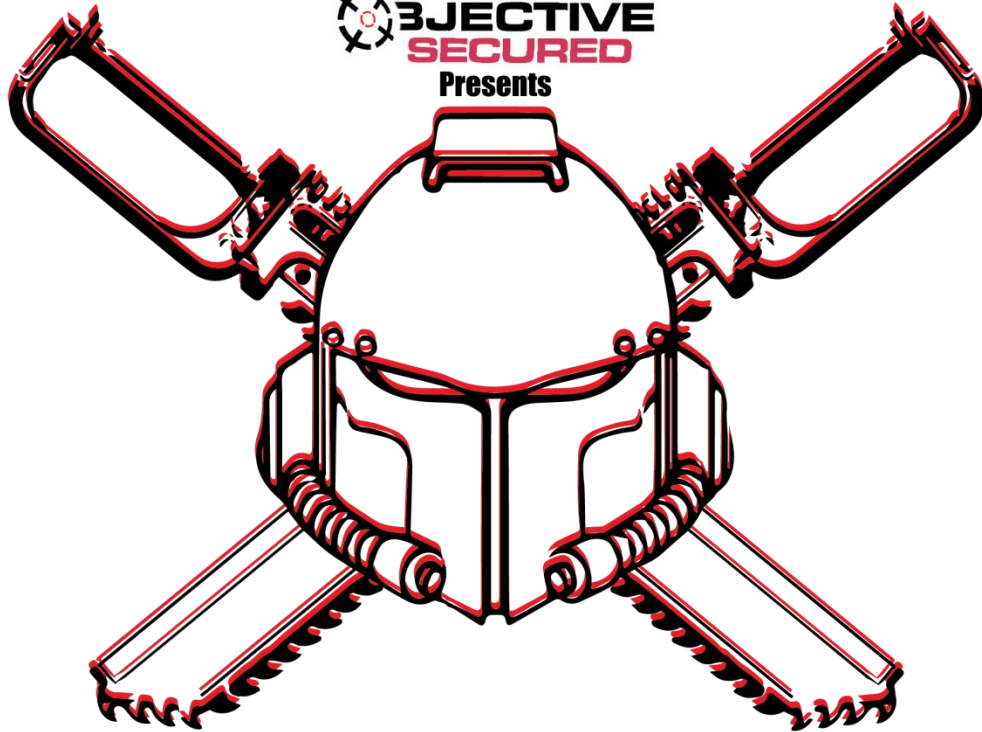


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**A Two Day Tournament for 10th Edition Organised Play,
Warhammer 40,000 Grand Tournament 2023 Event**

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On the pages that follow you'll find details of how this Tournament will work. Read them carefully, even if you're a tournament veteran, as there are a number of differences to regular tournament events.

Welcome to our final 40k event for 2023 – Masters!

Masters is the final event for the 2023 season, the big one – 2 days and 6 games! 2000 points will allow everyone to field all their favourite units as well as bringing some of the bigger models we don't usually see. Expect the competition to be fierce and the games to be close!

Venue

The WATC is being held on Saturday and Sunday the 2nd and 3rd of December at the **Kelmscott Hall, 60 River Road, Kelmscott** (see end of this pack for map).

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 10th edition matched play rules. You will have no more than **Three hours per game**. Pairings for round 1 will be random while rounds 2 through 6 will be paired using the recommended Leviathan GT process.

During the game, each player will be given a results scorecard. Once you have finished your game, you must fill in the scorecard in Best Coast Pairings. Your results will then be entered into the tournament database.

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 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 70-0 win 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 army! We recommend your army be at least battle ready as described at the end of this pack to maximise your score though this is not required to attend and play.
- 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)
- Templates/tokens/trackers & Tape measure
- Objective Markers

Saturday 2nd December 2023

8.15am	Check-in & Briefing
8.30am	Round #1 begins
11.30am	Round #1 ends
30 Minute Break	
12.00pm	Round #2 begins
3.00pm	Round #2 ends
15 Minute Break	
3.15pm	Round #3 begins
6.15pm	Round #3 ends

Sunday 3rd December 2023

8.00am	Check-in & Briefing
8.15am	Round #4 begins
11.15am	Round #4 ends
30 Minute Break	
11.45pm	Round #5 begins
2.45pm	Round #5 ends
15 Minute Break	
3.00pm	Round #6 begins
6.00pm	Round #6 ends
6.30pm	Awards

Army Roster

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

Lists must be submitted by Saturday 25th November 2023 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.

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 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. Errors occurring from using army building software will not be excused – double check you list before submitting!

Army Selection

No more than 2000 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 10th edition rules. This includes all current FAQ documents.
- The WCW FAQ document **WILL BE USED FOR ALL GAMES AND RULINGS FOR THIS EVENT.**
- You may not use data sheets provided in the instructions of a model/unit – only entries within the official codex/index may be used
- 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.
- Your warlord must be nominated in your army list and may not be changed for the duration of the event.
- Weapons, armour options and upgrades chosen from the army list must be shown on most 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 most models used in an army be Games Workshop models, models from other companies that clearly represent entries from the relevant codex may be used if 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.
- **All models not conforming to the restrictions above will be asked by the Judges to be removed from play.**

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 6 missions you will be playing for the event. These missions are all found in the Leviathan GT document available to download from Games Workshop

Time Keeping

After the match ups are complete - Players will have the remaining round time 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!

Please play in a timely manner - If you are concerned with a slow playing opponent – please notify the TO's straight away!

Tables and Terrain

Games are played on a 44'x60' table. Scenery for each battle will have been set up by the referees and may not be moved or changed in any way. 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 as a result with the maximum points going to their opponent.

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.

Each player's army list will:

1. List which model will be the warlord. Additionally, list the enhancements chosen (if any).
2. Show all necessary info such as the players name, army list, associated keywords, unit points
3. Show upgrades to complex units on a model by model basis

Winning Masters

At the end of the event, we will work out your overall score by adding your mission scores together with your sports and painting score. The winner of MASTERS 2023 will be the player who scores the highest generalship score and has not received a warning in regard to their sportsmanship. In addition to the winner, we will also give out a number of other awards, which will be announced at the closing ceremony.

Generalship (0-12 round points, 0-600 Battle Points)

Work out your mission points as per the mission objectives, remembering to include any scenario specific bonuses. 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 6 games will be awarded the Generalship award.

In the case of a tie, a countback will be completed to separate the scores in the following order

1. Path to Victory
2. Battle Points

Painting

Fully painted armies are awesome to see on the tabletop and we strongly recommend every model is painted (to battle ready standards) and based for this event. Note that there is no judge scored painting award The Painting Award will be determined by player vote. At lunch time on day 2, the judges will ask a select group of players to set up their army for the other players to vote on. Judges will be looking for the best painted and themed armies for this group of players. 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.

Using bought or borrowed armies:

It's not uncommon now for players to use armies that include miniatures which they haven't painted themselves. Whilst we would prefer this wasn't the case, you are permitted to do so. 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.

Awards

During the closing ceremony, we will be presenting 3 major awards, as well as announcing runners up and several minor awards. The major categories are:

The Champion (Best General)

Renaissance Award (Best All Rounder)

The Artist (Best Painted)

Players will only be eligible for a single award each with priority given to Champion, Renaissance & Painting (in that order).

In prior years we have also done some more fun and casual awards like Best Dressed, Most Models, Least Models and more – feel free to celebrate the 2023 season while you attend, and you might get a special award!

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!

Mission Pack

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

DAY 1

Round 1 – Mission E, (Take and Hold, Chosen Battlefield, Sweeping Engagement)

Round 2 – Mission M, (Purge the Foe, Chilling Rain, Crucible of Battle)

Round 3 – Mission B, (Priority Targets, Hidden Supplies, Search and Destroy)

Map lay outs will be 1, 3 and 4 as per the GT book.

Day 2

Round 4 – Mission L, (Scorched Earth, Chilling Rain, Dawn of War)

Round 5 – Mission C, (The Ritual, Scrambler Fields, Sweeping Engagement)

Round 6 – Mission N, (Priority Targets, Chosen Battlefield, Dawn of War)

Map lay outs will be 1, 2 and 3 as per the GT book.

Secondary Selection is to be completed as per the Leviathan Deck mission rules. You may select Fixed or Tactical for each round and may change round to round. Gambits may be generated by players at the end of Battle Round 3 as per the mission format.

You may score a maximum of 50 points in the primary objective category, a maximum of 40 points in the secondary objective category. This follows step 14 of the Leviathan Mission rules.

While we would prefer that all models must be painted (to battle ready standards) this is not required – however – players without a battle-ready army WILL NOT SCORE the 10 points for battle ready. Organisers will be checking all players during round 1 of the event and notifying those players who do not meet the standard.

Once the round timer is completed – players will be informed of the round end and will have 5 minutes to submit scores into BCP – failure to do so will see both players scores listed as zero (double loss).

Terrain and Terrain Traits

Masters 2023 will be doing our best to offer a wide range of tables for each round. The goal will be to provide a consistent set of layouts of each of the GT map layouts based on the missions being played. These will not be a perfect mirror round to round so players should prepare to face some variety in layout and terrain format.

Common Terrain

- Large Ruins - 12"x6" area terrain, ruins - as per core rules.
- Medium Ruins - 10"x5" area terrain, ruins - as per core rules
- Small Area Shipping/Armoured containers - 6"x4" area terrain - as per core rules.

Note that windows will be used sight as seen - they will not count as blocked and should be played as modelled.

Time Management and Slow play

Slow play is a serious issue, as such it is expected that ALL games conclude their full complement of 5 turns within the allotted time. For this reason, the use of chess clocks is encouraged at this event, however it is important to note that only chess clocks that count down to zero may be used.

When using a chess clock, each player is allocated equally half the round time (Based on the master clock shown at the TD table at the start of the round) - usually 1.30hrs per player. When deploying their armies, it is expected that players each take their respective turns to place units and models during their own time allocation. It is NOT acceptable for a player to deploy models and units on their opponent's time when using a chess clock.

Regardless of one or both players wanting to use the clock, both players will be limited by that clock. Should one player 'clock out' (have no time remaining) then they may not perform any voluntary actions, use stratagems at all or any similar abilities that are made by choice. Their opponent may continue to play the game with only saves and battleshock being made by the clocked-out player. Models may not attack under any circumstance should a player clock out.

It is every player's responsibility to be able to play their army within the allotted time. If you are playing with an especially large army or using an army that takes longer than usual to play, it is your responsibility to practice being able to play a full game within the allotted time frame. Conversely, if you are facing an army, you are unfamiliar with or an impressively large enemy force you must be able to make decisions in a timely manner.

Penalties will be applied at the discretion of the organisers if they feel time and or clocks are not managed properly, if players try to abuse time management, or if a game does not complete the mandatory 5 turns. Note that the round clock managed by the organisers takes precedent over the chess clock at any gaming table. Once the 10-minute warning is issued, no further turns may be completed, and players should wrap up the present play as quickly as possible. You may not 'talk out' or score any additional rounds after this warning.

Individual Player Penalties

We employ a 3-warning system for managing player behaviour and conduct. If a player is deemed by the organisers to have broken any of the following rules (or time management issues) they will be immediately subject to one of the following penalties. The application of a particular penalty is dependent upon the nature of the infraction and how many times previously the player in question has broken the rules.

Warning List

1st OFFICIAL WARNING: No penalty to their individual score

2nd OFFICIAL WARNING: -50pts to their individual score for that game

3rd OFFICIAL WARNING: -100pts to their individual score for that game.

Any further warnings will see an immediate expulsion from the event. Warnings are cumulative across the whole event.

Take note that the organisers main concern is always that games are completed naturally within the round time allocated. This of course depends on the transgression but normally the focus should always lie on games to be played even if certain penalties will apply.

A list of offenses follows below:

Agreeing a Result

It has come to our attention that some games were not played to competition at prior events but that certain players simply 'agreed' on the final score without the game being completed. This is unacceptable and may have unfairly affected final positioning of other players. To ensure the integrity of the tournament, any player(s) that are caught doing this will automatically receive an official warning for the round in question. Players should complete the round following the core rules (ie you must complete any compulsory actions) and should the 10 minute warning be issued, no further battle rounds may be scored.

Dice-, Movement- or Rules-Cheating

Any instances of the following, or anything else within similar confines, that is witnessed by a referee and/or an impartial bystander (i.e. a person not associated in any way with either player) and deemed as deliberate cheating will result in an immediate penalty:

Rules cheating - forgetting core rules for your OWN army and models will all result in an instant official warning.

Movement cheating - moving too far, pushing models outside of their regular movement allowance will result in an instant official warning.

Dice cheating - loaded dice, incorrectly counting the number of passed or failed rolls, changing the value of dice rolled will immediately incur an official warning.

A note on dice etiquette: in regards to dice policy and "cocked dice", "dice that land on top of each other" or in terrain and such, note that the following applies: dice rolls will only count when the bottom of the dice surface is entirely touching the table or game-mat surface and is flat. Re-roll cocked or stacked dice when the event occurs, and re-roll any dice that land in terrain or on anything other than the flat table (mat) surface. The use of dice-trays is authorised. When using GW faction dice, or any batch of custom dice, players need to ENSURE their dice pips (essentially the number on the dice) can EASILY be distinguished from across the table by their opponent. We encourage players to bring generic dice for speed and ease of play as a back up to any faction/fancy dice.

The use of dice rolling apps is a contentious issue with many players having issue with how the results may be generated and the perceived implications of random number generators and how they operate within the confines of any given app. After speaking with a number of international event organisers around the use of various apps as well as the developers of several app options, we have decided that the use of Dice Apps will not be allowed. This decision will be reviewed as more information becomes available to us on various apps for future events.

Organiser Inspection

Organisers reserve the right to inspect any gaming apparatus or tool (including dice, tape measures and so on) as and when deemed necessary. Any player who refuses to allow organisers this access will immediately be removed from the event and asked to leave with no discussion entered into.

Poor Sportsmanship or Negative/Aggressive Attitude

Any player deemed by a referee to be acting in any manner not in-line with the expectations of friendly but competitive gaming will incur an immediate official warning. As a community we all believe that the game to be played in a friendly but competitive manner. Failure to uphold this belief will be met with immediate reprimand. Please note the players pack may also include additional penalties in this area up to and including immediate ejection from the event.

A few examples to make it clear:

A player forgets to bring in his reserves, and his opponent objects to this when the player remembers later in the turn during any given phase. It is BOTH players' responsibility to ensure mandatory things that happen in the game take place. It is customary to ask your opponent at the end of his movement phase if he is sure he does not want to bring any reserves on before moving on to the next phase – using 'gotcha' tactics is not acceptable.

A player forgets to announce he will use a certain rule, ability, stratagem, or war gear at the start of the turn or phase and remembers later in the turn or phase. It is OK as an opponent to disallow the use of said rule or item, but let it be known that we strongly discourage such behaviour and encourage players to work together rather than against each other.

ORGANISERS DISCRETION

We, the organisers, reserve the right to make amendments and appropriate decisions when we deem necessary. All decisions will be final, and no discussion will be entered into during the event. Any further argument may result in additional penalties.

Venue Location



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/>

Expectations

Models should be completely base coloured with the major colours neatly blocked in. Bases should be a single flat colour as a minimum.

For example, spray painting a space marine red to use as a blood angel would require the painter to repaint the base a single flat colour, paint the weapon(s) back in black or metal and block in the chest insignia and shoulder trim in single colours. Simply spraying the model red and repainting the base is not enough.

Likewise, necrons can be very easy to spray and repaint the base – however – we assume players will at least take a moment to paint in the cables/casing on the weapons and the chest insignia to ensure the model has had some extra detail applied.

If you are not sure – check with the organiser before the day!