

THE GOONHAMMER OPEN UK 2021

When: 23rd and 24th October 2021

Where: Nottingham Girls' School Sports Hall, 9 Arboretum Street, Nottingham, NG1 4JB

Players: 128

Points: 2,000

Rounds: 6

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Army Selection

All games will be played at the Strike Force level using all the rules from the Grand Tournament Mission Pack published in Chapter Approved 2021.

Lists should be submitted in BCP no later than the 9th of October to give the organisers time to review. Please make sure your list is as clear as possible for your opponent. Lists created in Battlescribe should use the Chat Text export to make them easier to read.

We will be using the Battle Ready points scoring from the mission pack. To qualify for this all models in your army should be painted and based (unless the model is used without a base e.g. a Rhino). To count as being painted all armies should meet the "battle ready" standard as pictured:



If you have detachments from the same army with different rules (e.g. a Space Marines army with a White Scars and an Iron Hands detachment) these should be clearly identified as being different i.e. painted in a way which is visually distinct.

FAQs and errata

The tournament will use all Games Workshop FAQs and errata published up to the 9th of October. Anything published after this date will not be used (subject to TO discretion).

Rules queries

If you have any queries relating to event rulings, please submit them to contact@goonhammer.com and specify RULES QUERY – GHO UK in the subject line. We will publish an event FAQ closer to the time of the event.

What you need to bring

1. Your 2000pt army
2. The rules for anything you're using - paper or electronic is fine, but these should be available to your opponent to check if necessary.
3. A copy of your army list
4. Dice, measuring tapes, markers, and other paraphernalia
5. A chess clock if you wish to use one – these will not be provided

Missions and Scoring

The event will use missions from the Chapter Approved 2021 Grand Tournament Missions pack as follows:

Saturday

09.00 - 09.15: Arrival and announcements
09.15 - 12.15: Game 1 – Sweep and Clear – Terrain Map 1
12.15 - 13.00: Lunch
13.00 - 16.00: Game 2 – Battle Lines – Terrain Map 3
16.15 – 19.15: Game 3 – Overrun – Terrain Map 2

Sunday

09.00 - 09.15: Arrival and announcements
09.15 - 12.15: Game 4 – Vital Intelligence – Terrain Map 1
12.15 - 13.00: Lunch
13.00 - 16.00: Game 5 – Retrieval Mission – Terrain Map 3
16.15 – 19.15: Game 6 – Surround and Destroy – Terrain Map 2
19.30 – 20.00: Prizes

Pairings will be organised by win path (i.e. a player with a WWL record would match with another player also on WWL for game 4, and not a player with a WLW record).

Chess Clocks

Players are encouraged to utilise chess clocks for their games, particularly if one or both players have large armies which may otherwise be unwittingly slow-played – note as above that these will not be provided.

TERRAIN

All tables will use Vanguard Tactics Terrain, either a Necrotek set or a Military Base set. There are three terrain maps, one for each deployment being used – Sweep and Clear and Vital Intelligence will use Terrain Map 1, Battle Lines and Retrieval Mission will use Terrain Map 2, and Overrun and Surround and Destroy will use Terrain Map 3. Please make sure your table is set up appropriately before each mission. Terrain maps will be provided in a separate document on the GHO UK page on Goonhammer.

We will be using the following terrain traits from the core rules, as follows:

Ruins (Area Terrain): Scaleable, Breachable, Light Cover, Defensible, Obscuring

Craters (Area Terrain): Light Cover, Difficult Ground, **Dense**

In all cases the 8 large ruins pieces should use the rules for ruins and the 2 area terrain pieces should be treated as craters. Note that for some of the Necrotek sets there are very minor gaps which could arguably be seen through – for all rules purposes these should be treated as being solid surfaces and any such gaps ignored for line of sight.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

Best General – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Best in Faction

Best Army – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Single Miniature painting contest (sponsored by Mohawk Miniatures)

We have trophies for every category and a selection of fantastic prizes from our sponsors as well – you can check out all the event sponsors on the event page on Goonhammer!

COVID-19 POLICY

FACE MASKS/COVERINGS:

Face Masks won't be provided but are encouraged.

Please avoid the use of masks with valves in them, they don't help with the protection of those around you. A material mask, surgical mask, or a scarf like covering is sufficient! Masks should be worn around the mouth and nose at all times.

HAND GEL, HAND WASHING, AND HYGIENE:

Personal hygiene is the best way to prevent the spread of the virus, we recommend players wash their hands on arrival, and throughout the day. Alcohol Hand Gel will be readily available near every table and players will be reminded to use it throughout the day. We recommend using Hand Gel whenever entering or leaving the building, before moving tables, after eating and after using the bathroom.

SOCIAL DISTANCING:

We've limited the amount of tables we will use in the venue to be able to respect social distancing. All players will have adequate space between tables but will need to respect the 1m+ Rule whilst playing - so please refrain from touching any models other than your own, use only your own dice, tape measure and accessories, and keep your belongings close by in arms reach. Try to avoid gathering in large groups close together, and do not share food/drinks.

TRACK AND TRACE:

On arrival at the event, we will take personal details to assist in the NHS Track and Trace, while following GDPR rules. If you are contacted by NHS Track and Trace within 14 days of attending the event, you must inform the Goonhammer team as soon as possible.

SYMPTOMS:

If you develop symptoms before the event, during the event, or after the event - you must contact the Goonhammer team as soon as possible.

If a player develops symptoms during the event, the event will be cancelled and the players will be advised to self-isolate immediately.