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**Single Day Tournament for 9<sup>th</sup> Edition Organised Play,  
Warhammer 40,000 Matched Play Event**

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# Welcome to First Blood 2023!

## Venue and Cost

First Blood is being held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February at the Kelmscott Hall – 60 River Road in Kelmscott. Tickets are \$45 per player and discounted for our Patreon Members via our Patreon page. Note that tickets are non-refundable but are transferable to another player for the same event.

## Tournament Structure

You will participate in a series of games, each against a different opponent. All games are to be played using the Warhammer 40,000 9<sup>th</sup> edition matched play Grand Tournament 2023 rules. You will have no more than **TWO Hours per game**. The first round of the event will be drawn at random while in the following 3 rounds, players will be matched using the swiss format. The only exception is that you can never play the same opponent twice. Should this happen a referee will step in and sort things out so that the players face fresh opponents of a suitable standing.

Your results will then be entered by you and your opponent into Best Coast Pairings to allow us to score the event.

## About this Rules Pack

This pack contains the full tournament rules for this event. All of the rules conventions and references are from UK publications. All competitors should be aware that where any rules interpretation is required, the Referee's decision will be final. If you have any questions about the event, then either e-mail: [obsec@optusnet.com.au](mailto:obsec@optusnet.com.au) or post your questions on the event facebook page and we will endeavour to respond as quickly as possible. Please also get in touch with us after the event and tell us what you thought!

## Emergency Info

If for some reason you experience last minute complications (such as falling ill or missing a bus) that will result in you being late or unable to come, please call the organizers as soon as you are able. We will do our best to accommodate you, but be aware that due to the tight schedule we are running it may not always be possible.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT: 0403 268 714**

## Spectators and Visitors

The event will be open for any spectators to come along and check the event. The day can be tough going however, so we will be respecting this and doing our best to ensure that there are no interruptions for the players from the general public.

Spectators (including players watching other games) must not touch anything on a table where a game is in progress and are not to distract or offer any advice or rules commentary at all. This includes helping to settle disputes. They must also keep a respectful distance from the table edge to allow the players room to move around. Anyone failing to follow these guidelines will receive a warning, and then will be asked to leave the room if they fail to comply.

## Mobile Phones

Pausing during gameplay to answer a call or an SMS can be annoying for your opponent. We request that all mobile phones be put on silent whilst games are in progress where possible.

## The Bye

While unlikely, in the event of a Bye round, this will be allocated to the player with the lowest Generalship points (randomly in game 1). They will automatically receive a win of 30 primary, 30 secondary for this round. No player will be asked to have more than 1 Bye Round.

## What to Bring?

Remember to bring any gaming material you require to play Warhammer 40,000 including:

- Your painted army!
- This Player Guide
- Rulebooks, codex, datasheets as needed and any relevant FAQ documents – hard copy or digital is permitted (Note that Battlescribe or similar army builders is not a substitute for an official rule book and players are expected to carry the required rules for their army)
- Pens and a notepad/paper
- Dice (Including special ones)
- Objective Markers, Templates & Tape measure
- Calculator
- Super glue (for emergency repairs)
- Spending money for food and drinks

# Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

7.45am	Check-in & Briefing
8.00am – 10.00am	Round 1
15 Minute Break	
10.15am – 12.15pm	Round 2
45 Minute Break	
1.00pm – 3.00pm	Round 3
15 Minute Break	
3.15pm – 5.15pm	Round 4
5.30pm	Awards

## Army Roster

Prior to the event you must submit a copy of your army roster for the Organisers to refer to in Best Coast Pairings.

**Lists must be submitted by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 11.59pm.** You must submit the list using your log in for Best Coast Pairings. If you expect to have any problems fulfilling this requirement, make sure you get in touch with the organizers before the due date. Lists will receive a penalty per day overdue of 5 points per game from your total score.

When submitting your roster, make sure you include:

- All pages of the roster itself
- Notarised break up of points values AND power level (for use when calculating strategic reserves)
- Codex and detachments in use
- Army Building stratagems (stratagems used when mustering your army or upgrading models like Chapter Master)
- Warlord & Warlord Traits, Psychic Powers, Relics and any other similar abilities must be listed and may not change for the event.

Though the judges will be scrutinizing rosters closely and informing players of any inconsistencies in their lists before the event, **we take no responsibility for any errors that escape our initial notice** – so please make absolutely certain that the roster you hand in is correct and conforms exactly to the army you will be using. Any errors discovered during the course of the tournament will result in the culprit losing all the Generalship score for every game in which that army has been used. The Organiser will then make changes to the list as required to make the list legal for future games – no discussion will be entered into. Double-check your calculations. Make sure that every item of equipment shown on the models in your army has been paid for (remember “what you see is what you get”). If you make a mistake and it is detected during the tournament you will lose points, even if the mistake was an honest one.

# Army Selection

No more than 1000 points may be spent on the army. Armies must follow the restrictions on army selection of their own codex with respect to the detachment they are part of. Your warlord must be clearly written down on your roster at the time of submission and may not be changed for the event.

In addition, the following points will apply for armies:

- All Warhammer 40,000 publications from Games Workshop including Black Library, White Dwarf and Forge World may be used (excluding Horus Heresy Publications) provided they are 9<sup>th</sup> edition rules. This includes all current FAQ documents.
- You **MUST** have a copy of any rules you wish to use for your opponent to view.
- Publications must be available at the time of list submission to be included in the above.
- Army lists **MUST** be battle forged. First Blood is a Matched Play INCURSION event and follows all the rules for that play format. This includes the 'Rule of 2' for units.
- This event is a highlander event – meaning you may not include 2 of the same datasheets in your force before using all the data sheets in the same slot at least once. Troops choices are exempt from this limit.
- Players may not include any single model or unit with **a combined total wound count of 16 or more wounds**. Troops choices are exempt from this limit.
- Models which have a 'maximum number of wounds per phase' rule may not be used in this event.
- Players must use a single Arks of Omen detachment for their army – allied detachments may not be used.
- Your warlord must be nominated in your army list and may not be changed for the duration of the event.
- All models must be miniatures of the appropriate type for the troops they represent. Conversions are allowed however the conversion should clearly represent the model they are converted to be.
- Weapons, armour options and upgrades chosen from the army list must be shown on the majority of the models in a unit. You may use converted miniatures to represent troop types that are not yet available. **Remember WYSIWYG is required.**
- While we would prefer the majority of models used in an army be Games Workshop models, models from other companies that clearly represent entries from the relevant codex may be used as long as they are the right size and shape with the correct weapons and war gear visible but **must be checked by a Judge first.**
- Any models required for summoning or similar abilities must conform to the above requirements.
- Models are assumed to be used on the most current base sizes available from Games Workshop. You may use models on alternate base sizes if they were supplied with them in a past release or if you have spoken with the organisers.
- **Any and all models not conforming to the restrictions above will be asked by the Judges to be removed from play.**

## Each player's army list will:

1. List which model will be the warlord and its warlord trait. Additionally, list the psychic powers and 'free' relic being used.
2. Show all necessary info such as the players name, army list, detachments used with associated keywords, command points, unit points, role and power level – required for reserves/reinforcements.
3. Show upgrades to complex units on a model by model basis including wargear points break up.
4. Show any stratagems used at list creation or when mustering your army and show the CP spent.
5. Show the selected psychic powers, relics, similar items in the army on units.

**Please note – the Tournament Organisers reserve the right to make changes as required due to new releases or FAQ changes.**

## Recommended Reading

The following rules will be used this year and are recommended reading for all competitors:

The most recent Warhammer 40,000 Q&As and rules errata documents, available at:

- <https://www.warhammer-community.com/faqs/>

## Scenarios

Later in this pack you will find the 4 missions per day you will be playing for the event. These missions are directly taken from the Grand Tournament 2023 book including all secondary objectives.

The referees will do their best to ensure that all players are matched on 4 different tables during the course of each day though this cannot be guaranteed.

## Time Keeping

Players will have 2 hours per round to complete their games, including setup time. Part of the challenge of the tournament is making tactical decisions under pressure, so games should be played at a reasonably quick pace. Don't wait until it's your turn to consider your next moves! If you are concerned with a slow playing opponent – please notify the TO's straight away!

## Scoring

At the end of each game, both players will be required to fill in a scorecard to log the results of the game. This will be a hard copy handed in to the organiser table as well as being completed via Best Coast Pairings.

## Tables and Terrain

**Games are played on a 44"x30" table.** Scenery for each battle will have been set up by the referees and may not be moved or changed in any way. Area terrain that is not based will draw a straight line from the ends of wall sections to determine if a unit is within the area of the terrain. See later in the pack for Terrain in depth.

## Sportsmanship

Players are to speak in English only and are expected to conduct themselves with proper decorum. As such, should a player be judged to be behaving inappropriately during the event, they will be initially banned from the gaming room for the remainder of the current round and will forfeit their game following the rules for a player conceding in the Grand Tournament 2020 book.

Should a player be asked to leave twice, they will forfeit the remainder of the games, will be asked to not return and will be banned from future Objective Secured events. If you have concerns about a player during or after a game – please notify a referee.

## Referees

During each round, the event referees will be doing the rounds so ensure that games are progressing smoothly and will be available should help be needed. Remember though, that your first point of call for any question should be the rulebook, relevant army book, Q&A / errata document or this pack. If you really need a referee to sort out a rules question, then you are free to call one over, and our referees may intervene if they see an argument brewing. The referee's decision will be final and no discussion will be entered into during the event.

## Winning First Blood

### Best All Rounder (Combined Total Score 0-440)

As a hobby event, we feel it is necessary to reward players who not only score well on the table but put the effort into fantastic looking armies and behaving with sportsmanship and integrity. The winner of this category will have the highest total combine score across generalship, painting and sportsmanship. Countbacks will be completed on generalship first then painting then sportsmanship if required.

### Generalship (0-8 round points, 0-400 Battle Points)

Work out your mission points as per the mission objectives – primary and secondary. Players will be awarded round points based on your win 2/draw 1/loss 0 record. The player who has the highest round points total for all 4 games each day will be awarded the Generalship award. In the case of a tie, a countback will be completed first using Victory Points then Strength of Schedule.

### Painting (0-30)

Fully painted armies are awesome to see on the tabletop and we always enjoy rewarding those that show of their forces. The Painting Award will be determined by player vote. At lunch time on each day, all players are asked to set up their army for the other players to vote on. When voting, players should consider the painting techniques used, colour selection, basing details and overall army appearance when scoring. The player who receives the most player votes will be awarded the Painting award.

During the course of the day the judges will move around the room and score players armies using the matrix found later in this pack. This score will be used to generate a score which will go towards the best all rounder award.

#### Using bought or borrowed armies:

It's not uncommon now for players to use armies that include miniatures which they haven't painted themselves. However, we do want to ensure that the 'Best Painted' awards go to the players who did paint their armies themselves and for this reason you'll be asked to indicate to the Judges whether you painted the entire army yourself or if someone else helped. Therefore whilst bought or borrowed armies will still allow you to compete for generalship, they will be ineligible for any painting awards.

## RESULTS

Event results will be available to players on the Objective Secured Website and Facebook Page as well as a full listing being uploaded to Objective Secured shortly afterwards with the event coverage. Feel free to share your own awesome pictures with us as well!

Judges Painting Score Card

	score	Max score
<b>Paint Application</b>		
Bare Minimum (ie Battle Ready)	0	
Solid Tabletop (Battle ready plus additional details/shading/highlighting)	3	
Advanced (Solid Tabletop plus extra details/blending/tonal range in shading)	6	
Showcase (competition level)	9	9
<b>Model Preparation</b>		
Score from 3 random samples		
Prep work evident with no obvious defects in clean up and assembly		
1	1	
2	1	
3	1	3
<b>Basing</b>		
Bare Minimum (Single texture or flat colour or clear acrylic)	0	
Solid Table Top (Minimum plus extra details/points of interest/static grass etc or pre-sculpted bases)	2	
Showcase (competition level)	4	4
<b>Army Wide</b>		
Does the army look cohesive	1	
Does the basing for the army match across the whole army	1	
Are the units easily identifiable from each other (ie unit markings or similar)	1	
Is there freehand work evident on at least 25% of the army (does not include edge highlights or similar)	1	
Are there extensive conversions in the army - at least 25% of models (including kit bash models)	1	
Have the centrepiece model(s) for the army received extra attention in their finish	1	6
<b>Hobby Extras</b>		
Basic Display Board (single flat surface or tray with minimum texture or effects)	1	
Advanced Display Board (Basic plus extra details and theme items to tie the army to the board)	2	
Showcase Display Board (highly detailed board with extra effects/multiple layers and tells a story)	3	3
Custom Dice (must be a custom colour or at least 1 custom face)	1	
Tools of Trade (additional game tools in theme with the army - eg wound markers, tokens, measuring tools etc)	1	
Objective Markers (themed for the army)	1	
Named Characters and Unit Designations on army list - notes on identifying models on the table also favourable	1	
Background story or material (max 1 page of text in minimum size 10 font - must be hard copy with the army for points to be received)	1	5
		30



# First Blood 2023 - Mission Pack

The following missions are all found in the Grand Tournament 2023 book. The mission will be played as shown in the book including objective placement and deployment type. In the event an objective marker ends within the footprint of a piece of terrain, players should move the terrain piece the minimum distance – and with mutual agreement – to ensure the centre of the objective is not on or within the terrain.

Round 1 – Cleanse the Land

Round 2 – Desperate Raid

Round 3 – Sacred Ground

Round 4 – Rise of the Machine Spirit

## Secondary Selection

You may select any of the secondary objectives found in the Grand Tournament 2023 book for these missions following the usual rules. You may only select 1 from each category.

Any player who selects 2 objectives from the same category (which is against the core rules) will have the higher of the 2 scores reduced to zero as a penalty. Choosing 3 from the same category will have all 3 scores reduced to zero.

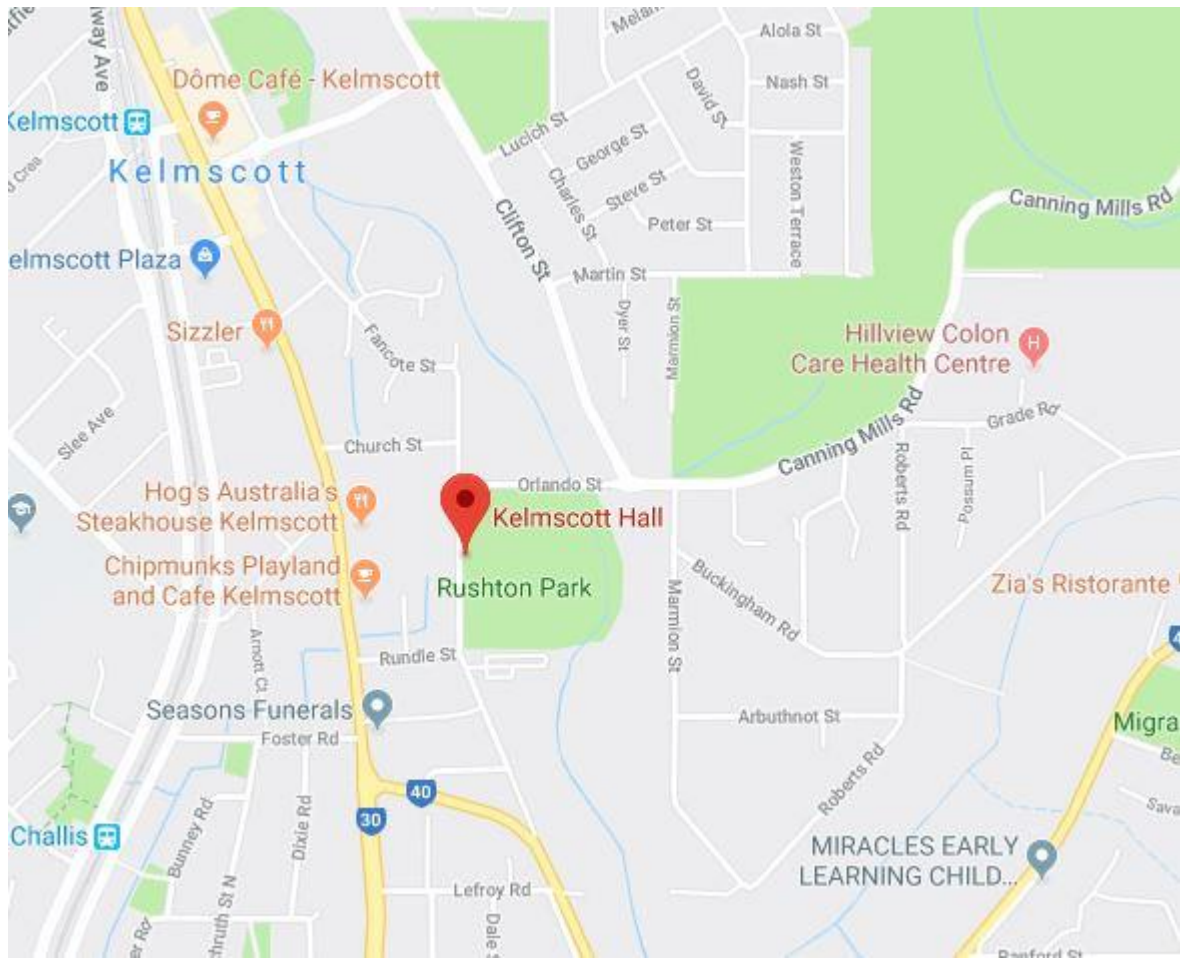
You may score a maximum of 45 points in the primary objective category, a maximum of 45 points in the secondary objective category. A further 10 points is available for your army being battle ready. A maximum total score of 100 points per game.

In the event a game is not completed within the 2 hour time limit, players may only score points up to the turn which was finished for both players. Players should not start a new battle round at with 15 minutes or less left to play in any given game.

## Terrain and Terrain Traits

### Common Terrain

- Ruins – area terrain, scalable/breachable/light cover/defensible/obscuring
- Craters – area terrain, light cover/difficult ground
- Shipping/Armoured containers – Obstacle, Light cover/Scalable/exposed
- Barricades/fuel pipes – Obstacle, Defence line/light cover/heavy cover/defensible/unstable/difficult ground
- Woods/forest/deathworld – area terrain, dense/breachable/defensible/difficult
- Debris – obstacle, exposed
- Industrial or Admech structures – area terrain, scalable/breachable/dense/defensible
- Statues – obstacle, light cover/unstable/inspiring (all factions)
- Ruined walls – obstacle, defence line/breachable/dense/defensible/unstable



## Minimum Painting Standard – Battle Ready Example



### What is Battle Ready?

If a model is Battle Ready, it means it's ready to game with. Battle Ready models have their main areas coloured and a simple finish on their bases. This finish can be achieved quickly and easily by all hobbyists using contrast paints or simple base colours with minimal finishing. You can find the full explanation of the Battle Ready Standard here - <https://www.warhammer-community.com/2019/05/21/introducing-battle-readygw-homepage-post-1fw-homepage-post-1/>