

Skald

1.1 Overview

Skalds are itinerant entertainers, they travel the countryside playing music, reciting poetry and making fun of the church and the nobility for their keep. They seek out heros and adventure, the subjects of the great epics they wish to write. Often they desire fame and fortune through their craft. Skalds are typically not backward in coming forward. They are a light in the darkness, assuaging the fears of the people and bastioning them against the creatures of the night.

1.2 Character Creation

Follow these steps to create a Skald character

- (i) Print out the character sheet.
- (ii) Choose a name for the character and write it on the character sheet..
- (iii) Write your own name in the players name area on the character sheet.
- (iv) Fill in the Archetype Value: Skald
- (v) Fill in your Height: $162 + 3d10$ cm, Weight: $65 + 3d10$ kg, and Age: $26 + 2d6$ years. Your gender is male.
- (vi) Fill in your level: 1.
- (vii) Fill in your characters tags: human, humanoid, medium
- (viii) Determine your Primary Abilities by choosing one of the following sets of ability bonuses, and then rolling a Std-Check for each ability against a DC of 10. Add +1 to the ability if successful:

❖ Str:12/-1, End:12/-1, Ag:14/+1, Spd:14/+1, Per:14/+1 or

❖ Str:12/-1, End:13/+0, Ag:13/+0, Spd:14/+1, Per:14/+1

Then roll a Std-Check for each ability against a DC of 13. Add +1 to the ability if successful. Add -1 to the ability if a bane is rolled. The player may reroll if a boon is rolled.

- (ix) All Skalds start with the following skills: Merovingian IV.

Choose one of Musician - Strings II, Musician - Keyed II, or Musician - Wind Instrument II. Choose one of Dance I or Oratory I. Choose one of Aquilonian I or Dwarven I. Choose one of History I or Theology I.

- (x) Work out your characters background using the the tables from the next section. Do this now. It may effect your abilities.

- (xi) Record your **Archetype Initiative**: 8 and add your Perception Modifier to get your Initiative and Initiative Modifier.

- (xii) Record your **Archetype Move Distance**: 6 and add your Speed Modifier to get your Move and Move Modifier.

- (xiii) Record your characters Health and Stamina:

Stamina = $d3+9$ + Endurance Modifier

Health = $d3+9$ + Strength Modifier

Your current stamina and health are the same as your full stamina and health. The temporary values are zero, and the refresh rate is 1d4

- (xiv) Determine your characters dice pool: maximum and refresh values. The current values are initially set to the maximum values:

Luck Pool Maximum/Refresh = 2/+1

Magic Pool Maximum/Refresh = 2/+1

Mettle Pool Maximum/Refresh = 4/+2

- (xv) Players should choose a few initial aspects for their character. It is best to choose your aspects in a group with the other players and GM. Newly acquired aspects have a difficulty of 9 + d4 unless the archetype description or the GM says otherwise.

Some suggested aspects for this archetype are: You must choose: Brother of Mithras, other suggestions are: I have been Chosen, Unshakeable Belief, Faith for my Heart the Bottle for my Head, Do not speak her name, Do Not Tempt Me. It is a Long Story, Sudden in Choler. . But feel free to choose an aspect of your own. Try to create one that will generate interesting game play.

- (xvi) Gain the following ability advances: +1 Hammer I, +1 Axe I, +1 Hammer II or Axe II, +1 Martial I
- (xvii) Optionally sketch out a couple of lines of back story with your fellow players and GM with a few points about the characters history. For example, Dourli might come from the Iron Mountains and be searching for his long lost cousin Grimli.
- (xviii) Determine your starting money: 20 + d4 sp.
- (xix) You get some starting equipment for free: Gambeson, one of flail, mace or morning star, dagger, rations for a week.
- (xx) Buy equipment. Now you can purchase any common equipment from the equipment list.

You are now finished character creation.

1.3 Character Background

1.4 Level Progression

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The level progression table contains a list of new abilities and promotions the character gets when they gain a new level. Your character automatically receives all innate abilities at first level.

Table 1.1: Level Progression Table

Level	Stamina	Health	Mettle	Magic	Luck	Promotions
1	d3+9/1d4	d3+9/full,	4/+2	2/+1	2/+1	