army, and unspent CP are discarded at the end of the round.

# STRATAGEMS

At any point during the game, players may then spend their CP in order to activate stratagems, with each only being usable once per unit activation (friendly or enemy).

Players always have access to all stratagems from the universal doctrine, as well as those from one other doctrine.

Before the game begins, players must pick one of the following doctrines, or roll one die to randomly get one:

- 1. Strategic Doctrine
- 2. Defensive Doctrine
- 3. Shock Doctrine
- 4. Hunting Doctrine
- 5. Valorous Doctrine
- 6. Tactical Doctrine

# UNIVERSAL DOCTRINE

## High Command - 1 CP

Add +1 to the result of any single die.

Example: A Dynasty Warrior (Quality 4+) is shooting, and rolls three results of 3. The player spends 1 CP to activate High Command and adds +1 to the result of a single die, scoring a total of 1 hit.

## Supreme Command - 2 CP

Add +1 to the result of all dice in a single roll.

Example: A Dynasty Warrior (Quality 4+) is shooting, and rolls three results of 3. The player spends 2 CPs to activate Supreme Command and adds +1 to the result of all dice, scoring a total of 3 hits.

## Seize Initiative - 2 CP

When it's the enemy turn to activate a unit, you may activate one of your units instead. The opposing player may spend 2 CP in order to stop this ability from having any effect.

## Waive Initiative - 2 CP

When it's your turn to activate a unit, you force the opponent to activate one of their units instead. The opposing player may spend 2 CP in order to stop this ability from having any effect.

## **Delayed Deployment - 2 CP**

During the deployment phase, when it's your turn to place a unit, you may pass the turn to your opponent. The opposing player may spend 2 CP in order to stop this ability from having any effect.

## Hidden Deployment - 3 CP

After all units have deployed, you may remove up to 3 friendly units and place them again in any order. The opposing player may spend 3 CP to do the same, in which case players alternate in placing those units again.



# **COMMAND POINTS**

# **1. STRATEGIC DOCTRINE**

## Push Forward - 1 CP

Pick one friendly unit that is using an Advance or Rush action, and it may add +2" to its movement.

## Hindered Advance - 1 CP

Pick one enemy unit that is moving through terrain, which counts as Dangerous terrain for that movement.

## Coordinated Move - 2 CP

Pick two friendly units that are within 12" of each other, which may each move by up to 3" in any direction.

## Strategic Relocation - 3 CP

Pick one friendly unit that has just been activated, but that hasn't done anything yet, which may be placed anywhere within 6" of its position.

## 2. DEFENSIVE DOCTRINE

## Eternal Vigilance - 1 CP

Pick one friendly model that just suffered a wound which would kill it and roll one die, on a 4+ that wound is ignored.

## Lightning Reflexes - 1 CP

Pick one friendly unit that is being shot at, which counts as being in Cover terrain for that shooting.

## Armour Breaker - 2 CP

Pick one enemy unit that has just taken hits, which gets -1 to its Defense rolls against those hits.

## Tactical Retreat - 3 CP

Pick one friendly unit that is within 12" of an enemy, and it may move up to D6+2" directly away from the closest enemy.

## **3. SHOCK DOCTRINE**

## Sweeping Move - 1 CP

Pick one friendly unit that is using a Charge action, and it may add +4" to its movement.

## Hit & Run - 1 CP

Pick one friendly unit that has just finished fighting in melee, which may move by up to 3" in any direction.

## **Combat Fatigue - 2 CP**

Pick one enemy unit that is about to strike in melee and roll one die, on a 4+ that unit counts as fatigued for that melee, but doesn't get fatigued from that melee.

## Killing Blow - 3 CP

Pick one friendly unit that is fighting in melee. Any friendly model that is killed during this melee may strike one more time with all of its weapons before it is removed.

# 4. HUNTING DOCTRINE

## Heightened Senses - 1 CP

Pick one friendly unit that is shooting at an enemy in Cover terrain, which may ignore Cover for that shooting.

## **Disrupted Sight - 1 CP**

Pick one enemy unit that is shooting, which gets -3" range for that shooting.

## Frenzied Attack - 2 CP

Pick one friendly unit that shot at an enemy unit, which may shoot at another enemy unit within 12" of it, but only hits on unmodified rolls of 6.

## **Closing Fire - 3 CP**

Pick one friendly unit that is being charged by an enemy unit, which may shoot at the charging unit at any point during its movement, but gets -1 to hit rolls.

## **5. VALOROUS DOCTRINE**

## Minimize Losses - 1 CP

Pick one friendly unit that just became Shaken, which may move up to 2D6+4" directly away from the closest enemy.

## Stand Strong - 1 CP

Pick one friendly unit that just failed a morale test, which may reroll that morale test roll.

## Terrorize - 2 CP

Pick one enemy unit that just passed a morale test, which must reroll that morale test roll.

## Code of Honor - 3 CP

Pick one friendly unit that would be Shaken or Routed. If it would be Shaken, it is not. If it would be Routed, then it is Shaken instead.

# **6. TACTICAL DOCTRINE**

## **Rush Objective - 1 CP**

Pick one friendly unit that is using a Rush action, and it may add +4" to its movement if it ends up within 3" of an objective.

## Supreme Caster - 1 CP

One friendly Caster gets 1 spell token, which may not be spent to give casters +1/-1 to their casting rolls.

## Vanish - 2 CP

At the end of the round, pick one friendly unit with Ambush and remove it from play (dropping any objectives), and which may be deployed again starting from the next round.

### Total Shutdown - 3 CP

At the end of the round, pick one objective marker under your control that is about to be seized by your opponent, which becomes neutral instead.

# TWISTS & GAMBITS

# PLAYING WITH TWISTS & GAMBITS

Twists & Gambits rules add strategic elements and catch-up mechanics, to make for more chaotic but balanced battles.

When playing with twists and gambits, set up the mission normally, placing 5 objectives, of which two must be placed inside deployment zones (one objective per zone), and three must be placed outside of deployment zones (number these objectives from 1 to 3).

At the end of each round, players score victory points:

- 1 VP for each enemy unit they destroyed
- 2 VPs for each objective they seized
- 1 VP if they seized more objectives than their opponent

After 4 rounds have been played, the game ends, and the player that scored most VPs wins.

# THE UNDERDOG

At the beginning of each round, if one player has less VPs than the other, then they count as the underdog for that round.

If both players have an equal number of VPs, then there is no underdog for that round.

## TWISTS

At the beginning of each round, first roll one die to get a random twist type (1-3 = A, 4-6 = B), and then roll one die to get a random twist, which applies until the end of that round.

The underdog gets to pick what gets affected by a twist (if there is no underdog, then the twist is ignored).

## A1. Heavenly Blessing

Pick 1 underdog unit, which gets Regeneration.

## A2. Curse of Sands

Pick 1 non-underdog unit, which moves -2" on Advance actions, and -4" on Rush/Charge actions.

## A3. Rusting Hex

Pick 1 non-underdog unit, which gets -1 to Defense rolls.

### A4. Shield Bubble

Pick 1 objective, underdog units within 3" get Stealth.

### **A5. Fighting Frenzy**

Pick 1 underdog unit, which gets +1 to hit in melee and shooting, and which scores +1 VP when destroying units.

## A6. Duel of Fate

Pick 1 underdog and 1 non-underdog unit, which score +1 VP when destroyed.

## **B1. Strategic Divide**

Pick 2 objectives, which score +1 VP when seized.

## **B2. Target Priority**

Pick 1 objective, which scores +2 VPs when seized.

## **B3. All-out-Assault**

Players get +1 VP when seizing the objective markers inside deployment zones.

## **B4. Offensive Manoeuvre**

Pick 1 objective that's not seized by the underdog, which scores +1 VP when seized by the underdog.

## **B5.** Conqueror's Boon

Pick 1 objective, which scores +1 VP when seized, and underdog Heroes within 3" of it at the end of the round may remove D3 wounds.

## **B6.** Objective Denied

Pick 1 objective, which stops being seized by both armies, can't be seized, and the area within 3" counts as Dangerous terrain.



# TWISTS & GAMBITS

## GAMBITS

At the beginning of the game, each player gets three random gambits, and whenever they use or score a gambit, they must roll for a new gambit. At the end of each round, players may also discard one of their gambits and roll for a new one.

To get a gambit, first roll one die to get a random gambit type (1-3 = A, 4-6 = B), and then roll one die to get a random gambit.

Once per round, players may either use one gambit's power at the beginning of the round, or score one of their gambits at the end of the round for 4 VPs.

## A1. Ground War

- **Power:** One friendly unit gets the Strider rule until the end of the round.
- **Scoring:** Seize the objective marker inside the enemy deployment zone.

## A2. Valiant Drive

- **Power:** One friendly unit gets the Fearless rule until the end of the round.
- **Scoring:** At least one friendly unit within 3" of the long table edge within the enemy deployment zone.

### A3. Aggressive Takeover

- **Power:** One friendly unit's weapons ignore the Stealth and Regeneration rule until the end of the round.
- **Scoring:** Seize at least two objectives that were controlled by the enemy.

### A4. Total Domination

- **Power:** One friendly unit gets the Relentless rule until the end of the round.
- **Scoring:** Seize at least three objective markers.

### **A5. Silent Assault**

- **Power:** One friendly unit gets the Furious rule until the end of the round.
- **Scoring:** Seize at least one objective that was controlled by the enemy with units that didn't shoot or fight in melee this round.

## **A6.** Cautious Destruction

- **Power:** One friendly unit gets the Stealth rule until the end of the round.
- **Scoring:** At least one enemy unit destroyed, and more enemy units than friendly units destroyed this round.

## **B1. Storm Strike**

- **Power:** One friendly unit gets the Fast rule until the end of the round.
- **Scoring:** At least one friendly unit fought in melee, and no friendly units were destroyed this round.

## B2. Seize & Guard

- **Power:** One friendly unit gets the Counter rule on all melee weapons until the end of the round.
- Scoring: Seize objective 1.

### B3. Grab & Secure

- **Power:** One friendly unit gets the Regeneration rule until the end of the round.
- Scoring: Seize objective 2.

## **B4. Search & Destroy**

- **Power:** One enemy unit within 12" of a friendly Hero takes D3 wounds.
- Scoring: Seize objective 3.

## **B5. Distributed Violence**

- **Power:** Remove D3 wounds from a friendly Hero unit.
- **Scoring:** At least two friendly units are within 3" of the two opposite table edges outside of deployment zones.

## **B6.** Fortify Domain

- **Power:** Deploy one previously destroyed non-Tough unit with half of its models (rounding up) within 6" of any table edge, over 12" away from enemy units.
- **Scoring:** Seize the objective marker inside your deployment zone.



# **BOARDING ACTIONS**

# **BOARDING ACTIONS SCENARIOS**

When playing Boarding Actions, players must first set up the table to resemble the interior of a battle ship or space station, but otherwise the game is set up normally.

Before starting, divide the table into 12"x12" squares, and then for each full square take D3+4 pieces of wall terrain (about 3" long).

Wall terrain counts as Impassable and Blocking terrain, and can't be climbed or moved over in any way.

The players must roll-off, and then alternate in picking one table square each, and placing walls. Before placing the walls, the player must roll one die, and on a 1-3 they must select 1 wall to have a hatchway (about 1" wide), and on a 4-6 they must select 2 walls to have a hatchway instead. Then the player must place all walls fully within their table square, before alternating to the next player.

Walls must be placed like this:

- Each wall must be connected to at least one other wall
- Walls must be connected either in a straight line, or at a 90° angle from another wall's end
- Walls may not be placed to form a square or rectangle that can't be entered (must have a hatchway to form a square or rectangle).

Once all walls have been placed in all table squares, roll one die for each hatchway. On a 1-3 it starts closed, and on a 4-6 it starts open.

## **INTERIOR FIGHTING**

When playing Boarding Actions, the game is lightly modified with all of these changes:

- Objectives can only be seized if a line can be drawn from the objective to the unit without passing through a wall or closed hatchway.
- Units with Aircraft or similar rules can't be used.
- Units with Ambush or similar rules count as having the Scout rule instead.
- Units with Flying or similar rules count as having the Strider rule instead.
- Weapons with Indirect or similar rules count as ignoring cover instead.

## HATCHWAYS

Hatchways can be in three states:

- Open Units can see and move through.
- Closed Units can't see or move through.
- Destroyed Counts as open and can't be closed.

Models may not stand either fully or partly in a Hatchway, and units with multiple models must always have all of their models on either side of a Hatchway.

## **Operating Hatchways**

There are two ways to operate a hatchway:

- At the beginning of a unit's activation, it may open or close one hatchway within 1". If the unit successfully operates the hatchway, it gets -1 to hit rolls until the end of the round.
- At the end of a unit's activation, it may open or close one hatchway within 1".

If an enemy unit is within 1" of a hatchway that the player is trying to operate, it may roll one die, and on a 4+ it blocks the unit from opening or closing that hatchway.

## **Destroying Hatchways**

All Hatchways count as having Defense 2+ and Tough(3), and may be targeted for all types of attacks as if they were any other unit.

Once a Hatchway is destroyed, it permanently counts as open, and can't be closed anymore. If a unit is within 1" of a Hatchway when it is destroyed, it takes D3 hits with AP(1).

# **BOARDING ACTIONS GEAR**

Before the game begins, each army may provide each of its Heroes with a total of D3 pieces of gear, but it can't have a total of more than 3 pieces of gear for every 1000pts in the army.

**Breaching Hammer:** The Hero doesn't get -1 to hit rolls when operating a hatchway at the beginning of its activation.

**Demolition Charge:** Once per game, at the end of the Hero's activation, it may destroy one Hatchway within 3".

**Hatch Lock:** Once per game, at the end of the Hero's activation, it may place a lock on one closed Hatchway within 1". Enemy units must roll one die when trying to open a locked Hatchway, on a 5+ the lock is removed and it is opened, else it remains closed.

**Personal Teleporter:** Once per game, when the Hero is activated, you may place it anywhere within 6" of its position.

**Tactical Radar:** The Hero may seize an objective marker even if a line can't be drawn from the objective without passing through a wall of closed hatchway.



# **MASSIVE BATTLES**

# PLAYING MASSIVE BATTLES

Whilst the regular rules allow you to play large games with armies of 4000pts or more, the game can get a little slow when using such a large amount of units.

In order to speed the game up, you can follow these rules to play epic battles of massive size, however you can also use these rules to speed up regular games if you wish.

# UNIT LEADERS

Before the game begins, you must clearly define a single model within each unit to be its leader, and which will remain the unit's leader until the end of the game.

The leader will be the core of the unit, and is used to measure line of sight, movement distances, etc.

Since the leader is essential, it always has to be the last model that is removed when the unit takes wounds.

# TERRAIN

When setting up terrain for the game, all pieces of terrain must be treated like solid buildings, with clearly defined areas that can be entered and exited.

When playing massive battles, the only way for units to get cover is by entering a piece of terrain.

# MOVEMENT

Whenever a unit wants to move, only measure distances from the leader, and move it first.

Once the leader has been moved, you must place all other models in the unit around the leader in any way you like, as long as you maintain unit coherency.

No distances are measured for any other models except the leader, so you may freely move them to their new position.

## SHOOTING

Whenever a unit wants to shoot, only measure line of sight and distances from the leader model, to the nearest model from the target unit.

If the leader has line of sight, then all weapons that are in range of the target from the leader's position may shoot.

No line of sight or distances are measured for any other models except the leader, so models can freely shoot as if they were in the leader's position.

## MELEE

Whenever a unit wants to charge, only measure distances from the leader and move it into base contact first.

Once the leader has been moved, you must place all other models in the unit in base contact with enemy models, or as close as possible in any way you like, as long as you maintain unit coherency. Then all models from the target that are not in base contact may move in the same way.

When fighting in melee, all models always count as being in range of the enemy, regardless of their position, so everyone can always strike with all weapons.



# MULTIPLAYER GAMES

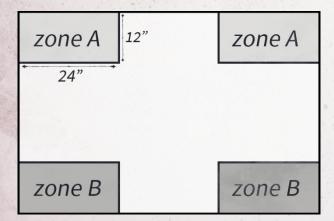
## FREE-FOR-ALL

The simplest way to play games with 3-4 players is to have a freefor-all, where all players can attack each other, and they are all competing for the same objectives.

When playing the game, follow all of the regular rules, with just a couple of exceptions as described below.

**Deployment:** All players roll-off to determine the order in which they will deploy. Then the players alternate in picking a table corner and deploying one unit each within a 2'x1' area, starting with the player that got the highest score, and then alternating in descending order.

**Turn Order:** At the beginning of each round, including the first, players roll-off to determine the order in which they activate their units. The player with the highest score goes first, and then the players alternate in descending order.



## **KING OF THE HILL**

An alternative version of playing with 3-4 players is to play king of the hill, which works just like a free-for-all, but players get a bonus for attacking the most powerful opponent, as they all compete for the same objectives.

When playing the game, follow the free-for-all rules, plus the additional rules described below.

**The King:** Throughout the game, players must keep track of the total point cost of all units in their army (including units that have not been deployed yet), and the player with the highest total counts as the king. In case of a tie, all tied players count as the king. Note that at the beginning of the game, all players are tied and all count as the king.

**Combat Bonus Points:** Whenever a player picks one of the king's , units as the target for an attack, they immediately gain one combat bonus point. Once per activation, players may spend one point to add +1 to the result of all dice in a single roll. Note that combat bonus points may be spent during the same activation in which they were earned.

## TEAM GAMES

If you want to play games with 3+ players, then team games are the best way to go, as there is no limit to the amount of players that can participate.

When playing the game, follow all of the regular rules, with just a couple of exceptions as described below.

**Forming Teams:** Before the game begins, divide the players into two teams by simply picking who belongs to which team, doing a draft, rolling for teams randomly, or however else you would like to pick teams. Note that teams don't need to have equal amounts of players, so you can play 2v1, 3v1, etc.

**The Armies:** When preparing armies, you must split the amount of points that each team is allowed to take between its players. Note that the amount of points that each player is allowed to take within a team doesn't have to be equal, and players may choose to split their points unequally.

**Deployment:** When deploying units, players from the same team must deploy their units in the same deployment zone, placing a single unit when it's their team's turn to deploy.

**The Mission:** When setting up the mission and when checking who won, all objective markers and deployment zones are shared between players of the same team.

**Turn Order:** During the game, the turn order is on a team basis and not on a player basis, so for each team's turn only one of the players may activate a single unit. Note that each team may either pick which player gets to activate freely, or instead roll to see who gets to go next randomly.



# **KITCHEN TABLE GAMES**

# PLAYING KITCHEN TABLE GAMES

The game can also be played on smaller surfaces, that are as small as 2'x3' in size, by adjusting the rules.

When setting up the game, use the deployment styles and mission selection from these rules instead of the regular ones.

# **DEPLOYMENT STYLES**

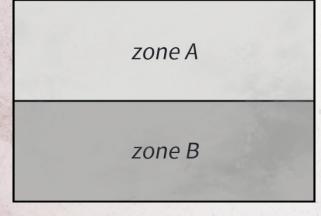
To select a random deployment style, simply roll one D3:

- 1-2: Frontline
- 3-4: Long Haul
- 5-6: Side Battle

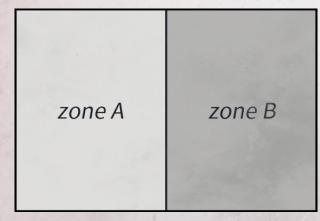
Note that your table may be a square instead of a rectangle.

# **1. FRONTLINE**

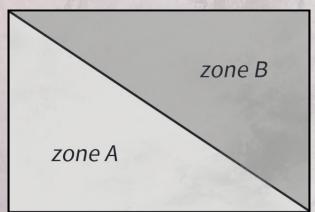
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# 2. LONG HAUL



# **3. SIDE BATTLE**



# **MISSION SELECTION**

To select a random mission, simply roll one D3:

- **1-2:** Duel
- 3-4: Seize Ground
- 5-6: Relic Hunt

Note that when placing objective markers, you follow all the regular rules, but ignore restrictions on placing markers inside deployment zones.

## 1. DUEL

After the table has been prepared, the players must set up a total of D3 objective markers on the battlefield.

After 4 rounds have been played the game ends, and the player that controls most markers wins.

## 2. SEIZE GROUND

After the table has been prepared, the players must set up a total of 4 objective markers on the battlefield.

Divide the battlefield into 4 equal quarters, and place one marker at the center of each.

After 4 rounds have been played the game ends, and the player that controls most markers wins.

# **3. RELIC HUNT**

After the table has been prepared, the players must set up a total of D3 objective markers on the battlefield.

If a unit seizes a marker, remove it from the table, and it counts as being carried by the unit. If the unit is Shaken or destroyed at any point, the marker is dropped on the spot.

After 4 rounds have been played the game ends, and the player that controls most markers wins.

# PLAYING THE GAME

**Measuring Distances:** When playing the game, all distances measured must always be halved (rounding up). This does not apply to the preparation of the game, so the deployment zones and distance between objectives stay the same.

**Reinforcements:** Before the game begins, players must declare half of their army as being reinforcements. These units are not set up during the deployment phase, but instead they may be deployed within 3" of any table edge at the beginning of any round after the first. If both players are bringing in units, they must roll-off to see who goes first, and then alternate in placing one unit each, until all units have been placed.

**Range Penalty:** Whenever a unit shoots over 12" away, it gets a penalty of -1 to hit for shooting at long range. Note that this penalty is applied after halving the measured distance, so it only affects weapons with unmodified ranges of over 24".

# **SMALL-SCALES & MULTI-BASING**

# SMALL-SCALE MODELS

The game can be played using models of smaller sizes, like 6mm, 10mm and 15mm, where multiple small models are mounted together on a single base.

Here are some general guidelines for base sizes that you can use when playing like this:

- 6mm: 20mm x 10mm
- 10mm: 32mm x 25mm
- **15mm:** 50mm x 32mm

Note that the base size that you use doesn't matter, as long as you keep base sizes consistent across all models.

## **MULTI-BASED MODELS**

The game can also be played using 28mm models placed on a movement tray, which essentially act just like the single bases used for small-scale models.

Here are some general guidelines for movement tray sizes that you can use, depending on the base sizes:

- 25mm: 125mm x 25mm
- 32mm: 160mm x 32mm
- 40mm: 120mm x 40mm

## PLAYING WITH MULTI-BASED MODELS

**Combining Units:** When combining two units into one, you can either put all models on a single large base, or you can use two bases that you keep in base contact with each other, and which count as a single large base.

**Unit Attacks:** Since each base represents the entire unit, the attack values of all weapons of models in the unit are summed together, and rolled as one. Note that since individual models are never removed, the unit doesn't lose any attack power as it takes wounds.

**Unit Defense:** Since models are not removed individually from each base when units take wounds, all units count as having Tough(X), where X is their total number of models. If all models in the unit already have Tough, then X is sum of all Tough values in the unit. If a model with Tough joins the unit, then you must add its Tough value to X.

**Deadly Weapons:** If a weapon with Deadly deals wounds to a unit, then it may only deal up to as many wounds as the Tough value of the majority of models in the unit. If the majority of models don't have Tough, then it only deals 1 wound.

## PLAYING WITH SMALL-SCALE MODELS

**Measuring Distances:** When playing the game, all distances measured must always be halved (rounding up). This does not apply to the preparation of the game, so the deployment zones and distance between objectives stay the same.

**Game Length:** When playing with these rules, we recommend extending the game length by 2 rounds, with objectives being checked only after the 6th round has been played.



# TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

## PREPARATION

**Referees:** Each tournament should have one or more referees that decide on how to interpret certain rules and assist players in resolving any uncertainties that come up.

**Tournament Length:** We recommend playing tournaments of 4 rounds of matches, with each match lasting a max. of 90 minutes, including game set-up. These numbers are based on our recommended army sizes of 2000pts per player, so you will have to tweak them if you're using different army sizes.

**Chess Clocks:** The use of chess clocks is recommended, giving each player 45 minutes per game, including set-up.

**Match Pairings:** The match-ups for the first round are randomized, and from the second round players are paired by matching players with the same VPs together, from highest to lowest score. In case of a tie, match players by their destruction points instead.

**Victory Points:** At the end of each match the winner gets 3 VPs, and in case of a tie both players get 1 VP each.

**Destruction Points:** Additionally, each player gets as many destruction points as the total point cost of all enemy units that were fully destroyed or shaken at the end of the match.

Winning the Tournament: After the 4th round of matches the player with most VPs wins, and in case of a tie the player with the highest total destruction points across all matches wins. Otherwise, it's a tie.

## THE ARMIES

**Game Size:** For tournament games we recommend fixing the game size to a total of 2000pts per player.

**Force Lists:** Before the tournament all players should submit their force list to the tournament organizers for reference. Force lists must follow Force Org. rules.

**Mixed Armies (optional):** Whilst we don't recommend mixing armies in tournaments, here are some rules you can use if you want to allow them. Players may bring units from up to two factions in the same list, but must select one of them as their primary faction. Mixed armies must consist of at least 60% worth of units of their primary faction, and heroes from either faction list may only join other units from their own faction.

# PLAYING A MATCH

**Mission:** The tournament organizers may pick any official mission, or come up with missions of their own.

**Terrain:** The terrain is set up by the tournament organizers, and may not be moved by the players during the game.

**Armies:** Before the game begins, and at any time during the game, both players may inspect their opponent's force lists and ask any questions they have.

**Match Start:** As soon as players roll-off for deployment the match starts. If you are using chess clocks they must be started now.

**Match End:** The match ends as soon as the mission conditions are met. If you are using chess clocks and a player runs out of time, then all of their units count as being destroyed immediately.

# SIDEBOARD LISTS (OPTIONAL)

**Force Lists:** Before the tournament, all players must submit one main force list made of at least 70% worth of units of the total game size, plus up to three other lists made of up to 30% worth of units of the total game size as sideboard lists.

**Composition:** All sideboard lists must be created in such a way that once combined with the main list, the combined list follows regular composition rules.

**Using Sideboard Lists:** Before the game, after seeing each other's main force lists and sideboard force lists, players must pick one of their sideboard lists in secret, and add it to their main force list. Then both players reveal their final force list simultaneously to each other.

## FORTUNE POINTS (OPTIONAL)

**Getting Fortune Points:** At the beginning of each round, each player gets fortune points based on the game size:

- Up to 1000pts = 2 points
- Over 1000pts = 1 point

Fortune points persist between rounds, but players can't ever have more than 3 points at any time during the game.

**Using Fortune Points:** Once per roll, after rolling, players may spend 1 fortune point to add +1 or -1 to the result of all dice in a single roll for their own unit, but may only spend fortune points on each unit once per round. Note that all weapons within the same attack count as a single roll, both to hit and to block, and that additional rolls from special rules count as different rolls.



# **TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES**

# LOS PRECISION RULES

**More Precision:** If you want to have more precise line of sight rules for tournaments, you can play with one of the following methods, which should avoid disputes:

- Top-Down Line of Sight
- Volumetric Line of Sight
- Hybrid True Line of Sight

Note that no matter which method you use, the following rules always apply:

- Models can always see in all directions, regardless of where the miniature is actually facing.
- Models always have line of sight to themselves, and may target themselves (unless stated otherwise).
- Models can't see through solid obstacles, including the perimeter of other units (friendly or enemy).
- Models can always see through friendly models from their own unit.

Note that players may agree to ignore unusual features (like decorative banners or flame effects) for line of sight.

## **TOP-DOWN LINE OF SIGHT**

When playing with top-down line of sight, models can see targets by drawing lines between their bases, and obstructions block sight based on their assigned height.

Before the game begins, players must assign a height value to all units and terrain. As a guideline, height can be defined as a value of X+1, where X is the actual height of the physical object (miniatures, terrain, etc.).

# Example: A 1" model counts as being height 2, and a 2" building counts as being height 3.

The same guidelines apply to models, but you can also use the following pre-set heights to speed up preparation:

- Height 1 Swarms
- Height 2 Infantry, Artillery
- Height 3 Large Infantry, Cavalry, Chariots
- Height 4 Large Cavalry, Monsters, Vehicles
- Height 5 Large Monsters, Giants
- Height 6 Titans

When standing on top of terrain, units add its height to their own, and the total counts as their new height value.

# Example: A height 2 infantry model standing on a height 3 building counts as being height 5.

To determine line of sight, simply draw a straight line from any point of the model's base to any point of the target's base. If the line doesn't pass through any obstacles or units of same height or higher than both models, then the model has line of sight.

When using this method, we recommend counting all models and terrain pieces of the same type as being the same height, to avoid having to constantly measure heights.

## **VOLUMETRIC LINE OF SIGHT**

When playing with volumetric line of sight, models can see targets by drawing lines between imaginary volumes, with heights defined by their base sizes.

Before the game begins, players must assign a height value in inches to all units. Each model occupies a volume of space of that height above its base, determined by its base size. As a guideline, height can be defined based on the typical size of miniatures that are mounted on those base sizes.

For models without a base, measure their actual height and define an area around their centre as being their base size for determining how large their volume is.

Here are some pre-set heights you can use to speed up preparation:

- 25mm Base Height 1"
- 32mm Base Height 1.25"
- 40mm Base Height 1.5"
- 50mm Base Height 2"
- 60mm Base Height 3"
- 100mm Base Height 4"

To determine line of sight, simply draw a straight line from any point of the model's volume to any point of the target model's volume. If the line doesn't pass through any obstacles or unit volumes, then the model has line of sight.

When using this method, we recommend building simple paper cylinders with the volume of each base size before playing, which can be used during the game in place of models to determine line of sight.

## HYBRID TRUE LINE OF SIGHT

Before the game begins, all models are applied a size class, based on their Tough:

- Small No Tough, and Heroes with Tough(3)
- Medium Tough(3), and Heroes with Tough(6)
- Large From Tough(6) to Tough(12)
- Huge From Tough(15) to Tough(21)
- Titanic From Tough(24) up

To determine line of sight, simply get down to the eye level of the miniature, and check if it can see the target. If the target is visible, then the model has line of sight.

The miniature can't draw line of sight through other units, with these exceptions:

- Models may draw line of sight through units of smaller size class.
- Models may draw line of sight through units of equal or lower size class, if the target is of greater size class than the unit in the way.
- Models on elevation may draw line of sight through units that are at a lower elevation than them.

# SOLO & CO-OP RULES

## **GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

**Solo & Co-Op Rules:** These rules give players a way to play solo or co-op against AI armies.

**Multiple Choices:** Whenever there are different choices that seem to be equally correct, roll a die to randomly determine which one is going to be the chosen one.

# PREPARATION

**The Armies:** To ensure that playing against the AI is fair, we recommend creating a set of 3-6 balanced army lists, and then randomly determining which will be used by the AI and which will be used by the players.

**Objectives Set Up:** When setting up objectives first divide the area of the table where you are allowed to place objectives into 6 equal squares. When it's the AI's turn to place an objective first roll for a random square, and then place the objective in the center of the square. If that's not possible roll for another random square and move the objective toward it just enough to be in a valid position, whilst following the mission's objective set up rules.

Al Deployment: When deploying armies, the players must deploy their entire armies in a random deployment zone first. Then Al units are randomly divided into 3 groups of equal size (as far as possible). To deploy, divide the table into 3 sections along the Al's deployment zone table edge, and number them 1, 2 and 3. For each group roll a D3 to determine which section its units deploy in, rerolling if all groups would deploy in the same section. Then deploy one random unit at a time in its section, as close as possible to the nearest objective, and outside of difficult and dangerous terrain (unless the unit has either strider or flying).

**Challenge Bonus:** Optionally players may give the AI a bonus as a challenge. If at the beginning of a round the AI is holding as many objectives as the players, then all its units get +1 to hit rolls until the end of the round, and if it's holding less objectives, then its units get +1 to defense rolls on top of that.

## **AI DECISION TREES**

**Unit Types:** Before the game begins you need to classify each unit into one of 3 unit types, which all behave differently.

**Hybrid Units:** Units that have melee weapons which are better than their ranged weapons count as hybrid units.

**Shooting Units:** Units that have ranged weapons which are better than their melee weapons count as shooting units.

**Melee Units:** Units that don't have any ranged weapons count as melee units.



## **DECISION TREE - HYBRID**

## 1. Are there any valid objectives not under the AI's control?

- Yes Go to step 2
- No Go to step 5

### 2. Are there any enemies in the way?

- Yes Charge enemy if possible, else Advance toward objective and shoot if possible, else Rush toward objective
- No Go to step 3

#### 3. Is the objective in Rush range but not in Advance range?

- Yes Rush toward objective
- No Go to step 4

#### 4. If you Advance will any enemies be in shooting range?

- Yes Advance toward objective and shoot if possible
- No Rush toward objective

#### 5. Are any enemies in Charge range?

- Yes Charge enemy
- No Go to step 6

#### 6. If you Advance will any enemies be in shooting range?

- Yes Advance toward enemy and shoot if possible
- No Rush toward enemy

## **DECISION TREE - SHOOTING**

#### 1. Are there any valid objectives not under the AI's control?

- Yes Go to step 2
- No Go to step 3

### 2. If you Advance will any enemies be in shooting range?

- Yes Advance toward objective and shoot if possible
- No Rush toward objective

#### 3. If you Advance will any enemies be in shooting range?

- Yes Advance toward enemy and shoot if possible
- No Rush toward enemy

## **DECISION TREE - MELEE**

### 1. Are there any valid objectives not under the AI's control?

- Yes Go to step 2
- No Go to step 3

#### 2. Are there any enemies in the way?

- Yes Charge enemy if possible, else Rush toward objective
- No Rush toward objective

#### 3. Are any enemies in Charge range?

- Yes Charge enemy
- No Rush toward enemy

# SOLO & CO-OP RULES

# **BASIC CONCEPTS**

Activation Order: Before starting, divide the table into 3 different sections along the AI's deployment zone edge, and number them 1, 2 and 3. When it's the AI's turn to activate a unit, first roll a D3 to see which section it will activate a unit in. If there are no eligible units in that section, move onto the next section with an eligible unit, going clockwise. Then roll a die to randomly determine which unit from that section is activated next.

**Shaken Units:** Shaken AI units only activate after all non-shaken AI units have activated, and always stay idle to stop being Shaken.

**Enemies in the way:** When the Al units activate, draw a path between them and their objective. Enemy units within 6" of the path count as being in the way (even if they are in the opposite direction of the objecive).

**Controlling Objectives:** When making AI decisions, objectives count as under the AI's control if the AI already seized them, or if more non-shaken AI units than enemy units are within 3" of it. When AI units move to seize objectives, they must be placed within 3" of the objective so that they are as close as possible to their next objective or target.

**Advancing:** Shooting and Hybrid AI units that use Advance actions to move toward objectives must always do so whilst also trying to stay as far from enemy attack range as possible. If they are not moving toward objectives, they must always try to move away from the closest enemy unit just enough to still be in range to shoot.

**Shooting:** Al units always shoot at the nearest valid target, prioritizing units that haven't activated yet. If the nearest target is in cover but there is another valid target in the open, the AI must prioritize the target in the open.

**Melee:** Al units always charge the nearest valid target, prioritizing units that haven't activated yet, and they must always strike back whenever they are charged.

## TERRAIN

**Cover Terrain:** Al units must always move into or behind cover terrain, unless it is also difficult terrain, and they are moving to an objective. Shooting and Hybrid Al units that are not moving to an objective must always stay in cover and shoot, instead of moving away from the closest enemy unit.

**Difficult Terrain:** Al units only ever move into difficult terrain if an objective is inside of it, if they are in charge range of a unit inside of it, or if they have a special rule that ignores its effects. Else they must always move around it.

**Dangerous Terrain:** Al units only ever move into dangerous terrain if an objective is inside of it, or if they have a special rule that ignores its effects. Else they must always move around it.

# SPECIAL RULES

**Army Special Rules:** Al units must always use army special rules as soon as they are activated, targeting the nearest unit that makes sense.

**Aircraft:** Al units with Aircraft always follow the rules for Shooting Al units, and always move 30".

**Ambush:** Al units with Ambush must always be kept in reserve, and must always deploy following the AI deployment rules at the start of the second round.

**AP:** Al units with AP weapons always target enemies with the best defensive value first.

**Caster:** Al units always cast spells after moving (before attacking), selecting a random spell by rolling D3+X, where X is their caster level. If there is no valid target for that spell, or they don't have enough tokens to cast it, they must cycle through the list until there is a valid spell, or else don't cast anything.

**Counter:** Al units with Counter are always activated after all other friendly non-Counter units in their section have been activated.

**Deadly:** Al units with Deadly weapons always target single-model units with Tough first, and units with Tough second, prioritizing those with the lowest total remaining Tough.

**Entrenched:** Al units with Entrenched must deploy in the highest position with most line of sight of the table as possible regardless of distance from objectives. If they are in range of enemies, they always use Hold and shoot.

**Flying:** Al units with Flying treat difficult and dangerous terrain as open terrain when choosing where to move next.

**Indirect:** Al units with Indirect weapons that are in range of enemies always use Hold and shoot.

**Lock-On:** Al units with Lock-On weapons always target enemy Aircraft first.

**Relentless:** Al units with Relentless that have weapons that are in range of enemies always use Hold and shoot.

**Scout:** Al units with Scout must always be deployed after all other units, following the AI deployment rules.

**Sniper:** Al units with Sniper weapons always target heroes first, and models with upgrades second, prioritizing those with the most expensive upgrade.

**Strider:** Al units with Strider treat difficult terrain as open terrain when choosing where to move next.

**Transport:** When using transports, the AI must always place random units in each, trying to fill up its cargo limit. AI units with transport always activate before their cargo on the first round, and units inside of them must always disembark on their first activation (if possible).

# CAMPAIGN TYPES

**Campaign Length:** Campaigns are played with two or more players, and you must pick one of these campaign types:

- **Game-Limited:** Play D6+4 missions, and after the last match the player with most VP wins.
- **Point-Limited:** The campaign ends when one player has earned D6+4 VP after a match, who wins.
- **Time-Limited:** The campaign ends after D6+4 weeks, and the player with most VP at the end wins.
- Endless: The campaign never ends, but instead players keep track of how many VPs they earned on an ongoing campaign leaderboard.

**Parallel Play:** Usually all armies should participate in every match, but if you want you can allow armies to play matches in parallel. If you do, then each army's VP must be divided by the amount of matches they play, to get their final VP score.

**Late Joiners:** If you want you can allow players to join the campaign whilst it's already ongoing. If you do, then they start with a regular army, and you must count VP as in parallel play.

## PREPARATION

**The Armies:** Before the first mission each player receives 1000pts to spend on their army. Players may save up to 200pts to be spent later, and they may only buy one unit with the Hero rule.

**The Army Sheet:** Each army and unit must be given a unique name, which you can fill out on the army sheet.

**Campaign Structure:** Campaigns are played with the following structure:

- 1. Mission Setup
- 2. Play Mission
- 3. Check for Casualties
- 4. Earn Experience
- 5. Upgrade Armies
- 6. Recruit Units

Each step must be followed in this order and once all steps have been completed you start from the first again.

## **1. MISSION SETUP**

**The Armies:** There are no point limits in campaign games, however no army may bring over 250pts worth of units more than the army with the lowest point value.

**Underdog Bonus:** Any army that has a point value lower than at least one other gets an underdog bonus. You get 1 underdog point for every 50pts difference between your army and the one with the highest value. Each underdog point can be spent to modify all dice in a friendly or enemy roll by +1 or -1, but only one point can be spent per roll.

**Special Objectives:** In addition to the mission objectives, players may earn a bonus of 75pts by completing special objectives. Roll one die each to see which objective you get:

Result	Objective
1	<b>Mastery -</b> One friendly unit in each table quarter at the end.
2	<b>Honor -</b> No enemy units in own deployment zone at the end.
3	<b>Casting -</b> At least one attempt to cast a spell per round.
4	<b>Recovery -</b> First player to stop a unit from being Shaken.
5	Rage - First player to destroy an enemy unit.
6	Destruction - Most expensive enemy unit destroyed.

If you roll an objective which can't be completed, then you must reroll.

## 2. PLAY MISSION

**Mission Length:** Missions are played using the standard rules, however if after 4 rounds there is no winner, the game continues onto the next round until there is one winner.

**Conceding:** At the beginning of any round players may concede, removing all of their units from the table, which don't count as casualties for this mission.

**Random Events:** At the beginning of each round players must roll one die, and on a 5+ a random event happens.

**Mission Goals:** The winning army gets 2 VP and 150pts, whilst all losing armies get 300pts.



# **3. CHECK FOR CASUALTIES**

**Casualties:** At the end of the game, all units that were fully destroyed or routed count as casualties for this mission.

**Regular Units:** For every unit that is a casualty roll one die to see what happens:

Result	Casualty
1	<b>Dead -</b> Remove the unit from your army sheet.
2-5	Recovered - Unit recovers and may be used without
	penalties.
6	Natural Talent - Unit recovers and earns +1 XP.

**Hero Units:** Follow the same rules as above, however on a 1 it becomes 5pts cheaper and gets an Injury trait, and on a 6 it becomes 5pts more expensive and gains a Talent trait. Each trait can only be gained once, so if you roll the same result simply reroll.

Result	Injury Trait
1	<b>Dead -</b> Remove the hero from your army sheet.
2	Chest Wound - Gets -1 to rolls when blocking hits.
3	Blinded Eye - Gets -1 to rolls when shooting.
4	Arm Injury - Gets -1 to rolls when in melee.
5	<b>Traumatized -</b> Gets -1 to rolls when taking morale tests.
6	<b>Smashed Leg -</b> Moves -1" on advance and -2" on rush and charge actions.
Result	Talent Trait
1	Natural Talent - The hero recovers and gets +1 XP.
2	<b>Motivated -</b> Always passes the first morale test of the match.
3	<b>Crazed -</b> Gets +1 attack in melee when charging.
4	Bitter Rivalry - Gets +1 to hit against enemy heroes.
5	Horrible Scars - Enemy units get -1 to hit when in

**No Permadeath:** Optionally you can play without units being removed from the army when they die, but instead they lose all XP earned during the match and must sit out the next D3 matches.

melee against the hero.

Toughened - Gets Tough(+1).

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## 4. EARN EXPERIENCE

Earning XP: Units earn XP in battle for each of the following things:

- +1 XP: Not a casualty
- +1 XP: Killed a unit
- +2 XP: Killed a hero unit
- +3 XP: Killed a hero and its unit

Mark earned XP on the army sheet in order to see when units level up.

**Regular Units:** When a unit earns 5 XP it becomes 25pts more expensive and you roll one die to see what trait it gets:

Result	Trait
1	<b>Agile -</b> Moves +1" on advance and +2" on rush and charge.
2	<b>Headstrong -</b> Gets +1 to rolls when taking morale tests.
3	<b>Specialist</b> - Gets +1 to rolls in melee or shooting (pick one).
4	<b>Resilient -</b> Gets +1 to rolls when blocking hits.
5	<b>Elite -</b> May re-roll one roll of any kind once per game.
6	Fast Learner - May pick any other trait from the list.

Each trait (except for Specialist) can only be gained once, and if you roll a trait you already have simply re-roll. Units can't earn more than 30xp, so they can level up max. 6 times.

**Hero Units:** Follow the same rules as above, but heroes become 55pts more expensive (instead of only 25pts) when they level up. The first time a hero levels up roll one die and pick one skill set:

Result	Skill Set
1-2	Captain or Support
3-4	Fighter or Shooter
5-6	Pathfinder or Healer

Every time the hero levels up, including the first time, roll one die to see what skill trait it gets from its skill set. Each trait can only be gained once, so if you roll a trait you already have simply re-roll. If a hero already has all 3 traits of its skill set, then it may roll on the table again to get a new second skill set.

**Captain:** The hero shines as a leader and their men follow with pride.

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Result	Skill Trait
1-2	Leader - Friendly units within 6" of the Hero get +1
	to morale test rolls.
3-4	Instigator - Friendly units that activate within 6" of
	the Hero get +1 to hit when in melee.
5-6	Tactician - Friendly units that activate within 6" of
	the Hero get +1 to hit when shooting.
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**Support:** The hero user powerful tools to buff allies and debuff enemies.

Result	Skill Trait
1-2	Vanguard - Friendly units that activate within 6"
	move +4" when using Charge actions.
3-4	Scavenger - Friendly units that activate within 6" of
	the Hero get +6" range when shooting.
5-6	Mastermind - Enemy units within 6" of the Hero get
	-1 Defense.

**Fighter:** The hero has perfected close combat techniques beyond compare.

Result	Skill Trait
1-2	<b>Duellist -</b> Enemy units get -1 in melee against the
	hero.
3-4	Fanatic - The hero gets +1 attack when in melee.
5-6	Berserker - Enemies get -1 to morale tests when in
	melee with the hero.

**Shooter:** The hero expertly handles all sorts of weapons and equipment.

Result	Skill Trait
1-2	Hunter - The hero may shoot even after rush actions.
3-4	<b>Destroyer -</b> The hero gets AP(+1) when shooting.
5-6	<b>Suppressor -</b> Enemies that are shot at by the hero get -1 to hit when shooting until the end of the round.

**Pathfinder:** The hero is a true master at sneaking and collecting intel.

Result	Skill Trait
1-2	<b>Runner -</b> The hero always moves +2" (even in terrain).
3-4	<b>Prowler -</b> Enemy units further than 12" get -1 to hit
	rolls when shooting at the hero.
5-6	Climber - The hero ignores difficult terrain effects.

**Healer:** The hero mends and protects allies from terrible injuries with ease.

Result	Skill Trait
1-2	Chemist - Friendly units within 6" of the Hero get +1
	to morale tests when in melee.
3-4	Herbalist - Friendly units within 6" may ignore
	wounds on a roll of 6+.
5-6	Warden - When the hero is activated all friendly
	units within 6" of the hero stop being shaken.

# 5. UPGRADE ARMIES

**Buying Upgrades:** Players may buy upgrades for their units as detailed in their army page by spending any points they have available. When buying upgrades worth less than 0pts, you gain those points instead of spending them.

**Selling Upgrades:** Players may sell any of their upgrades at half of their original price (rounding down to the nearest multiple of 5). If an item is only worth 5pts roll one die, on a 1-3 the item can't be sold, on a 4+ it can be sold for 5pts (you can only try to sell a 5pts item once after each mission). When selling upgrades worth less than 0pts, you must spend their full points cost instead of gaining them.

# 6. RECRUIT UNITS

**Recruiting Heroes:** Players may recruit up to one new hero after each mission, and may only have 3 heroes in their army at once.

**Recruiting Regular Units:** Players may recruit as many regular units as they want after each mission. One of the new recruited units may also start with 5 XP if the player pays +50pts for it.

**Disbanding Units:** Any unit may be freely disbanded, losing all of its XP and upgrades. Players may also choose to disband their full army, losing all units, VP, points, etc. and start a new army from scratch.



# **ROLLING FOR RANDOM EVENTS**

When rolling for random events, roll two separate dice one at a time, where the first one represents the first number, whilst the second one represents the second number, and resolve that event.

Example: A player rolls two dice, with the first result being a 2 and the rescond result being a 1. This would mean that event 21 is chosen.

# **ROLLING FOR RANDOM UNITS**

If a random event calls for randomly selecting a unit from any warband you must first randomly select a warband for the event, and then randomly select a unit to be the target.

## 11 - P.O.W.

A unit was captured by a local militia and is now being held as prisoners of war.

Select one random unit, and remove it from play. At the end of the mission it may be bought back for D3 \* 50pts or else it's disbanded.

## 12 - Bring me their Heads

A local warlord wants one of the armies dead, and is willing to pay for it.

Select one random army. Enemy armies get 25pts at the end of the mission for every unit from it that they destroyed.

## 13 - Fragile Guns

After walking through a psychic field some weapons suddenly start breaking.

Select D3 random units, which can't use one random ranged weapon or upgrade until the end of the mission.

## 14 - Monstrous Spawn

A unit accidentally walks into a beast's nest and is brutally mauled.

Select one random unit, which takes D3+3 automatic hits with AP(1).

## 15 - Low Supplies

The army's supply routes have been cut, leaving some units without ammo.

Select D3 random units, which can't shoot until the end of the mission.

## 16 - Combat Fatigue

One of the armies has been fighting for too long and has become exhausted.

All units from one random army get -1 to morale until the end of the game.

## 21 - Carnivorous Fauna

The local terrain is infested with vicious creatures, always ready to attack.

Until the end of the mission whenever a unit enters terrain roll one die, on a 1 it takes a dangerous terrain test.

## 22 - Toxic Fumes

Strange fumes start building in the area, choking anyone caught in them.

Select one random table quarter. All of the units within that table quarter take D3+4 automatic hits.

## 23 - Rigged to Blow

Sometimes you might just walk into a ridiculous amount of explosives...

Select one random player, who may note down one piece of terrain in secret. The first unit to enter that terrain takes D3+3 automatic hits with AP(2).

## 24 - Earthquake

A sudden earthquake makes everything crumble, burying units in the rubble.

All units within terrain must take a dangerous terrain test.

## 25 - Dark Clouds

Psychic clouds cover the area, reducing visibility to a minimum.

Select one random table quarter. All of the units within that table quarter get -6" range when shooting.

## 26 - Finish Them!

The armies are eager to finish the fight at all cost, even if it means killing the enemy with their bare hands.

All units get +1 attack in melee and earn +D3 XP when destroying enemies in melee until the end of the round.



## 31 - Psychic Anomaly

A psychic anomaly has formed, casting electric bolts at anyone nearby.

Place an anomaly marker in the center of one random table quarter. All units that move within 3" of it take D3+3 hits.

## 32 - The Walking Dead

The battlefield is covered in corpses ready to rise again from the grave.

Place a unit of D6+4 Zombies (Qua 5+, Def 5+, Claws (A3), Slow) in the center of one random table quarter. At the end of each round the zombies must charge or rush the nearest unit.

## 33 - Crazed Sniper

A local farmer is sick of the fighting and has taken justice in his own hands.

Place a sniper on the highest piece of terrain with most line of sight on the table. Select one random unit, and at the end of each round if it is in line of sight of the sniper it takes D3 hits.

## 34 - Old Friend

Out of pure chance an army runs into an old friend that is ready to lend a hand.

Place a Mercenary (Qua 3+, Def 3+, Carbine (18", A3)) as part of a random unit and that player may control it until the end of the mission.

### 35 - Escort Mission

A unit was hired by a local warlord to take them through enemy lines.

Select one random unit. If it manages to exit the table through an opponent's deployment zone it gets D3 \* 25pts.

## 36 - Enemy Intel

A data core filled with enemy intel has been found, which could change the tide of this conflict.

Place an intel marker at the center of a random table quarter. Units can pick it up by moving into contact with it, and they drop it if they are destroyed or shaken. If a unit with it manages to exit the table through an opponent's table edge its army gets 1 VP.

## 41 - Surprise Attack

A local militia has ambushed one of the units, trying to steal its gear.

Select one random unit that is inside a piece of terrain. That unit is shaken.

## 42 - Grave Miscalculation

A stray shot accidentally hits a cache of ammo, causing a massive explosion.

The first time during this round when a unit rolls a 1 to hit for shooting it takes D3+3 automatic hits with AP(2).

## 43 - Berserker

One of the warriors is enraged and cuts the enemy's heads off clean.

The first time during this round when a unit rolls a 6 to hit in melee the target takes D3 automatic wounds.

### 44 - No Mercy

Some warriors are ready to cut down their foes even when they surrender.

The first time during this round when a unit destroys an enemy unit that was shaken it receives +1 XP.

### 45 - Weak Spot

If you hit your enemy where it hurts most you can kill even mighty giants with the smallest projectile.

The first time during this round when a unit with tough rolls a 1 to block from shooting or melee it takes +D3 wounds.

### 46 - Countdown

High command has promised a large bonus if the battle can be ended quickly.

If an army manages to win the mission by the end of the round it gets a bonus of 5 XP, which must be split as evenly as possible amongst units.



## 51 - Hearts & Minds

The locals are friendly to our cause, and are ready to take in our wounded.

Select one random army which may pay 50pts to re-roll results of 1 once per unit when checking for casualties.

## 52 - Moral Victory

An enemy unit has managed to inflict enough casualties to become a priority target for everyone in the army.

Select one random player, who may note down one enemy unit in secret. If that unit is destroyed then all units in the army get +1 XP.

## 53 - Flash Grenades

Nothing confuses the enemy more than a blinding light followed by a punch.

Select one random army. Enemy units get -1 in melee when attacking units from the selected army until the end of the round.

## 54 - Suppressing Fire

Continuous fire is bound to take out even the most resilient of enemies.

Select one random unit, which doubles its shooting attacks during this round.

### 55 - War Shout

In desperate times a shout of war can bring warriors back in fighting spirit.

Select one random unit that is shaken, which immediately stops being shaken.

## 56 - Covered in Blood

A unit is covered in blood from all the fighting, terrifying all enemies around.

Select one random unit. Enemy units within 6" of it get -1 to morale until the end of the mission.

## 61 - Ancient Relic

In the midst of fighting a unit found an ancient relic, which provides the unit with unprecedented wisdom.

Select one random unit, which immediately gets D3 \* 1 XP.

## 62 - Abandoned Outpost

Intel from our scouts has revealed an abandoned outpost filled with gear, and one of the units decided to inspect it.

Select one random army, which may remove one unit that is not shaken from play and get D3 \* 50pts.

## 63 - Alien Cannon

A unit dug up a mysterious crate whilst setting up defensive positions, revealing a very powerful weapon.

Select one random unit, which gets the Alien Cannon (24", A3, AP(D3)).

### 64 - Extortion

One of the armies has been getting a lot of gifts from the "happy" locals...

Select one random army, which immediately gets D3 \* 25pts.

## 65 - Critical Transmission

A unit randomly caught enemy radio chatter that revealed mission critical information on enemy positions.

Select one random army, which immediately gets 1 VP.

### 66 - Time Warp

A unit that was fleeing the battlefield ran into a psychic anomaly and warped to a different time and dimension.

Select one random unit that was destroyed and place it in a warp zone. The warp zone should have an area of 2'x2' and 3-5 pieces of terrain, and the unit must be placed within 3" of one of the zone's edges. Then place a Time Beast (Qua 3+, Def 3+, Claws (A6, AP(2)), Tough(6)) within 3" of the opposing edge of the warp zone, which is controlled by an opponent. Roll to see who goes first and then play out the fight like a regular battle, until one of the two has been destroyed. If the Time Beast wins then the unit is dead and removed from the army sheet. If the unit wins then it gets +3 XP and scavenges 150pts. The unit may then join its army again at the end of the mission.



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# MISSION CARDS

# GENERAL PRINCIPLES

**Mission Cards:** These rules were created to give players a dynamic way to play, with shifting mission objectives.

**Print & Play:** Print and cut all 36 cards. We recommend inserting them all in card sleeves, and you can also insert a regular playing card for rigidity.

**Roll & Play:** If you prefer you can also choose not to cut out the mission cards, but instead roll two dice to determine a random card. To do this roll each die one at a time, where the result of the first one stands for decimals whilst the result of the second one stands for units. Then check the top left number of the cards to see which one you got. Note that this method can only be used when playing with fixed decks.

Example: A player rolls two dice, with the first result being a 2 and the second result being a 1. This would mean that card 21 (Seize 1) is rolled.

**Fixed Deck Games:** Pick one of the following game types to play with the deck of 36 cards:

- Battle of Wits
- Total Domination

**Custom Deck Games:** Pick one of the following game types to play with customized player decks of 18 cards:

- Direct Challenge
- Strategic Ruse
- Planned Gambit
- Coordinated Recovery
- Logistical Supremacy
- Tactical Paragons

## **BASIC RULES**

**Objectives:** Place 6 objective markers. Players roll-off to go first and alternate in placing one marker each outside of deployment zones and over 9" away from each other.

**Controlling Markers:** At the end of each round, if a unit is within 3" of a marker while enemies aren't, then it's seized. Markers stay seized even after leaving, but if units from both sides are contesting a marker, then it becomes neutral.

**Victory Conditions:** The game ends after 4 rounds, and the player that scored most victory points wins.

**Optional - Final Objectives:** At the end of the game, players get 1 VP for each objective that they seized.

# **BATTLE OF WITS**

Players compete in completing as many of their own objective cards as they can before the end of the game.

**Personal Decks:** Each player gets a personal deck of 36 mission cards.

**Generating Missions:** At the beginning of each round, players draw cards from their own deck until they have 3, which are placed face up on the table.

**Scoring Cards:** At the end of each round, players check if they have completed at least one condition on any of their cards. If they did, then they must score the one worth most victory points, and discard that card.

**Discarding Cards:** After scoring cards, each player may choose to discard one of their remaining cards.

## TOTAL DOMINATION

Players compete in completing the same set of objective cards before the game ends, racing to be the first to complete them.

Shared Deck: Both players share a single deck of 36 mission cards.

**Generating Missions:** At the beginning of each round, draw cards from the shared deck until there are 3 in total, which are placed face up on the table.

**Scoring Cards:** At the end of each round, players check if they have completed at least one condition on any of the cards. If they did, then they must score the one worth most victory points, and discard that card. In case of a tie neither player scores it.

**Discarding Cards:** At the end of each round, the player with the lowest total score may discard one of the remaining cards.



# MISSION CARDS

# **CUSTOM DECK RULES**

**Preparing Decks:** After deployment, each player must put together a deck of 18 unique cards, chosen from the standard 36 cards.

**Generating Missions:** At the beginning of each round, players draw cards from their own deck until they have 5 cards in their hand, and then they must place cards face up on the table until they have 3 cards in front of them.

**Hidden Mission:** Whenever players are placing cards on the table, they may place one of them face down, if they don't already have a card that is face down on the table. Players may turn their hidden card face up at any time.

**Scoring Cards:** At the end of each round, players check if they have completed at least one condition on any of their cards on the table. If they did, then they must score the one worth most victory points, and discard that card.

**Discarding Cards:** After scoring cards, each player may discard one of their remaining cards.

**Optional - Mulligans:** At the beginning of the first round, after drawing 5 cards, players may opt to mulligan. The cards are then shuffled back into the deck, and the player draws a new hand of 4 cards.

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The players must challenge their opponent to complete specific

## STRATEGIC RUSE

**DIRECT CHALLENGE** 

The winning player must reveal all of their cards, whilst their opponent may keep them hidden.

**Special Rules:** At the beginning of each round after the first, the player with the highest total score must turn all of their hidden cards face up, and the player with the lowest total score may turn any of their cards face down. In case of a tie, each player must turn their cards face up/down until they only have up to one card that is face down again.

## PLANNED GAMBIT

The players may force their opponent to change their active mission cards.

**Special Rules:** At the beginning of each round, after cards have been placed on the table, each player may select one of their opponent's cards, and return it to their hand. The opponent must then place another one of their cards on the table to replace it.

## **COORDINATED RECOVERY**

The players may shuffle discarded missions back into their deck.

**Special Rules:** At the end of each round, after scoring and discarding cards, each player may select up to two cards from their discard pile and shuffle them back into their deck.

## LOGISTICAL SUPREMACY

The winning player may hold additional mission cards in their hand.

**Special Rules:** At the beginning of each round after the first, if one player has seized more objective marker than their opponent, they may draw cards until they have 6 in their hand instead of 5.

## TACTICAL PARAGONS

The players may pick specific missions to be completed by their heroes.

**Special Rules:** At the beginning of each round, each player may select one of their own cards to be their paragon card for that round. Paragon cards may only be scored by units containing a hero, and the player gets +1 VP for it.



