

THE HORUS HERESY®



BATTLES IN THE AGE OF DARKNESS



WARHAMMER WORLD

BATTLES IN THE AGE OF DARKNESS EVENT

These events have been carefully crafted to present a format that appeals to the broadest variety of players possible. This event pack provides information to prepare for the Horus Heresy: Battles in the Age of Darkness event at Warhammer World.. Each player will need to demonstrate astute knowledge of the game, sound tactical decisions and appropriate unit selection to win their games. In addition, our Horus Heresy events are a celebration of the hobby, so an attitude overflowing with good cheer, sincerity and positivity is essential for those of you looking to have a great time rolling dice in the battered wastelands of the Horus Heresy setting.

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I.O EVENT ESSENTIALS

- System:** The Horus Heresy
- Registration:** Saturday at 9:00 AM.
- Location:** Warhammer World, Willow Rd, Lenton, Nottingham, NG7 2WS
- Battle Size:** 3000 points.
- Board Size:** 72" x 48"
- Missions:** These will be chosen from the six available in the Age of Darkness rulebook.
- No. of Games:** Five
- Army Selection:** Each player must adhere to one allegiance - see 'Army Construction' for more details
- Tools of War:** Attendees are expected to bring their army, dice, a tape measure, 7 copies of their Army List and all relevant rules publications.

If you are using any electronic devices to carry your official rules references, please ensure they are charged and available for reference at all times.

2.0 ARMY CONSTRUCTION AND PAINTING

2.1 ARMY CONSTRUCTION

For this event each player will have a 3000 point army, selected via the rules presented in the Preparing for Battle section of the Age of Darkness rulebook, beginning on page 128.

- Adeptus Custodes players must select their army from the updated rules found in Book Nine - Crusade.
- The Optional Leviathan Force Organisation Chart is in use at this event.
- Any relics found in book 4, Conquest, will not be in use for this event, as they are part of that specific campaign.

When building your army, use all the most up to date Horus Heresy rules and points found in the following Publications:

THE HORUS HERESY LEGIONES ASTARTES: AGE OF DARKNESS LEGIONS

THE HORUS HERESY - LEGIONES ASTARTES: AGE OF DARKNESS ARMY LIST THE

HORUS HERESY - MECHANICUM: TAGHMATA ARMY LIST

THE HORUS HERESY - CRUSADE IMPERIALIS: ARMY LISTS

THE HORUS HERESY BOOK FIVE – TEMPEST

THE HORUS HERESY BOOK SIX – RETRIBUTION

THE HORUS HERESY BOOK SEVEN - INFERNO

THE HORUS HERESY BOOK EIGHT – MALEVOLENCE

THE HORUS HERESY BOOK NINE - CRUSADE

Army lists should be presented in an easy to read format, all relevant weapon selections and unit upgrades that should be selected prior to a game with limited extraneous information.

2.2 MODELING AND PAINTING

Playing exciting, atmospheric games with finely detailed, painted miniatures is intrinsic to the Warhammer experience. With this in mind, all miniatures in your collection must be Games Workshop or Forge World miniatures (excluding basing or scratchbuilt components), and be fully assembled and painted to at least a Battle Ready standard.

More information on Battle Ready can be found at Warhammer-Community.com

2.2 MODELING AND PAINTING (CONT.)

CONTRAST METHOD



CLASSIC METHOD



Each model must accurately represent its entry on your army roster. Many players “scratch build” or heavily convert elements of their model collection, and these activities are a hallowed part of Warhammer hobby history. For the sake of fairness, any conversion should be comparable in size to the most current version of the model they represent. You may not gain a benefit from converted models, but may incur penalties.

For any converted or scratch built models, you must seek permission from whworldevents@gwplc.com including photos of the models in question where possible, at least two weeks before the event. If you do not obtain permission for conversions before this date, you run the risk of them being removed from play, or possibly incurring score penalties.

A NOTE ON BASING:

Many models are no longer produced on the bases they originally came with. Wherever possible, base your models according to their current boxed kit. As with other exceptions, if you wish to have a model reviewed, please email whworldevents@gwplc.com for approval.

3.0 THE PLAYERS CODE & POLICIES

3.1 PLAYER CONDUCT POLICIES

There is a famous adage that says, 'It matters not if you win or lose, it's how you play the game.' We believe that Horus Heresy games are best played in this spirit, and at Warhammer World events we place great emphasis on playing excellent games with like-minded people at the home of Games Workshop. Therefore we expect players to play each game with a certain code of conduct to support this. When you arrive at your table for a game, greet your opponent, introduce yourself, hand over a printed version of your army list, talk through and point out any additional unit bonuses from your army list and start the game promptly. We then expect players to treat each other positively and demonstrate good sportsmanship throughout each game.

Everybody Loses from Time to Time:

Finally, be ready to lose a few games of Warhammer! It seems an odd thing to say, but it is in the nature of any event that only a few players (at most!) will finish the weekend without a loss. Barring ties, half of you will lose your very first game of the weekend, in fact! Winning with skill and grace is a rewarding and perfectly acceptable goal. Losing with skill and grace, however, is both more challenging and more laudable. These events present you the opportunity to build friendships with fellow hobbyists who share your interests - friendships you can renew and celebrate every time you travel to Warhammer World or local events. A single great friendship built out of your experiences at these will outweigh any number of individual victories across your battles this weekend. In fact, if you do your best, have a great time, and build some lasting friendships... you haven't really lost at all!

3.2 JUDGES

Event staff will be prominently visible in the tournament hall throughout the event and hold the final say on all game rules and tournament issues. Individual rulings, however, are never binding precedent - it's a game, not a court of law. Rulings will always be based on correct rules interpretations rather than adhering to previous precedent. When calling for assistance, please be prepared to provide any relevant rules to the particular question.

A Note on Active Judging.

At Warhammer World, judges are empowered to actively stop instances of illegal play, with or without a player's specific request for intervention. If a player has concerns at any point, they are always welcome and encouraged to call a judge. While we will not have judges at every table, and we cannot stop every instance of a minor misplay, our goal here is to make sure all the games at Warhammer World are enjoyable for everyone.

3.3 QUIT POLICY

We expect all players to see the game through to the very end and not concede, as doing so can impact tiebreakers and, ultimately, the final rankings. In the unlikely event that a player does concede before the game has reached its natural conclusion, then the conceding player earns a loss and zero points, The winning player records a win and records as if he had achieved all secondary objectives and counts the entire army as having been destroyed for victory points conditions for that game. Of course, if you have some kind of emergency that means you can't proceed, just let the event staff know right away.

4.0 EVENT FORMAT

4.1 SCORING

At the end of each game, use the provided score sheet to record your results and provide them to the judges table. There may also be an option for reporting your results digitally on the day. The player with the most Victories will be the winner. A player will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for a draw. In the case of a tie the players will be split using the following tiebreakers:

- Victories
- Draws
- Strength of Schedule
- Points value of enemy units destroyed—this is the total, in points, of enemy units that have been destroyed. Any units not on the board at the end of the game count as destroyed.

4.2 EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday

09:00 - 10:00	Registration in Bugmans
10:00 - 10:15	Briefing
10:15 - 13:00	Round 1
13:00 - 13:45	Lunch in the canteen
13:45 - 16:30	Round 2
16:30 - 17:00	Break
17:00 - 19:45	Round 3
20:00	Gaming Hall Closes
22:00	Bugmans closes

Sunday

9:00 - 10:00	Bugman's open
10:00 - 12:45	Round 4
12:45 - 13:45	Lunch and Best Army voting
13:30 - 16:00	Round 5
17:00	Awards Presentations and home

4.3 GAME SPEED MILESTONES

Outside of tournaments, most players do not complete their games against a set clock. As a result, when a loudspeaker shouts “two hours remaining,” most players don't naturally think “OK, we should almost be done with the entire first game round!” To help with this, rather than simply calling time left, event staff will call time based upon the place in the game you should on average be at, and these will also be shown on the projectors in the gaming hall. These time calls exist to help keep the flow of play moving, and are not binding. For clarity, this provides each player with, on average, the following time breakdown for the typical game:

- Pre-Game Mission, Review army lists: 5 Minutes (both players)
- Deploying models: 10 Minutes (both players)
- Playing your First Turn: 20 Minutes per player
- Playing your Second Turn: 15 Minutes per player
- Playing your Third Turn: 12 Minutes per player
- Playing your Fourth Turn: 10 Minutes per player
- • Playing your Fifth Turn: 10 Minutes per player

4.3 GAME SPEED MILESTONES (CONT.)

Judges have access to a variety of mechanisms for speeding up or ensuring game completion should milestones be repeatedly missed.

All players are expected to finish their games, and to attend with an army list they feel comfortable playing a complete game within 2 hours and thirty minutes. You must not intentionally leverage the clock to disadvantage your opponent.

A Note on Lateness:

Should you arrive late to Round 1 of the event, you may lose your spot to a person on the Waitlist. Assuming your spot is still available, you will be paired with any other late arrivals (again, where relevant) with a mandate to complete your game in the original Round time. A subsequently incomplete game may result in point penalties. If you arrive late to the first round on Day 2 or 3 of the event, you may incur a penalty.

4.4 EVENT AWARDS

The Horus Heresy hobby is multi-faceted; including social, gaming, and artistic components. With that in mind we will award the following prizes:

- Best General 1st, 2nd, 3rd - these will be the players with the highest gaming scores
- Best Painted Army
- Favourite Opponent

4.5 PAIRINGS

Your opponent for your first game will be randomly determined. Subsequent rounds will be organised using a swiss system. If you ever find yourself facing off against a player you have faced previously please contact a member of the events team.

A Note on Results Reporting. Many players around the world happily participate in independently-run, often local ranking systems. Where relevant (such as the ITC), we will submit results sorted by Generalship for these standings.



5.0 TERRAIN

5.1 TABLE LAYOUTS

Terrain will be set out on tables prior to Game 1. Before each game please adjust the terrain to follow the rules for objective and terrain placement. If you have any issues with terrain placement please ask one of the Event staff for assistance.

6.0 HEALTH & SAFETY

At Games Workshop, the health and wellbeing of our staff, their families and loved ones, and the wider community in which we operate is our top priority. When you attend one of our events, you can rest assured that we will be doing everything we can to make it as safe and enjoyable a time as possible.

At a minimum, Games Workshop will always follow government guidance in every area in which we operate. Where we feel we should include additional measures to further improve the safety of our community, we will.

Whilst we can't be certain what the exact rules will be for each of our events yet, at every event, you can certainly expect to see:

- Reduced capacities to help people can keep distanced where possible
- Organization to reduce crowding and bottlenecks in any particular area
- Measures to reduce sharing of equipment
- Sanitisation stations
- Specific details will be communicated with all players closer to the event.

CONTACT US

If you wish to ask any questions, discuss any conversions or to find out more about our events, please feel free to get in touch with us:

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