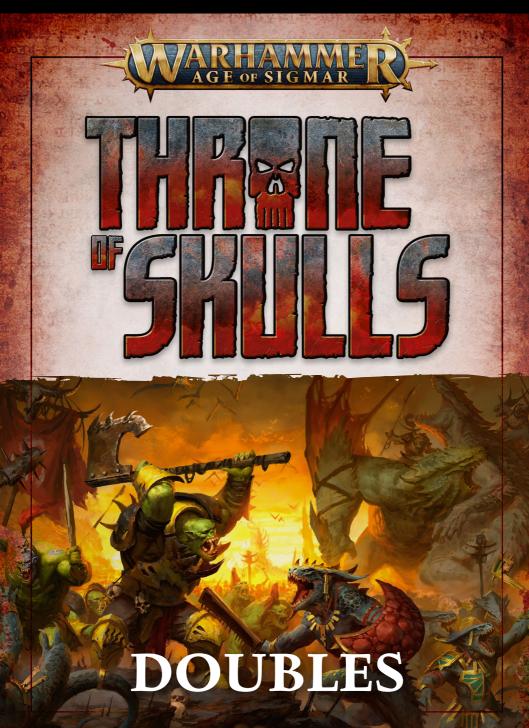
# WARHAMMER WORLD





The Warhammer Age of Sigmar Doubles Tournament is a casual matched play event for a gaming team of two. Comrades in arms must join forces, pool resources, and fight side-byside for honour, glory and the spoils of war. Teams are not only rewarded for their battlefield skill, but also their all-round hobby acumen, sportspersonship and beautiful looking armies. If you want to test yourselves in the crucible of battle with good cheer and awesome miniatures, but with a friend at your side, then a Warhammer Age of Sigmar Doubles Tournament is for you.

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# 1.0 EVENT ESSENTIALS

System:	Warhammer Age of Sigmar, Matched Play Battlepack, General's Handbook 2025-26.
Format:	Doubles. You will play as a team of two throughout the weekend.
Registration:	Saturday at 9:00 AM.
Location:	Warhammer World, Willow Rd, Lenton, Nottingham, NG7 2WS
Battle Size:	1,000 points per player for a total army size of 2,000 points.
Board Size:	60" x 44"
Battleplans:	Matched Play battleplans from the latest General's Handbook.
No. of Games:	Five
Army Composition:	Use the rules in Army Composition (Advanced Rules)
Tools of War:	Attendees are expected to bring their army, dice, a tape measure, and all relevant rules publications.
Refreshments:	Lunch is included both days of the event. A water machine for refilling bottles is present in the Gaming Hall. Drinks, snacks, and additional meals are available to purchase from Bugman's Bar.
	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 WHAT IS A THRONE OF SKULLS EVENT?

Throne of Skulls events are a unique event format found at Warhammer World and are very heavily weighted towards so called 'soft' scores. These may not appeal to all gamers, but may be just the thing that some players are looking for. The events are named after the iconic Throne of Skulls trophy, awarded to the player who shows excellence in all aspects of the hobby. To become a Throne of Skulls Champion, a team needs to be skilled in the arts of generalship, army theme and/or painting, and be able to ensure that they make the game enjoyable for both themselves and their opponent. Points are awarded for these three areas. The only one of these that you can directly control is how you play the game. The points for Favourite Army and Favourite Game are given to you by your opponents at the end of the event.

#### 2.1 How Do You Decide Who To Reward?

This is entirely up to you. Your criteria for awarding your Favourite Game and Favourite Army votes do not have any set criteria. Your Favourite Army votes could be determined by the list of miniatures your opponent has chosen. If a team has picked a list with a unique or memorable theme this could also be a deciding factor. Or you may pick an army based on how well it has been converted or painted.

Remember there is a separate Favourite Army painting competition, so your decision for the Throne of Skulls points does not have to be based solely on how an army looks.

The same goes for choosing your Favourite Games. Your opponents may have been outgoing and great fun, but this should not form the basis of your decision. You may have played a team who were quiet or more reserved, but the game could well have been close and exciting, so would be equally deserving of your vote.

#### 2.2 Becoming a Throne of Skulls Champion

Our Throne of Skulls Champion will be determined by a straight 33% split of gaming scores, Favourite Army votes, and Favourite Game votes. When you have submitted your scores using Best Coast Pairings your score will be converted to Tournament points using the following system

- Victory 3 points
- Draw 1 point
- Loss 0 points

You can score a maximum of 15 Tournament points from your games.

#### 2.3 Favourite Game And Army Scores

Favourite game and army scores are calculated by voting in the following two categories when you hand in your final results at the end of the event. You get two votes in each category, and you must vote only for the players and armies you played against. This is also a secret ballot, so don't let anyone see who you've voted for. Every player must use their four votes as they are integral to the event. Each vote you receive counts as three points towards your total Throne of Skulls score – this means you can receive a maximum of fifteen points for Favourite Game votes and fifteen points for Favourite Army votes.

## 2.0 WHAT IS A THRONE OF SKULLS EVENT? (cont.)

Favourite Game – Vote for the two teams you enjoyed playing against the most (note that you can't vote for the same team twice!). Maybe they displayed excellent sportspersonship, perhaps they were positive and friendly, or it was generally a fun and engaging game.

Favourite Army\* – Vote for the two armies you played against that you liked the most (note that you can't vote for the same army twice!). An entertaining or unique collection of units, excellent painting standards, a fantastic centrepiece miniature, spectacular conversions, or an overall complementary theme may make up your mind.

\* Please note this is separate from the Favourite Army competition that happens during Sunday lunchtime.

#### 2.5 Tiebreakers

If a team earns the same tournament score at the end of the event as another team, we will use the following tiebreakers to establish final rankings. They are listed here in order of priority:

- Gaming Score
- Favourite Game votes
- Favourite Army votes

If teams are still tied they will finish in the same position.

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.

#### 2.4 Throne of Skulls Score Example

Edd's team has won three games and lost two games, earning a tournament score so far of 9. They then receive three Favourite Game votes and two Favourite Army votes, which are added to the 9 points they scored from their games for a total overall score of 24 out of a possible 45 points.

## 3.0 ARMY CONSTRUCTION AND PAINTING

#### 3.1 Doubles Armies and How They Work

Each player will require an army of no more than 1,000 points to play at this event. These two armies then combine in your games to create a Team Army. Your Team army roster comprises the rosters of both players' armies.

Details for creating your army can be found in Army Composition 2025-26.

When building your army roster, use all the most up to date Warhammer Age of Sigmar rules found in the Warhammer Age of Sigmar Faction Packs, any legal battletomes, and the points and regiment options in the most recent Battle Profiles document which can be found in the download section on <u>warhammer-community</u>. <u>com</u>.

Each player's 1,000 point army is entirely their own and must be fully contained within their own army roster, with the following exceptions:

- Each player's army must be created from the same Grand Alliance, so you cannot take a Team Army consisting of Soulblight Gravelords and Stormcast Eternals for example.
- Your Team Army may be composed of two armies from the same faction.
- Your Team Army can have a maximum of 5 regiments. These do not have to be split evenly between each player.
- Unique units can only be included once per Team Army.
- Instead of both players picking battle tactics cards for their own army roster, the Team must pick 2 battle tactics cards for their Team Army roster.

- Each army cannot include more than 1 Monster worth more than 300 pts. Mancrusher Mob units are an exception to this rule and can be picked in an army with a Mega-Gargant.
- Your Team can pick either 1 Universal Manifestation Lore for both players to use or up to 2 faction Manifestation Lores.
- You cannot duplicate Enhancements, Spell or Prayer lores in a Team.
- You can't use both the Scourge of Ghyran variant and the original warscroll for a particular unit in the same Team Army.

When playing your games, rules that relate to an army or player will relate to your Team. For example, if one player's miniatures gain control of an objective, the Team gains control of it, and abilities with a 'Once Per...' restriction will apply as 'Once Per Team'.

- At the start of each game you must nominate 1 General from your Team to lead your Team Army so your opponents know which regiments apply for any Seasonal rules.
- Command points are shared by the Team.



# 3.0 ARMY CONSTRUCTION AND PAINTING(cont.)

#### 3.2 Army Rosters

Army rosters must be presented in an easy to read format and include all relevant weapon selections and unit upgrades that must be picked prior to a battle. We recommend using the Warhammer Age of Sigmar app to build your army roster. All text must be clearly readable for us and your opponents to check. Army rosters should be uploaded to Best Coast Pairings before the start of round 1.

You must use the same army roster for each game, and all choices available to you must be noted on your army roster. Your roster must include things like which miniature is your general, your battle formation, which miniatures have which enhancements and your lores (spells, prayers and manifestation).

Any kind of ability you can pick before the game must be decided before the event and recorded on your army roster. These choices are made for the event, and as they are part of your army roster, cannot be changed during the event.

### 3.3 Modelling and Painting

Playing exciting, atmospheric games with finely detailed, painted miniatures is intrinsic to the Warhammer experience. Painting your miniatures, taking them from bare plastic to fully realised warriors, is also one of the most satisfying parts of the Warhammer hobby. 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 a Battle Ready standard. Battle Ready miniatures have their main areas coloured and a simple finish on their bases. Check out our Battle Ready tutorials for inspiration or head to your local Warhammer store where the friendly staff can help you find the paints you need and answer your questions. Below are some examples of miniatures painted to a Battle Ready standard.



# 3.0 ARMY CONSTRUCTION AND PAINTING(cont.)

Don't forget, each miniatures must accurately represent its entry on your army roster (What You See Is What You Get - WYSIWYG).

Many players "scratch build" or heavily convert elements of their miniature 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 miniature they represent. You may not gain a benefit from converted miniatures, but may incur penalties. It is recommended you label or provide a reference sheet for heavily converted miniatures, to assist your opponent with miniature/unit recognition.

For any converted or scratch built miniatures, you must seek permission from <u>whworldevents@gwplc.com</u> including photos of the miniatures 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

Every miniature in your army must be based on the correct base. The Battle Profiles 2024-25 details the correct base size for each miniature (which is typically the base that is contained with the current boxed kit) and can be downloaded from warhammer-community.com/downloads.

As with other exceptions, if you wish to have a miniature reviewed, please email <u>whworldevents@gwplc.com</u> for approval.

# 4.0 TOURNAMENT FORMAT

#### 4.1 Best Coast Pairings

Best Coast Pairings will be used for running the event. We recommend familiarising yourself with the software as it will speed up registration for you on the day and allow you to upload your army rosters, as well as enter all your game results throughout the weekend.

Rosters must be uploaded before Round 1. Rosters will remain hidden until the pairings for the first round have been generated. Online registration will open during the week ahead of the event and we will email you all the details, this will be sent to the email address used to buy tickets for the event. Please note it is not a requirement for you to use the Best Coast Pairings software. If you do not wish to do this we can register you in person on the day of the event.

#### 4.2 Event Schedule

#### Saturday

09:00 - 10:00	Bugman's Bar opens. Please
	Register in the Gaming Hall
10:00 - 10:15	Briefing
10:15 - 13:00	Round 1
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch in the canteen
14:00 - 16:45	Round 2
16:45 - 17:15	Break
17:15 - 20:00	Round 3
20:00	Gaming Hall Closes
20:00	Warhammer World Closes

#### Sunday

 9:00 - 10:00
 Bugman's Bar opens

 10:00 - 12:45
 Round 4

 12:45 - 13:45
 Lunch and Best Army voting

 13:45 - 16:30
 Round 5

 17:00
 Awards Presentations

#### 4.3 Pairings

Your opponent for your first game will be randomly determined. Subsequent rounds will be organised using a Swiss-system where you will be paired randomly with another team on the same record. If you ever find yourself facing off against a team you have faced previously, please contact a member of the events team.

#### 4.4 Scoring

At the end of each game you should input your results into the Best Coast Pairings player app.

#### 4.5 Game Speed Milestones

Outside of tournaments, most players do not complete their games against a set clock. Rather than simply announcing the 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:

#### Review Battleplan, Review army lists: 5 Minutes (both players)

Deploying armies: 10 Minutes (both players) Playing your First Turn: 20 Minutes per player Playing your Second Turn: 18 Minutes per player Playing your Third Turn: 15 Minutes per player Playing your Fourth Turn: 10 Minutes per player Playing your Fifth Turn: 10 Minutes per player

## 4.0 TOURNAMENT FORMAT (cont.)

The milestones for a round breakdown as:

- 2:45.00 remaining: Start round (Formally)
- 2:40.00 remaining: Complete pre-game discussions and decisions
- 2:30.00 remaining: Deployment Complete, Begin Round 1
- 1:50.00 remaining: First Battle Round Complete, Begin Round 2
- 1:14.00 remaining: Second Battle Round Complete, Begin Round 3
- 0:44 minutes remaining: Third Battle Round Complete, Begin Round 4
- 0:24 minutes remaining: Fourth Battle Round Complete, Begin Round 5
- 0:04 minutes remaining: Do not begin a new Battle Round without Judge Permission

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 45 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 (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 of the tournament, you may incur a penalty.

#### 4.6 Event Awards

The Warhammer Age of Sigmar hobby is multifaceted, including social, gaming, and artistic components. With that in mind we will award the following prizes:

- First place for the team that ranks highest overall.
- Second place for the team that ranks second.
- Third place for the team that ranks third.
- Most Sporting Team for the team with the most Favourite Game votes, with highest overall ranking as the tiebreaker.
- Mortarchs for the highest ranked Death team (based on gaming scores only).
- Lord-Celestants for the highest ranked Order team (based on gaming scores only).
- Greater Daemons for the highest ranked Chaos team (based on gaming scores only).
- Megabosses for the highest ranked Destruction team (based on gaming scores only).

### 4.0 TOURNAMENT FORMAT (cont.)

- Favourite Army (1st, 2nd, 3rd) as voted by you, for the most impressive-looking team army.
- Best Army (Judges' Choice).

#### 4.7 Favourite Army Painting Competition

The events team will nominate a shortlist of teams for the Favourite Army Competition. This is a prestigious award for hobbyists who manage to achieve a truly excellent standard of hobby consistently across their whole force. To be nominated for this award, we expect both members of the team to put in the time and effort to complete their hobby project. This means both players must build and paint their respective portions of the army. Doubles events are unique in that some teams go to great efforts to create a cohesive force between them. This might be a common theme, complementary colour choice, similar heraldry, or consistent basing. Peer judging will take place with the winning team earning the Best Army award.

The events team may specify additional requirements during the event for any unusual or particularly large entries. If you have any queries regarding the competitions, feel free to contact us before the event. Please note that to win any of our Painting competitions, each player must have built and painted the miniatures themselves.



# 5.0 TERRAIN

#### 5.1 Table Layouts

Terrain will be set out on tables prior to Game 1. In subsequent battles, both players should work together to set up the battlefield as shown on the corresponding battlefield terrain layout map while maintaining the distance restrictions between the battlefield edge, objectives and other terrain features. If you have any issues with terrain placement please ask one of the event staff for assistance.

The Terrain Reference Sheet on your table lists what universal terrain rules each piece of terrain has. If the terrain is based, then that base is used to define if a miniature is on or wholly on terrain.

#### 5.2 Faction Terrain

Every effort should be made to allow players to use their faction terrain that they have spent time to paint. If faction terrain cannot be placed then please speak to a tournament organiser who will adjust the battlefield to accommodate the piece.





## 6.0 THE PLAYERS CODE AND POLICIES

#### 6.1 Player Conduct Policies

There is a famous adage that goes, 'It matters not if you win or lose, it's how you play the game.' We believe that Warhammer Age of Sigmar is a game best played in this spirit, and to help with this, we've put together a set of guidelines that we call the 'Player's Code.'

The cardinal rules of the Player's Code are all you really need to follow, as the principles that come below them are really just examples of the cardinal rules in practice. If you follow the Player's Code, you'll find yourself having more fun, and what's more, you'll be playing Warhammer Age of Sigmar as it's meant to be played - as an enjoyable pastime played in a spirit of friendly rivalry.

# THE PLAYER'S CODE

#### **CARDINAL RULES**

- Always be polite and respectful.
- Always tell the truth and never cheat.

#### PRINCIPLES

- Arrive on time with all of the things you need to play the game.
- Make a respectful gesture to your opponent before and after the game, such as offering a handshake, wishing them good luck, etc.
- Avoid using language your opponent might find offensive.
- Ask your opponent's permission if you wish to use unpainted models or substitute models.
- Offer your opponent a chance to examine your army roster before the battle starts.
- Answer any questions your opponent has about your army and the rules that apply to your army.
- Measure moves and distances carefully and accurately.

- Give your opponent the chance to examine your dice rolls before picking up the dice.
- Ask permission before touching any of your opponent's miniatures.
- Remind your opponent about rules they may have forgotten to use or that they have used incorrectly, especially when doing so is to your opponent's advantage rather than your own.
- Never deliberately waste time during a game.
- Avoid distracting an opponent when they are trying to concentrate, and be careful to respect their personal space.
- Never complain about your bad luck or your opponent's good luck.
- Never fix the outcome of a game.



## 6.0 THE PLAYERS CODE & POLICIES (cont.)

#### **Everybody Loses from Time to Time.**

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 teams (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!

#### 6.2 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. The first place judges will look is at any relevant rules publications, so we recommend having a read yourself before calling us over. If players do require us to make a ruling, the event staff's decision is final.

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.

#### 6.3 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 team does concede before the game has reached its natural conclusion, then the conceding player earns a loss and zero points. The winning team records a major victory and maximum points for their grand strategy and battle tactics for the rounds remaining.

Of course, if you have some kind of emergency that means you can't proceed, let the event staff know right away.

# 7.0 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.

# **CONTACT US**

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

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