

The MekHQ Morale System

The MekHQ Morale system reflects not only the mental state of opposing forces but also their ability to resist effectively. Morale levels range from "routed" (very low) to "overwhelming" (very high), with several steps in between.

Morale Checks

At the start of each month while on contract, you roll 2d6 to see if the enemy's morale changes.

- If the roll is less than 5, their morale improves one step towards "routed."
- If the roll is greater than 9, their morale drops one step towards "overwhelming."

Modifiers

Morale checks can be influenced by different factors:

Clan Overconfidence Modifier

If the contract takes place prior to The Great Refusal (April 12th 3060), the enemy faction is Clan and the employer is *not* Clan, the enemy faction gets a +1 modifier to their morale check.

Reliability

To determine how reliable the enemy force is we consult the following table. Note that Clan factions increase their effective quality by 1 (to a maximum of A*).

Quality	Modifier
F	-1
D	50/50 chance of -1 or +0
C	+0
B	50/50 chance of +0 or +1
A	+1
A*	50/50 chance of +1 or +2

If the enemy faction is Rebel, Minor, Mercenary, or Pirate this modifier is decreased by 1. If the enemy faction is Clan, this modifier is increased by 1.

Performance

The number of victories and defeats from the previous month affects the morale check. Here's how it works:

- Victories: Each normal victory gives 1 victory point, and a decisive victory adds 2 points.
- Defeats: Each normal defeat adds 1 defeat point, while a decisive defeat gives 2 defeat points.

- Refusing an Engagement counts as a decisive defeat, as the OpFor has completed their objective unopposed.
- Pyrrhic victories and draws don't contribute to either total.

Applying the Modifier

- If victory points double the defeat points (or greater), the performance modifier equals -4.
- If victory points are just higher than defeat points (but not doubled), the performance modifier equals -2.
- If defeat points double the victory points (or greater), the performance modifier equals +4.
- If defeat points are simply higher than victory points (but not doubled), the performance modifier equals +2.

Miscellaneous Modifiers

- Event Modifiers: Certain random events can add modifiers to the morale check.

Routing

When an enemy is routed, their forces are severely damaged and unable to offer effective resistance. Routed enemies will not generate new scenarios. In this case, the player faces no further opposition while their allies deal with any remaining resistance. For any contract other than Garrison Duty, Cadre Duty, Security Duty, or Riot Duty, all remaining objectives are considered completed, and the contract's conclusion date is moved to the following day.

For garrison contracts, the contract does not end early, but the enemy forces are in full retreat. After one month, a d4 roll is made. On a roll of 4, a new enemy faction will begin their own attack. For any other roll, the period of peace continues.