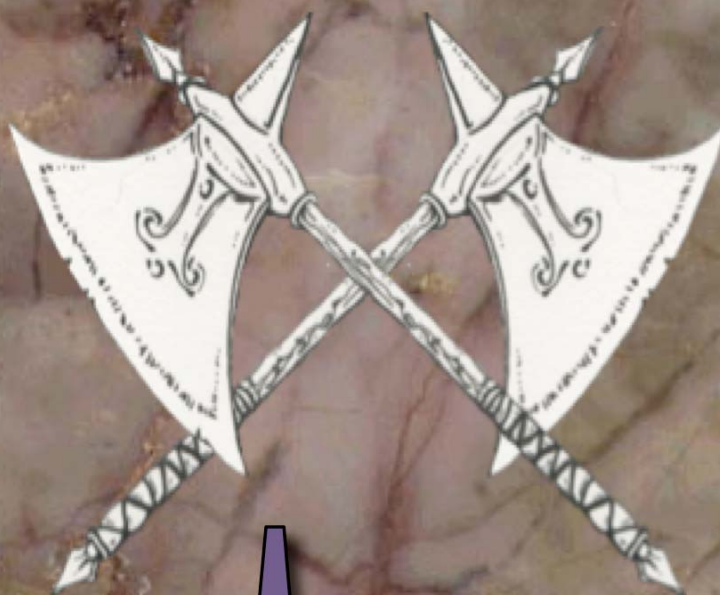


Battle



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Note that the cards offered with this free version of the game are very basic in nature. If you want nice cards, with full color art, then you will have to buy the deluxe system and the different card sets which are offered for sell at several sites on line.

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Introduction

Battle Axe is a dice less skirmish system for tabletop miniature game play. The system is meant to give players a wealth of options and game play, but also offer them the experience of seeing their tactics and game play win the day, and not watch the dice determine who wins.

Game Construction

Once you are ready to play Battle Axe, the first thing you will find necessary is to construct the game components. For the most part, the amount of time and extra expense you are willing to put into the game's construction is up to you. The simplest format is to print up all the needed parts and then just cut them out and go to it. Paper cards are though, a bit difficult to deal with, so if you wish to continue to play Battle Axe over and over again, and we hope you do, then you may want to invest a bit of time and effort in making your game components more durable and usable.

Suggestions on Component's Construction and Printing

First off, you should, if you want to spend the money, buy some good quality paper. Use this to print out the various cards and handouts. High end paper will give you a better quality image and if you set your printer to its highest quality setting, you should get a nice set of counters and cards.

Cards are supplied with a front and back, so just print up a copy and then fold them along the seam. Glue the two parts together and you have a nice card for use in the game. If you like, you may laminate these cards, or buy protective cards sleeves for them. As you may want to use a washable marker on these cards to record damage and other effects, this protective sheath is suggested.

The figures you use are up to you, as there is a wealth of metal, plastic and even paper minis on the market, so have fun looking for the right figures to match the look of your War Band. Note that the game is based on 28 mm figures, so try to look for and use figures that are set to this scale. Terrain can be as simple as paper cutouts to elaborate metal and plastic kits, use what you want and have fun with it.

Getting Started

Once you have the cards and figures ready to go, each player will need to build a War Band and gather the cards needed to construct a War Band Deck. Terrain is then placed on a tabletop and the game is played. For the most part players will take turns playing cards, moving their figures about the battlefield and trying to either kill their foe's characters, or achieve some sort of objective. Games tend to run from 30 minutes to an hour, so get ready to have some fast fun.

War Band Construction

Before a game can be played, players must first pick a point total that both sides will have available for building their War Bands. As a general rule, 100 points is the standard point total, but fewer or more points can be thrown into the mix.

With these points, players will buy the various characters they wish to included in their War Band, with each Faction having a set list of what characters are available for play and their points cost. Most characters have additional options that can be bought for these characters, and thus players can customize their War Bands to an almost endless degree.

Once you have figured out who and what is in your War Band, you must construct a War Band Deck for the game. Using cards open for play as indicated by your various characters and factions, you can add cards to this War Band Deck in whatever way you want, with but a few restrictions.

1. A War Band Deck must include at least 20 cards, but more can be used.
2. Each character included in your War Band must have two of their cards present in the War Band Deck. Which cards you include, is up to you, but each character must have at least two. If you have more than two of the same character, then each character must have two of their cards included, they cannot share a card. Faction Cards do not count towards this two card r requirement.

Example:

Ted builds an Elven War Band and has a single Blade Dancer and Three Elven Warriors. The War Band Deck must have at least 20 cards; of which two must be Blade Dancer cards and six must be Elven Warrior Cards (X 3 Elven Warriors = 6 Elven Warrior Cards)

Card Rarity

War Band Cards come in one of four rarities, Common, Uncommon, Rare and Unique. The rarity of the card generally determines its overall power and effect in the game, but also the number of that card which can be included in your War Band Deck.

The number of a set card type and its rarity is shown below.

Common, 4
Uncommon, 3
Rare, 2
Unique, 1

War Band Cards can only be played on characters to which the card is set. Thus you cannot play an Elf Warrior card on a Goblin Thug. Faction Cards can be played on any character which has access to that Faction.

Example:

Ted is still building his Elven War Band Deck. He takes four Nimble Feet cards, as it is a common card, and two Forest Walk cards as it is a rare choice. (He would have taken more of the Forest Walk card, but its rarity limits him to only two of that card within his deck)

Setting Up the Battlefield

At the start of the game, both players will need to set up the Battlefield for the game to be played upon. As a general rule, all Battle Axe games are played on a flat 2' X 2' area, although if you want to you can increase the size of the battlefield to whatever you like. Note though, that increasing the size of the battlefield will increase the time it takes to play the game.

Each player, once the battlefield has been determined, should draw a single Fate Card from the Fate Deck. Each player may then place a number of terrain piece equal to the value +1 of the Fate Card drawn. (Text only cards have a 0 value)

Example:

Ted and Paul are going to play a game. Ted draws a Red 1 Fate Card and Paul draws a Green 3 card. Ted will be able to place two terrain pieces on the battlefield while Paul can place up to four.

Note that players do not have to place all the terrain they have open to them, and can stop at any time they wish. As a general rule, the player with the most terrain to place may place a single terrain piece first, with players trading off placing terrain until all terrain has been set.

Terrain once set cannot be moved, nor may it have other terrain set up on it. (Exceptions are buildings and ruins) Terrain may be placed so that it touches another piece of terrain.

Terrain Size and Type

The type of terrain and its overall size can be important in a game, so try to follow the guidelines given below.

Terrain Size

The shape of the terrain to be used in the game is up to you, but its overall size should not be larger than a 6" diameter per piece. Smaller pieces may be grouped together to form a single area of terrain.

Terrain Type

When a piece of terrain is placed, the player placing the terrain must declare the type of terrain that it will represent and its difficulty level.

Terrain types which are usable can be just about anything you want, ranging from brush to dense boulder fields and walls. A handy list is provided below.

Terrain Difficulty

The difficulty of the terrain can be one of four types. The difficulty of any set of terrain will have effects not only movement, but ranged combat and other factors in the game, so pick wisely.

Terrain Types and Difficulty

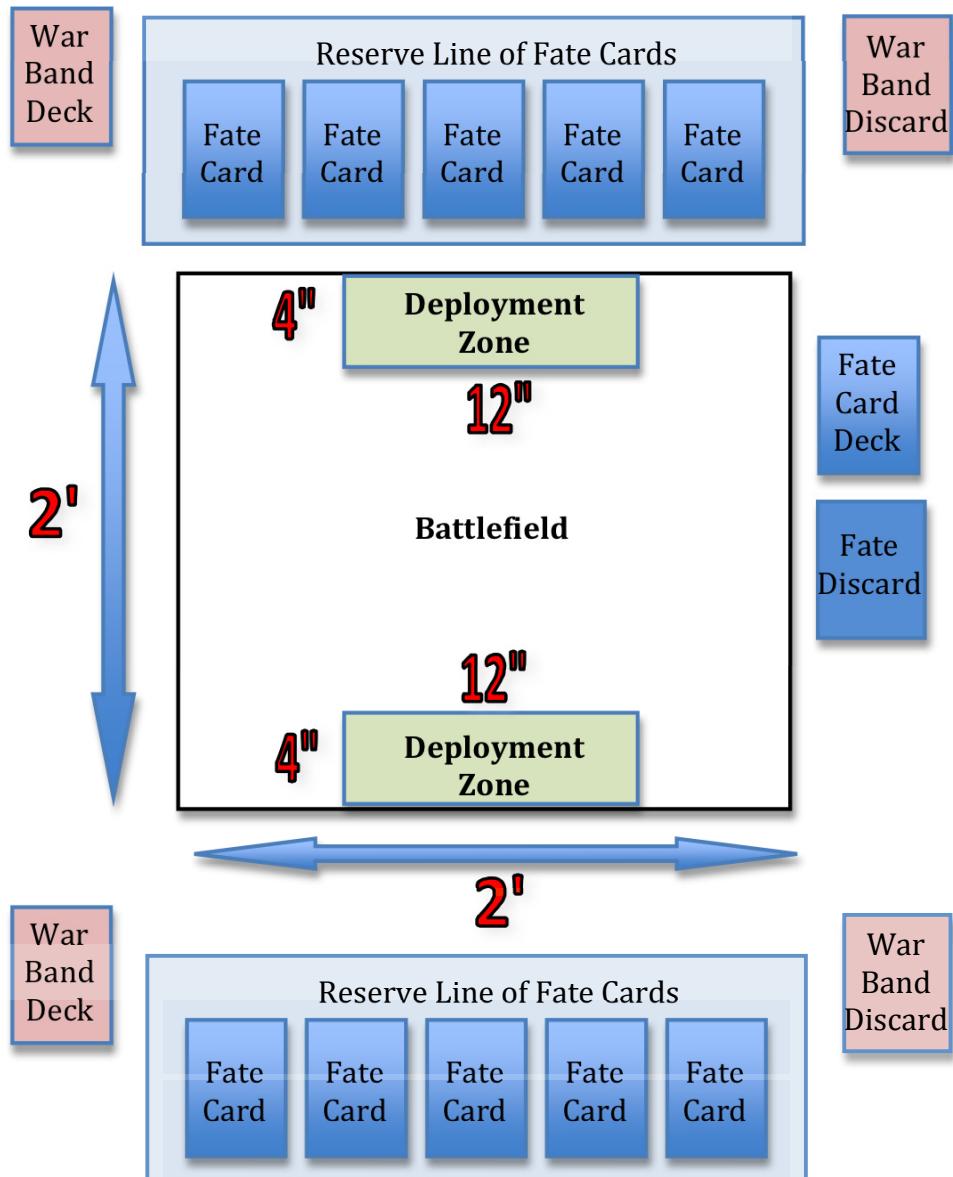
Open	Rough	Difficult	Impassible
Open Fields Grasslands Streets and Roads Desert Hard Ground Open Topped Hills	Light Brush Light Rock Fields Plowed Fields Muddy Fields Marsh Bogs Light Woods Small Stands of Trees Snow Covered Fields Shallow Rivers Shallow Streams Low Walls and Hedges	Thick Brush Thick Woods Heavy Boulder Fields Deep Snow Ice Covered Fields Pools and Ponds Deep Streams Deep Rivers Buildings Ruins Rubble High Walls	Towering Walls Cliffs Heavy, Dense Woods Sheer Boulders & Rock Fields Swift Moving Rivers Lakes Sea Shores

Deployment Zones

Once the Battlefield has been laid out, each player should draw a single Fate Card. The player with the highest value Fate Card gets to pick which side of the Battlefield they will deploy from. The losing player must then take the opposite side as his or her deployment zone.

A standard Deployment Zone is a 12" X 4" deep area set in the center of the edge of the Battlefield. All characters within your War Band will start the game within this area. No enemy characters, for whatever reason, may start the game in this zone.

Players should alternate placing a single character at a time until all characters have been placed.



Examples of the Cards and Counters that are offered with the full version of the game



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Worlds of Wonder

Worlds of Wonder is a fast, simple to play RPG system designed for use by advanced players who wish to create detailed characters without having to roll on endless charts and deal with endless rules.

After 30+ years of playing, running and designing games, be they RPG's or board games, we at Avalon have come to one conclusion. Its not the game's rules that make it enjoyable, but the people you play with. With that in mind, Worlds of Wonder takes the most important aspect of any RPG, the character creation, and tries to offer players, and their GM, the tools needed to make the time spent playing together well worth the time spent creating the characters.

Worlds of Wonder Expansions

Want more Worlds of Wonder? Try one of the many expansions for the system. More monsters, foes, magic, skill sets and gaming stuff to keep you occupied for weeks, months, hell maybe for a lifetime. Ever expanding, the WoW system is made for gaming fun, so don't wait, have an adventure and enter Worlds of Wonder.

Arcana

Arcana is generic world, designed for use with any Fantasy RPG System, and so the information presented here and in other Arcana expansions will of course be a bit vague as to stats, levels and powers. The intention is to give the GM and players a world rich in personality, history and depth, one where they can seek adventure, but use any RPG system they feel most conferrable with.

The basics of the game world are presented here in the core book, but as expansions are released, the complexity of the world will grow as more and more of its history, dangers and wonders are explored. When it is all said and done, Arcana will become a vast world of detailed and expansive depth, one where that you and your friends can full explore.

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Strength 3

Speed 8 / 1

Movement 4

Adrenal 4

Will 4

Health




Weapons and Armor


Weapons	As mod	Damage mod	Notes
Scimitar	-1	+1	-
Dagger	+0	-1	-

Special Abilities

- Savage Blow (Attack, 3)**
Grom can make a single savage attack, often killing a foe outright with a single blow of his deadly scimitar. You must declare this ability is being used before Attack Dice are rolled. On a single attack, Grom may add +2 Attack Dice to his total for that attack. (With no limit to the number of dice that can be rolled)
- Command (Move, 2)**
Grom may use his loud demanding bellows to command other orcs near by. When this ability is used, Grom may activate any one orc character, who is within five squares. This activated character may perform one action. (Note that the character may still take their normal actions when their turn comes up.) Gram may perform this ability but once a turn.
- Shatter Shield (Attack, 1)**
Grom often shatters shields and weapons with his mighty blows. Declare this ability before the Attack Dice are rolled. If Grom scores a hit, instead of doing any damage, he may shatter, and thus destroy, a foe's readied weapon or shield (Your choice.) If the foe does not have a readied weapon or shield, then this ability has no effect.
Magical items gain a save. Roll 1D6, and on a roll of 6+, the item resists the effect. Per five points of the item's cost, over the first five points, adds an extra +1 to the die roll is gained.



Spirit Tiger






Wolf



Kir



Sie

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