

# Champion

Champions are mystical fighters, trained both in the way of the sword and the magical arts. A Champion could come from a secluded mountain monastery, or be an enforcer of some religious military order, a knight sworn to an ancient discipline, or a sorcerer-warrior of arcane might. Champions are proficient in both combat and spell casting, though their spells are mainly geared towards helping and complementing their skills.

Play a Champion if you want to focus primarily on combat, with a dash of magic to give you an extra edge.

## CHAMPION VOCATIONAL SPELL LORES

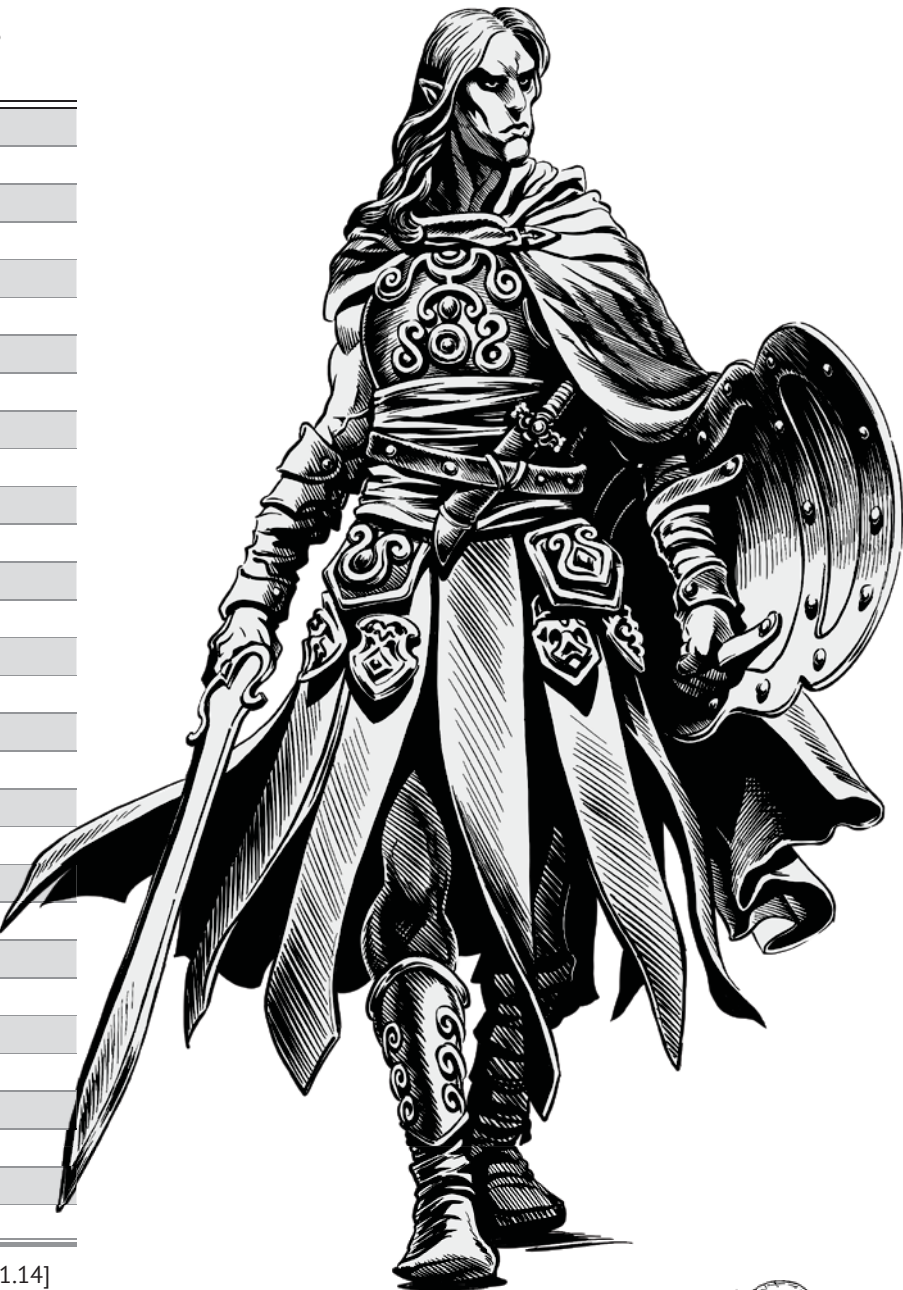
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Chanting	Heroic Defense
Commanding Presence	Nature's Path
Eldritch Hand	Weapon Mastery

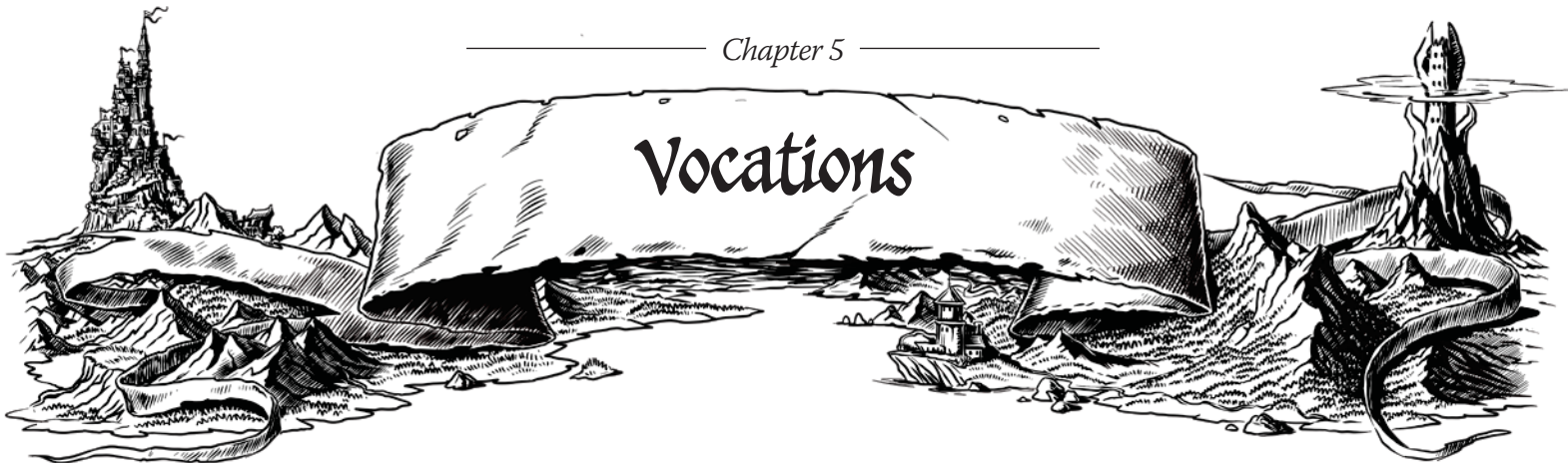
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## CHAMPION DEVELOPMENT POINTS & VOCATIONAL BONUSES

<b>Armor</b>	<b>DP:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Combat</b>	<b>DP:</b>	<b>3</b>
1st Skill Choice	Voc. Bonus:	+15
2nd Skill Choice	Voc. Bonus:	+10
3rd Skill Choice	Voc. Bonus:	+5
4th Skill Choice	Voc. Bonus:	
5th Skill Choice	Voc. Bonus:	
<b>Adventuring</b>	<b>DP:</b>	<b>3</b>
Athletics	Voc. Bonus:	+10
Ride	Voc. Bonus:	+10
Hunting	Voc. Bonus:	+5
Nature	Voc. Bonus:	+5
Wandering	Voc. Bonus:	+5
<b>Roguary</b>	<b>DP:</b>	<b>0</b>
Acrobatics	Voc. Bonus:	+5
Stealth	Voc. Bonus:	
Locks & Traps	Voc. Bonus:	
Perception	Voc. Bonus:	+5
Deceive	Voc. Bonus:	
<b>Lore</b>	<b>DP:</b>	<b>1</b>
Arcana	Voc. Bonus:	+5
Charisma	Voc. Bonus:	+10
Cultures	Voc. Bonus:	
Healer	Voc. Bonus:	
Songs & Tales	Voc. Bonus:	
<b>Spells</b>	<b>DP:</b>	<b>3</b>
Spell Lore	Voc. Bonus:	+5
<b>Body</b>	<b>DP:</b>	<b>2</b>
Body	Voc. Bonus:	+5
<b>MP per Level</b>		<b>1</b>

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**E**ach character in *Against the Darkmaster* has a Vocation, which represents a mix of innate aptitude and specific, intense training. A character's Vocation describes how their apprenticeship and natural inclination influence their starting abilities and also how easy (or difficult) it is for them to develop Skills in various fields of expertise. There are six core Vocations in *VsD*: Warrior (War), Rogue (Rog), Wizard (Wiz), Animagist (Ani), Champion (Cmp), and Dabbler (Dab).

### VOCATIONAL BONUSES

Each Vocation gives a series of fixed bonuses to specific Skills, called Vocational Bonuses. They represent the edge that members of that Vocation have over other characters, thanks to their focused training. These bonuses are applied during character creation, as soon as one's Vocation is chosen.

Please refer to the Vocation Development Points and Vocational Bonuses Table to find out the Vocational Bonuses of each Vocation.

### VOCATIONAL SPELL LORES

Vocational Spell Lores are those that characters belonging to a specific Vocation can learn and cast without restrictions, as explained in detail in the Magic and Spells chapter.

### DEVELOPMENT POINTS

Members of each Vocation gets a certain amount of Development Points (DP) for each Level to distribute between their Skills. Development Points are spent to buy Skill Ranks on a 1:1 basis. A maximum of 2 Skill Ranks can be purchased at each new Level - so basically a maximum of 2 Development Points can be spent on a single Skill at each new Level. Development Points can also

be set apart and transferred to different Skill Categories. This is made on a 2:1 basis.

For example a character has 2 DPs spare from developing Skills in various Categories, and decides to transfer them to another Category. That character will get to spend 1 point this way in the new Category. This point can be stacked with those already possessed in that Category (e.g. if they already had 3 DPs to spend, they will now have 4).

### MAGIC POINTS

#### GAIN PER LEVEL

Characters add this number to their maximum number of Magic Points (MPs) each Level, including first Level (see *Magic and Spells* chapter for more).

Skill Ranks from other categories can be transferred here on a 2:1 basis from any other category. For example a character who already gains 2 MPs per Level can gain a one-time additional MP by transferring 2 DPs from any other Skill Category.

*Example (continued): Nik wants to play a Wizard, so his character will have 1 DP in both Adventuring and Roguery; and 5 DPs in both Lore and Spell Lores; and 0 DP in Armor, Combat, and Body. Since he's a little worried about the Body category, he'll trade 1 DP from the Adventuring Category and 1 from Lore to convert them into 1 point for the Body Category.*

*He spends the rest of the DPs like this:*

*Spell Lores works exactly like any other Skill. Being a Wizard, Nik's character has access to all the Spell Lores in the Wizard's Vocational Spell Lores List. Nik invests his 5 DPs to buy two ranks in the Mind Control Spell Lore, one rank in Sounds & Lights, one in Eldritch Frost, and one rank in Eldritch Movements.*

### VOCATION DEVELOPMENT POINTS (DP) & VOCATIONAL BONUSES

		Warrior	Rogue	Wizard	Animist	Dabbler	Champion
<b>Armor</b>	<b>DP:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Combat</b>	<b>DP:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
1st Skill Choice	Voc. Bonus:	+20	+10			+5	+15
2nd Skill Choice	Voc. Bonus:	+20	+5			+5	+10
3rd Skill Choice	Voc. Bonus:	+20	+5				+5
4th Skill Choice	Voc. Bonus:	+20					
5th Skill Choice	Voc. Bonus:	+20					
<b>Adventuring</b>	<b>DP:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Athletics	Voc. Bonus:	+10	+5			+5	+10
Ride	Voc. Bonus:	+10	+5			+5	+10
Hunting	Voc. Bonus:	+5	+5		+5		+5
Nature	Voc. Bonus:	+5	+5		+15		+5
Wandering	Voc. Bonus:	+5	+5		+5	+5	+5
<b>Roguary</b>	<b>DP:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
Acrobatics	Voc. Bonus:		+20			+15	+5
Stealth	Voc. Bonus:		+20			+15	
Locks & Traps	Voc. Bonus:		+20			+10	
Perception	Voc. Bonus:		+20		+5	+10	+5
Deceive	Voc. Bonus:		+20	+5		+10	
<b>Lore</b>	<b>DP:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Arcana	Voc. Bonus:			+15	+10	+5	+5
Charisma	Voc. Bonus:			+10	+5	+5	+10
Cultures	Voc. Bonus:			+15	+5		
Healer	Voc. Bonus:			+5	+20		
Songs & Tales	Voc. Bonus:			+10	+5		
<b>Spells</b>	<b>DP:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Spell Lores	Voc. Bonus:			+15	+10	+5	+5
<b>Body</b>	<b>DP:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Body	Voc. Bonus:	+15	+5				+5
<b>MP per Level</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

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