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Author's note:

The following rules are written with a focus on the 7th edition of the Warhammer 40k rules, but are intentionally era-agnostic where possible. Profiles and mechanics from any edition may be used with minimal alteration in many cases.

The usual movement, shooting, assault phases are replaced with an interactive orders system instead. Voice of Command (Imperial Guard) orders are their own still, these rules will not refer to them unless explicitly stated otherwise

Templates have been replaced with a dice-based mechanic that attempts to preserve much of the feel of the old system. The wildly variable probabilities of success that come from individual model placement have been substituted with an approach focused on numerical consistency and ease of play. This change has been made with much deliberation in the interest of a smoother play experience.

The Turn

The standard Warhammer 40k turn structure is replaced with the following:

- 1. Start & Reserves
- 2. Orders Phase
- 3. Assault Phase
- 4. Rally & End

1.1 Start of Turn

Resolve any triggers or effects that would occur during the start of a player or game turn. If an ability would trigger at the start of the movement phase, it triggers at the start of the turn instead.

If using 7th edition, generate warp charges as if it were the start of the psychic phase.

1.2 Orders

During the turn, a player may issue each a single order in sequence, until all units have acted or passed. An order must be fully resolved before another is issued.

When issuing a reaction order, the unit should be marked with an appropriate token to designate that it is waiting to carry it out. The order may be declared and "spent" later on. Remove the token at the start of the reaction order's resolution.

When resolving an order, treat each step as its own phase. Any ability that would trigger during one of these phases triggers during the relevant step of the order instead.

Reaction orders may be carried out at any point during the game, and a reaction order may be performed as a response to another reaction order. Resolve these in lastin, first-out order.

Unless noted otherwise, a step of an order as it would normally occur during a gameplay phase (movement, shooting, etc.) must be fully completed before the next one resolves. Abilities that would trigger at the beginning or end of the movement or shooting phase trigger at that time of the Orders phase instead.

1.2.1 Top Speed

The unit may move or disembark from a transport the normal distance, plus the distance for running or moving flatout

1.2.2 Maneuver and Fire

The unit moves or disembarks up to its movement allowance and makes a shooting attack. This may be done in any order, but each action must be fully completed before starting the next. Units that fire before moving must fire as if

1.2.3 Open Fire

The unit fires once as it normally would during the shooting phase with no penalties taken from movement. If the unit is not Gone to Ground, it may shoot as though it had Split Fire.

1.2.4 Close Assault

The Maneuver and Fires, then may follow the standard procedure for resolving a charge.

If a unit could fire overwatch, ignore these rules. Units on Ambush Fire may carry out that order during the Charge Sub-phase instead. CHAPTER 1. THE TURN 3

1.2.5 Request Support

HQ units, or any unit that purchases communications equipment may request off-map support. The unit targets an enemy, or a point on the table within its line of sight as if it were a shooting attack.

The unit may select a single friendly off-map Barrage unit or selection taken from Additional Fire Support and attempt a communications test (Ld). The unit may perform no other action this turn as it relays coordinates and directs fire.

If the communications test is passed, the support unit may perform an order as described in the rules for Support Strikes. If the test is failed, the order ends with no further resources spent.

Eligible units that are embarked on a transport may use this order if they could normally fire from that transport and that transport remains stationary for the turn.

1.2.6 Tactical Coordination

HQ Units only. The command unit can do nothing else this turn, but may nominate a friendly unit anywhere on the table that has Gone to Ground or routed to attempt to Rally or stand up. The unit must pass a leadership test.

1.2.7 Ambush Fire (Reaction Order)

Mark the unit with any appropriate marker. The waiting ambush unit may now interrupt any enemy unit's order to use their Open Fire order.

1.2.8 Reserve Move (Reaction Order)

A unit given the Reserve Move order does not move in its own turn but instead waits, and can then interrupt the enemy turn (but not an order) to take the Top Speed order

If a unit would reserve move after a shooting attack is declared but before it is performed, the firing unit may choose to change targets after the reserve move is resolved.

If the moved unit is out of range or line of sight, the firing unit may fire snap shots at the target as if it were at any point along its movement path. Note: In general, orders or abilities that allow for an interrupt resolve at any point during movement, or before/after a shooting attack or other action is resolved.

1.3 Assault Phase

Resolve the Assault phase as the Warhammer 40k Fight Sub-phase. Units may ignore restrictions for charging out of reserves.

1.4 Rally & End turn

Routing units may attempt to rally as normal, except for units that routed as the result of a combat resolution on the Assault Phase of this turn.

Units belonging to the active player that have Gone to Ground may stand up.

Resolve any other effects that would resolve at the end of a turn.

Core Rules

2.1 Barrage

Units firing indirectly using Barrage use the following procedure instead. Indirect Fire must be resolved using a Request Support order

Artillery units with a Barrage weapon may elect to be deployed off-map, outside of the play area. Units deployed this way may only fire indirectly, and may not draw Line of Sight to any unit on the table.

Barrage weapons fire as a Blast weapon with a -2 modifier to-hit. Barrage weapons that fire indirectly gain Pinning.

A player may purchase a Pre-registered Target Point for 15 points as an Additional Fire Support choice. An artillery battery may choose to fire on this point without requiring a Request Support order.

2.2 Deep Strike

If a unit would be brought in using deep strike, instead place a deep strike marker. This marker scatters following the rules for the unit itself.

If the marker or unit would land in a location that would result in a Mishap, roll on the table as normal. The Marker is not a unit, but follows all rules for unit placement as if it were.

At the beginning of the player's following turn, replace the marker with the first model in the unit as normal. The unit may receive orders as if it had been on the board for a full turn. The unit counts as having moved for the purposes of any abilities.

2.2.1 Mishap

If the marker or any model in the unit would land in a location that would result in a mishap, the opposing player may select one of the following options:

- **Delayed:** The unit re-enters reserves until the start of the next game turn
- Misplaced: The opposing player may choose a valid placement for the unit within 18" of the center of the Deep Strike marker.

2.3 Fearless

All Infantry units with Fearless use the rules for And They Shall Know No Fear instead. If another rule would normally affect a fearless unit, that rule still applies to that unit.

2.4 Flyers

Any unit with the Flyer type may only be used in hover mode and treated as a Fast Skimmer, unless it (or any Fast Skimmer mutually agreed upon to have the ability to act as a Flyer) is taken as a Support Strike.

Flyers that could otherwise zoom may only be charged by units with Jump Packs, Jet Packs or other flyers.

2.5 Go To Ground

Units may go Go to Ground at any point during an attack. They gain +2 to their cover save and a 4+ unmodifiable cover save in the open, but fight at WS 1 in melee while Gone to Ground.

Units that have Gone to Ground may perform an Open Fire order to fire snap shots, but may perform no other actions.

2.6 Morale Re-rolls

If an ability would allow a unit to re-roll a failed Morale or Pinning test, that ability may not be used again until the beginning of the next turn.

2.7 Point Blank

Shooting attacks made within 6" of their target and on the same level of ruins (or top level for flyers) gain Ignores Cover, unless that unit declared Go to Ground or Jink against this attack. (Units that are Gone to Ground or Jinking as the result of another attack do not gain the benefit of cover)

2.8 Psychic Manifestation

Psykers may attempt to cast a psychic power as if it were the psychic phase at any point during an order. This may be done instead of moving or shooting as part of another order. Spend warp charges or take tests as usual, if relevant.

2.9 Support Strikes

A unit taken from Additional Fire Support may be called in to perform one of the following via a Request Support order.

2.9.1 Long-Range Bombardment

Artillery units may be taken as a battery or squadron for 10% of their normal cost. They may be called upon to use an Open Fire order that is treated as One Use Only per battery. A unit that fires this way must follow the procedure outlined in the Barrage section.

2.9.2 Death From The Skies

Single-model Flyer units may be taken for 20% of their usual points cost. This does not count toward a player's unit count for the purposes of counting objectives.

Flyers with Transport Capacity may carry units embarked upon it declared before the start of the game. Units that disembark from a zooming Flyer ignore any replacement effects for Deep Strike markers and are deployed immediately, treating any Mishap results as Misplaced.

Support Flyers enter the controlling player's board edge, and immediately perform a Maneuver and Fire order. The Flyer may move up to any point wholly within the controlling player's half of the board treated as having moved Combat Speed, or anywhere on the opponent's half as Cruising Speed. All other rules for Zooming Flyers apply.

During the end phase, remove the flyer from the board. Flyers that leave the board this way are not counted as a casualty, but may not return to the board. They are still counted as a casualty if they are destroyed by other causes.

2.10 Sweeping Advance

After winning combat, units automatically attempt a Sweeping Advance if eligible.

2.10.1 Restrain or Pursue

The winning player may attempt to restrain the unit by passing a morale test. If the attempt is failed or the unit does not attempt to restrain, make the initiative test for Sweeping Advance as normal.

2.10.2 CAUGHT!

If the chasing unit wins, the retreating unit suffers a number of wounds equal to double the model count of the chasing unit with no saves of any kind. Bulky and other rules that affect transport capacity may be counted toward a unit's model count as it would for a transport.

2.10.3 Move Fleeing Unit

If the fleeing unit was not destroyed, it falls back.

2.10.4 Follow-up move

Move the pursuing unit its own Fall Back distance toward the fleeing unit. If the pursuing unit successfully caught its target, they may move within 1" of the fleeing unit and combat continues. Otherwise, move them up to, but not within 1".

2.11 Tank Riders

Riding a tank beats walking. A Tank that does not already have a transport capacity may carry up to 4 Infantry models per hull point as Tank Riders (as if it were a transport.)

Infantry units with a 4+ save or lighter may be deployed as Tank Riders. A tank and its riders count as a single unit for purposes of deployment and reserves, as if it were a transport. They are treated exactly as transport passengers, but are far more exposed.

Tank Riders may be targeted separately from the vehicle, may be Pinned separately, and count as having 5+ cover. If the unit would Go to ground, they immediately disembark.

If the transporting tank is hit by fire that could remove a hull point, the riding unit is immediately disembarked and treated as if they had failed a pinning test. If the vehicle is destroyed while they are embarked, d3 models are removed with no saves of any kind allowed.

2.12 Templates

Templates are replaced by the following rolls to hit, noted as (number of dice) / (to-hit):

Small Blast 3 / 4+
Large Blast 5 / 4+
Flame 6 / 4+ (6" Range)

Template weapons of any kind may not inflict more hits than there are models in a unit. Discard excess hits. If a target unit has double the number of models or more compared to a weapon's dice pool to hit, template weapons gain an additional +1 to hit.

If the target unit did not move after the start of the previous turn, template weapons gain an additional +1 to hit.

If a target unit is in cover, flame weapons get an additional +1 to hit

If another unit is within 3" of a target being hit by a blast weapon, or 6" for a large blast, to-hit rolls of 1 hit that unit instead. If multiple units are in the same whole number of inches apart (e.g. between 3 and 4"), randomly allocate these hits to each unit.

2.13 Transports

Infantry may declare a disordered charge out of a transport that does not have the Assault Vehicle special rule if that transport did not move this turn. A transport that had infantry disembark this way may not move for the rest of the turn.

2.14 Vehicles

2.14.1 Vehicle Leadership

If a vehicle would be called upon to take a Leadership test, this value defaults to the Leadership Characteristic of any Troops profile from the same faction of the controlling player's choosing. This may be a Sergeant or similar option if one is available.

2.14.2 Vehicle Squadrons

Vehicle squadrons are taken as a single Force Organization slot, and are treated as separate units for deployment, victory points, and otherwise.

2.14.3 Vehicles and Terrain

If a vehicle would intersect any difficult terrain during its path, it is counted as Slow until the end of the turn. (Do not roll for immobilized)

Vehicles equipped with Dozer Blades may ignore difficult terrain.

A Vehicle equipped with a Dozer Blade that moves at Combat Speed may shift any piece of Battlefield Debris up to 1" or remove it entirely.

2.15 Terrain

2.15.1 Battlefield Debris

Battlefield Debris may be treated as destructible terrain with AV14 and 1HP.

2.16 Wound Allocation

The player targeted by an attack or ability that could cause wounds may choose which model to allocate wounds of any type, unless specified by another rule. For units with mixed saves, this must be declared before rolling saves of any kind. Wounds must be allocated to models already wounded.

Look out Sir! may not be used against wounds of any kind.

Force Organization

Instead of the usual Combined Arms and other Formation detachments, army lists must conform to the Battlegroup detachment configuration as described below. An army composed this way gains the same benefits as if it were a Combined Arms detachment.

3.1 Allies

Any army may include selections from another army selection rated as Battle Brothers as part of the same Battle-group detachment.

Slots enabled from a given selection must be taken from the same faction list. (e.g. an Imperial Guard troop may only unlock slots for Imperial Guard units)

Allies that are not Battle Brothers may be taken as a single separate Battlegroup detachment.

3.2 Frontline Assets

HQ and Troops units may be taken in any quantity, following any other limitations for list building.

3.2.1 HQ

For each HQ unit taken in your roster, you may include a single unit from Elites or Additional Fire Support.

HQ units may not exceed 25% of an army's total point limit.

3.2.2 Troops

For each Troops unit taken, you may include a single unit from Elites, Fast Attack, or Heavy Support.

One Troop unit must be taken per 1000 points.

3.3 Support Assets

These are specialist units, and may only be taken in limited quantities. Elites, Heavy Support, and Fast Attack units may only be taken as described below:

3.3.1 Fast Attack

Each unit taken from Fast Attack allows a support choice from Additional Fire Support.

3.3.2 Heavy Support

Heavy Support units composed entirely of Infantry models may be taken as a Troops unit.

Units taken this way do not receive any bonuses or provide an additional force organization slot as regular troops would, and do not fulfill the compulsory requirements for troops.

Troops slots filled this way may not outnumber slots filled by standard Troops.

3.3.3 Fortifications

Fortifications may only be taken by the defender in an Attack/Defense scenario, in any quantity. It is recommended to determine the scenario before lists are written to account for this.

3.3.4 Additional Fire Support

Any Artillery or Flyer unit may be used in a support role for a fraction of its normal points value. These units are not deployed on the map normally, nor placed in reserves. Refer to the Support Strike section for full details.

3.3.5 Lords of War

One Lord of War may be taken in place of a Heavy Support for every full 3000 points in the game's limit.

3.3.6 Restricted Units

Restricted units and wargear are rare items to which an army just would not have easy access. Restricted units are limited by the size of a game. Players may take only one restricted unit or wargear option per 1000 points,unless a scenario or special rule would apply otherwise.

The following units (and wargear) are considered to be Restricted:

- Relics (or Relics of the Armoury)
- Vehicles with 5 or more Hull Points
- Monstrous Creatures with 5 or more Wounds
- Grav & Graviton Weapons
- · Lords of War

Scenario Rules

4.1 Objectives

Objectives have a 3" capture radius, and control may be denied by any eligible units within 6". (Objective Secured, for example)

Standard objectives must be placed at least 12" apart and 12" away from any table edges unless otherwise noted.

The point must be in line of sight of a unit to capture or deny, in addition to any other restrictions.

4.1.1 Out-Scouted

If one player deployed more Recon units, that player may claim the Out-Scouted secondary objective for 1VP

4.2 Reconnaissance Units

Scenarios may refer to Reconnaissance (or Recon) units. Unless otherwise specified, the following unit types are considered Recon units:

- · Non-Flyer Fast Attack
- · Units with Scout or Infiltrate

4.3 Victory Conditions

In addition to any scenario rules, if a player controls all objectives, or the opponent controls no units that are not Gone to Ground or routing, they win the game. Fortifications alone do not count for units remaining on the table.

4.4 VP Limits

Some scenarios will use a VP limit instead of the usual scoring. A recommended VP limit for a given scenario is 1/100th the game limit. (10VP for 1000pts, 20 for 2000, etc.)

Unless noted otherwise, VPs are awarded at the end of the game turn.

Ex: Player A Controls 2 objectives and Player B controls 1. Player A gains 1vp at the start of their turn. (2-1=1)

4.5 Turn 0

Some scenarios include a Turn 0, where reconnaissance units may operate before events that would normally occur during the first turn of the game.

Scenarios

5.1 Counter-Attack

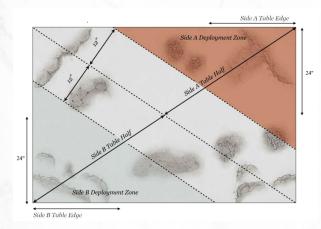


Figure 5.1: Deployment Map

SITUATION REPORT

An enemy attack has broken through which may force a withdrawal of troops at the front. Your battlegroup has been held in reserve to counter. Move fast to intercept and halt the enemy breakthrough. Both sides are on the move, there is little time for preparation.

Scenario Type: Meeting Engagement

TERRAIN

Set up the terrain in any mutually agreed manner.

VICTORY

Victory Points are scored cumulatively until the VP limit is reached:

Objective Markers (+1VP net) Enemy Unit slain (+1VP) Slay the Warlord (+1VP) Out-Scouted (+1VP)

The recommended VP limit is triple the number of objectives on the field, plus the average unit count of all players

rounded down.

DEPLOYMENT

1. Determine table corners

Both sides roll a D6 and add the number of Recon units in their army. The player with the highest total chooses which table corner will be his deployment zone, the opponent automatically gets the opposite table corner.

2. Place Objectives

Starting with the player who chose table edges, players alternate placement of 3-5 objectives. Players may agree upon any number, or roll D3+2.

Each player places their first objective anywhere within their table half and at least 12" from any table edge or the center line.

Subsequent objectives may be placed within 6" of the center line and at least 12" from any other objective or the table edge.

3. Reconnaissance Forces

Players alternate deploying all Recon units in the same order. These can be placed anywhere in their half of the table, but not within 12" of the table's centerline. Units alternate Infiltrate deployments after all other units are placed.

Recon units may be declared held in reserves instead of deploying. The side that deployed more Recon units may claim the Out-Scouted secondary objective.

If one side has deployed no units, then the opponent may position their units anywhere on the table on Ambush Fire.

4. Turn 0

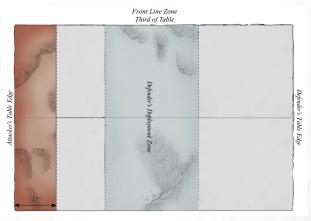
Both players roll a D6 adding the number of units deployed in step 3. The side with the highest total takes the first turn. On a tie, the side that deployed the most Recon units wins.

5. Main Force Arrival

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From turn 1 onwards, players bring in units from reserves equal to the turn number. Units entering the board may be placed fully within 6" of the player's table edge (24" each direction from the table corner). Continue this until all the forces are on the tabletop.

5.2 Defense Line



SITUATION REPORT

The enemy have already been under heavy artillery fire, and are already weakened. Spearhead an assault to break through the lines.

Scenario Type: Attack/Defense

TERRAIN

Set up the terrain in any mutually agreed manner.

VICTORY

Victory Points are scored cumulatively until the VP limit is reached:

Objective Markers (+1VP net)

Enemy Unit slain (+1VP)

Slay the Warlord (+1VP)

Out-Scouted (+1VP)

The recommended VP limit is the game size/100.

RESERVES

Reserves enter the table in waves. During the game, one unit, plus one for every 1000 points of game limit will arrive as a wave where noted.

1. Determine Table Edges

The defender may choose which of the short table edges the Attacker must deploy on. He gets the opposite table edge.

2. Attacker's Forces

Probing Force

The probing force must include all the Attacker's Recon

*For every 2000 points of game size, roll an additional D3

units and one wave of reserves as described above.

Main Force

The rest of the attacker's battlegroup are his main force. From turn 3 onwards, one wave will enter the board from the attacker's table edge at the beginning of each turn.

3. Determine Initial Defenders

The defender may select up to half of their units, plus any Fortifications to start. All other units are placed in reserves.

4. Defender's Reinforcements

From turn 4 onwards one wave will arrive each turn from his table edge, until all units are on the tabletop.

5. Objective Placement

The defender places two objectives in the front line zone, and one anywhere else on the table, with the usual restrictions. The defender may not claim all objectives secured victory.

6. Deploy Initial Defenders Place all the initial defenders in the front line zone. D3 units may start the game on the Ambush Fire order.

7. Deploy Attacker's Probing Force

The attacker's probing force units are placed within 12" of the attacker's table edge.

8. Resolve Bombardment

Each of the defender's non-vehicle units must take a Pinning test. Vehicles must pass a leadership check, or count as Crew Stunned at the start of the game.

10. First Turn

The attacker takes the first turn.

Codex Changes

6.1 Imperial Guard

The following rules also apply to Renegades & Heretics

Vox-Casters: Units with a Vox-caster may Request Support if they are in vox network with an eligible unit that could Request Support and they did not receive a Voice of Command order this turn.

Forward Sentries: Veterans with this doctrine may be deployed as a Recon unit if they did not purchase a Dedicated Transport.

Infantry Platoons: Infantry Platoons purchased as a Troops choice may unlock an additional Support Asset.

6.2 Tau Empire

6.2.1 Special Rules

Supporting Fire: When an enemy unit declares a charge, all friendly models with this special rule in units within 6" of the charging unit's target can choose to fire at the charging unit. If this rule is used, the weapon cannot be fired in the next turn, but the firing model can shoot a different weapon if it has one.

6.2.2 Wargear

Bonding Knife Ritual: Confers +1WS in addition to Heroic Morale

Broadsides:

The unit may purchase Fire Control Suspensors (Slow & Purposeful) as a Support System.....15pts/model

Melee Weapons:

(May be purchased in place of Ranged Weapons)

Power Weapon.....15pts

Onager Gauntlet....10pts

Signature Systems: Up to 25 points may be spent on signature systems with no penalty. Further purchases count as a single Restricted choice.

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6.3 Tyranids

6.3.1 Special Rules

Synapse: Creatures in Synapse range may use the highest leadership of Synapse creatures in range

Psychic Consonance: Synapse creatures in Synapse range of other Synapse creatures may be counted as having +1 Toughness for the purposes of Instant Death.

Synaptic Lapse: If a Synapse creature fails a Morale or Pinning test, its Synapse Range is reduced to 0" until it Regroups or is no longer Gone to Ground.

Experimental Rules

7.1 Ranged Weapons

7.1.1 Shotguns

Buckshot: Shotguns gain +1 Strength within half range.

7.2 Assault Phase

7.2.1 Overwatch

Units that could fire Overwatch may only do so with weapons that are 18" range or shorter.

Weapons with 12" range or shorter may fire normally instead of Snap Shots.

Overwatch fire may be counted as if the target were at any point along its charge path.