



THE REALMS OF SOLENDIUM GAME RULES

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Introduction

Welcome to all our new and returning adventurers, before you begin your adventure within our world, it is expected that you read this document in its entirety. Heroes Odyssey is an 18+ fantasy themed role play environment that does involve consented engagement and non-coordinated combat, please consider this before agreeing to participate at one of our events.

Your First Night

Complete the Forms

New players will need to ensure that they have read, understood and signed the Player Registration Forms and Wavers, these will be supplied to you at sign in. Returning players need only re-complete the forms if they have not attended within a twelve-month period or if the rules or forms have been updated or amended. Until these forms are completed you cannot participate during the game.

What to Wear

New players are encouraged to wear comfortable enclosed shoes and plain coloured clothing (no logos, no offensive prints or language). Weapons and shields are available for hire at most of our events.

What to Expect

Heroes Odyssey is a live action role play. We play with realistic foam/latex weapons in a controlled combat system. Each event will have a game outlined to house leaders and players are encouraged to role play within the guidelines of the scenario and immerse themselves to better enhance their adventure. Players acknowledge that they will be entering a battlefield where they may be struck with LARP weapons that have been approved by the Heroes Odyssey Management. Role play and combat are both elements of our game and participants accept the risks involved with their participation. All weapons are to be submitted for inspection prior to all events, unapproved and unsafe weapons will be removed from the field of play.

What to Do

After you have read the rules, completed the forms and signed in for the night our team members will direct you to your induction called "Pathfinders". Our Pathfinder program is a requirement before you join the rest of the players and is designed to run you through your on-field obligations to all participants as well as combat and event safety. This will occur during the first hour of a Summoning event or during the first game of an evening. Once completed you are welcome to join your friends in their house or alternatively our admin team can facilitate your involvement within a house of your choice, or you can join the team member that trained you, within their house. At any time, you can choose to participate in pathfinders, or if deemed necessary, you may be required to redo pathfinder training.

Code of Conduct

Heroes Odyssey is a LARP gaming community, and like many other communities we have a code of conduct to ensure that all members of this community are treated fairly and with respect.

All participants at Heroes Odyssey are expected to comply with the code of conduct and safety guidelines. Violators of the code of conduct may face disciplinary action.

Please note: This is a role play community and as such we need to be able to distinguish between real life and in character behaviour. Using role play as an excuse to defend your actions is not appropriate nor acceptable.

No Offensive Behaviour or Racism

Heroes Odyssey is a family friendly environment. Racism, offensive language, offensive gestures and offensive behaviour is not acceptable either on or off the field. Physical assault or threats of assault will not be tolerated. This also extends and includes our digital and social media platforms. Violators or players found participating in this practice may be subject to disciplinary action.

No Harassment

Harassment of any kind will NOT be tolerated at Heroes Odyssey. If you experience harassment while at a HO Event, please notify a Warden or Committee member immediately so the appropriate actions can be taken.

Harassment is defined as any repeated unwanted or unwelcome behaviour, which makes a person feel degraded and humiliated.

Alcohol Drug Policy

Heroes Odyssey events are alcohol and drug free. The term drug refers to illicit or illegal drugs that are not prescribed for medicinal purposes. If currently taking prescription medication that limits your capacity, we will require a letter from your doctor to allow your safe participation.

Discipline

Heroes Odyssey Management reserves the right to decide upon appropriate actions should a player's behaviour be un-safe, disorderly, breach the code of conduct, breach safety guidelines the honour system or be genuinely distasteful. Our game wardens may decide to verbally communicate your misconduct and suggest appropriate action before disciplinary action is taken. Verbal communication may be recorded as a report for the wardens and Heroes Odyssey Management to review later. If verbal directions have not been followed, we have a card issuing system to regulate our disciplinary actions:

- Yellow Card- The player has been deemed a safety risk and has failed to comply with prior
 warnings or has breached the code of conduct, safety guidelines or the honour system.
 Depending on the severity of the breach, the player may be dismissed from the field of play
 or the venue. A second Yellow Card within a 30-day period will escalate the card issued to a
 Red Card.
- Red Card- The player has caused safety concerns or has failed to comply with warnings and
 as a duty of care to other players has been deemed a safety risk. The breach is deemed
 severe and will result in an immediate dismissal from the venue and a restriction of play will
 be communicated with the player and their house leadership. Pending the severity of the
 breach the restriction of play may result in a ban.

Should the player wish to appeal a decision or card issued, they are to organise a meeting with Heroes Odyssey Management to review the incidents that lead to disciplinary actions being taken. To organise a meeting please email hoplayercare@gmail.com.

The Experience Point (XP) System

All attending players at any of our events must sign in before commencing their participation for the event. During sign in a player will be allocated XP. Depending on the event your XP can range from 1XP being accrued to multiple XP being granted. For our skilled based events, your XP can be converted into skill points to gain the ability to use during the event. The conversion process and skill selection are handled at sign in. 6XP will reward you with a player level and each level you acquire will reward you with an additional skill point to spend on a skill. Skills and their costs are outlined in the skill section of this document. Players start on player level 1 and have access to 1 skill point after they pass their pathfinder training. Skills and skill points are not transferable and can only be used by the player that accrued them.

The Honour System

Heroes Odyssey is based on an honour system, where players monitor their own HP, and only use skills which the player has obtained. Players in breach or the honour system may be subject to disciplinary action.

It is the players responsibility:

- To know their own HP.
- To know their current Skills.
- Experience
- To abide by the Heroes Odyssey code of conduct and safety guidelines.

It is the Wardens responsibility to:

- To receive and act on reports received from players.
- To ensure defective and damaged equipment is removed from the field.
- To monitor and govern Heroes Odyssey code of conduct and safety guidelines.

Safety Guidelines

At Heroes Odyssey we take player safety seriously, as such we have systems in place to ensure the safety of all players, this is generally managed by the wardens who oversee the on-field games. All players are required to follow the directions of the wardens. If you feel that a scenario or situation is unsafe, please immediately communicate this to a warden so that the situation/scenario may be evaluated and modified to make it safe.

Safety Calls

The wardens will use the following calls to direct the game play during an event.

Game On

"GAME ON" is called by the wardens to signal the start (or resumption) of play.

Game Over

"GAME OVER" is called to signal the end of the game session.

Pause Play

"Pause Play" is called to interrupt play due to injury, safety, or other game related issue. All players are to cease fighting, stand still with weapons raised and wait for the direction of a warden. In the event a player is injured and requires additional attention all players must stop and wait for further direction from the wardens. Players near the injured player should wave their hands to gain the attention of the warden and/or first-aid officer. Play is resumed by a warden calling "Game On".

Player Calls

Players are not permitted to make safety calls and may be issued with a blue card if their conduct has affected the game play. To attract the attention of a warden during play it is permitted for a player to call "Warden" during an emergency or to ask a question regarding the scenario.

Safety Equipment

It is the players responsibility to protect themselves and others from contact to sensitive areas and their eyes.

It is strongly encouraged and recommended that all players wear suitable protective equipment while at Heroes Odyssey events. Failure to do so could result in potential injury.

Zones of Play

- 1) No Combat Zone: Areas designated as role play only.
- 2) No Play Zone: Areas defined by the property owner, committee or warden as out of bounds for safety reasons. Including water, marsh, drop zones.
 - Any player entering a no play zone will be subject to disciplinary action.
- 3) Dead Zones: Areas on the field of battle defined by the committee or wardens that may be used for roleplay, scenario purposes or to enforce the no retreat rule (see "No Retreat").
- 4) Combat Zone: Any area deemed as field of battle.
- 5) Non-Game zone: These areas are storage areas, amenities, facilities not in play, or house keeps.

"No Retreat" – Wardens will raise safety concerns or define a battlefield boundary for fair sportsmanship. If players cross the boundary, they take a death.

Combat Rules

Non-Coordinated Combat

Heroes Odyssey is a non-coordinated combat environment. This means that ranged and melee strikes will occur and should be controlled in a manner that constitutes a safe, medium but firm touch. The onus of control when inflicting a strike remains on the individual performing the strike and should not be deferred. The safety of each strike is the responsibility of those performing it. Be aware of your surroundings. During combat, players may be moving all around you and changing positions. It is strongly discouraged to move backwards when moving away from an opponent, moving backwards means you are unable to clearly see obstacles or players behind you and this action may potentially result in serious injury/death or damage to property.

Physical Contact and Consent

Consent should be sought out before physical interaction occurs and physical contact should be kept to a minimum. Players may make physical contact between players as part of role play if consent is given from those involved. you do not agree to being physically touched, then try offer an alternative so that role play mechanics can continue. This should not be manipulated to gain an advantage on the field.

Close Quarters

Be advised you should not be within 1.5 metres of your opponent. Your arm's length with weapon at the ready is enough to strike an opponent. In the case of daggers, be advised their use may require closer engagement to a player consider their use as roleplay rather than a primary weapon of engagement.

Strike Zones

Please refer to the diagram for what is considered a strike zone. Heads and groins are not to be struck. The torso area can also be sensitive for some players due to illness, physicality or medically required devices. The responsibility falls on players to control their combat and to not target heads or groins. The responsibility falls on players to ensure sensitive areas are protected so the risk of injury is minimised. Strikes to the head, groin, hands and feet will not count for damage. Any strike that causes a player to suspend their participation must be immediately reported to a warden and both players must leave the field to take a death unless agreed upon from both parties. Not every player experience hard hit in the same way. Be aware of the person you are engaging and ensure you control your melee strikes appropriately. Successful strikes will deal the damage allocated to the weapon or skill used. Strikes to the back of the Torso will count as 3HP damage as these strikes may not be easily identified by skill or weapon used causing the strike.



Valid Strikes

Attacking strokes are to be performed in a realistic manner and consistent with the role play of the weapon used (bigger weapons will not have a swing as fast as a smaller sword).

- A slashing weapon must have a realistic swing where the elbow should open and close as opposed to the wrist flexing and extending.
- A thrusting weapon must commence with the elbow in line with the body. Thrusting is always performed in a downward motion away from the head.
- Throwing weapons including spell balls must strike cleanly (no rebound or bounce shots).
- Ranged weapons must cleanly strike with the 'damaging' end of the weapon (no rebound or bounce shots).
- Shields are to be used defensively and are not to be used as weapons to strike or push anyone.
- Costuming or props that interfere with a strike making valid contact is considered as a valid strike.

A block is considered ineffective if your opponent's weapon was able to make positive contact in a legal strike zone. Do not parry ranged attacks like arrows or javelins, ricocheted projectiles are more dangerous than the original strike.

Lowered Stance

Do not fight off the knee nor crouch as low, as if on one knee. This style of fighting increases the chances of suffering a blow to the head. You can take a knee or lay down on the field if:

- 1. It is safe to do so.
- 2. You are on the knee due to being incapacitated.
- 3. You are role playing away from a battle.
- 4. You are prepared to accept the risk of being hit in the head and acknowledge that you have been discouraged to perform such actions.

Starting Your Adventure

Every player starts their adventures within The Realms of Solendium by first completing the pathfinder training on their first night with us. After you have completed your pathfinder training the real adventures begin. If it is your first time or even if you are a returning player, we encourage you to trial houses and see if there is a warband (group of people) with a kit, lore, and bond you can develop with. Don't be afraid to ask your pathfinder instructor to introduce you to a house leader if you find yourself drawn to their character. Each house can be broken down to warbands and each player that makes up the warbands have all shared you 'first night jitters", don't be shy to get involved, ask questions, and remain open to in game opportunities. If you decide to trial multiple warbands within a house or trial multiple houses to find where your character belongs, this too is part of your LARP journey. We encourage players, when settled, to progress with a single character within the house though if your creativity and kit availability allows you to facilitate multiple characters (and it won't confuse your fellow gamers) feel free to explore what different characters can bring to your game.

Character Journals

The first prop you will need before a character is created is a Character Journal. The Character journal is where you can store your character sheet which will help you keep track of your levels, skill points and skill purchases you make for your character. The skills can be changed at your leisure if you record them within your journal. If you do not have your journal, you cannot access your skills, like all props if it's not present it cannot be used. Character Journals are a great way to also keep track of your adventures and they add an extra level of creativity to your game. You must have a character journal for each character you create and play. A variety of character journals are available for purchase from Heroes Odyssey Management and can be organised for purchase at one of our events.

Warbands and House Creation

Warbands

Warbands are groups of 3+ players. A qualified warband has been recognised by Heroes Odyssey Management and must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Prior to the warbands submission the leadership team for the proposed warband have consistently attended game nights for a 3 month period.
- 2. The warband has appointed a warband leader and 2IC.
- 3. The warband leadership has approached a house leader with 3+ players and both leadership teams have agreed to trial the warband and participate within the same house.
- 4. The warband leadership team has been approved by Heroes Odyssey Management.
- 5. The warband has an easily recognised look (kit) on field.
- 6. The warband has had an emblem created by Heroes Odyssey Management that will represent their warband on documents like maps.
- 7. The warband has a banner displaying their emblem.
- 8. The warband must attend three consecutive summoning events with all 3 of their listed starting members. , kit standard and banner. After the third summoning event, the warband leader and the house leader can confirm with Heroes Odyssey Management that the warband is no longer on trial and is now either an active warband, remaining on trial or is no longer a warband.

House

A house has 8+ players that consistently attend game night and summoning events. A House must meet the following requirements:

- 1. The House Leader and 2IC have been approved by Heroes Odyssey Management.
- 2. The house must have grown from an active warband and has been approved to submitted a house application form to Heroes Odyssey Management.
- 3. The house leader and second in command has been approved by Heroes Odyssey Management.
- 4. The house has an easily recognised look (kit) on field.
- 5. The house banner is present either being held by a banner bearer or visible seen to the side of the field
- 6. The house has 8+ players with either a single theme or multiple warbands combinging under one unified title, banner and leadership team.
- 7. The formation of a house cannot place into jeopardy the existence of other warbands or houses and a minimum of 50% of the founding members must be new players not existing players changing allegiances.
- 8. The House remains on trial until it has completed three consecutive summoning events meeting all the above requirements. When the trial has ended Heroes Odyssey Management will review the house deciding to keep the house on trial, approving the House or keeping the proposed house as a warband.

Freeboot Wanderers

Freeboot Wanderers are players that chose to play a character that is not aligned with a warband or a house. These characters must be approved by Heroes Odyssey Management and the Head Warden of a Game Night or Summoning needs to be notified prior to the player taking to the field. Freeboot Wanderers can hirer their services as a mercenary, in this instance they are considered a part of whichever house hires them on the night.

Common Game Mechanics

Banners and House Chest

Each house requires a banner to be brought to every event, and it must be present and displayed for your Warband or House to qualify for the night's game or summoning event. Banners should be 60cm long by 40cm wide. Banners can be integrated into game nights and when this occurs a house should be mindful that if they do not end the game with their banner in their possession, they will either need to pay up to a 10 gold ransom to recover their banner or risk forfeiting any reward they would have received for completing the game night. House Chests are to store in game props and Aura Gems during Summoning Events. The House Chest cannot be taken, however, anything that is stored inside the chest is in play and could be looted from your camp.

Incapacitation

Incapacitated players:

- A Player is incapacitated when their hit points (HP) have been reduced to zero.
- May not meaningfully interact with other players (no passing of information).
- May receive Field Surgery, Healing Energy or a Divine Aura to return to the field of play. (See Players Skills)
- Are not to stay in an active combat area, for safety reasons they must move themselves (with weapon raised over their head) to the side of the active combat area. They are not to move to gain advantage (i.e., closer to healer or objective).
- You may voluntarily succumb to death but cannot fake incapacitation to gain an advantage.

Death

A player is dead when:

- The 1-minute following incapacitation has passed, or they have been Coup de Grace'd.
- When hit with a weapon or skill that inflicts instant death (See the Instant Death special rule)
- When a warden or NPC has deemed the appropriate action required is a character death.

Dead players:

- May not interact with living players (no passing of information).
- Must move directly to deaths gate with their weapon raised above their head.
- Cannot receive field surgery or healing energy but can receive resurrection.
- You cannot fake death to gain an advantage.
- Can be revived to full health if a player is resurrected by Necromancy, a Divine Aura or uses Repenters Prayers (See Players Skills).

Instant Death Special Rule.

Players suffer instant death if hit by a weapon or skill that's damage is greater than their total HP. If the weapon or skill inflicts damage less than the players total HP, the player continues till they are reduced to OHP and follow the rules for incapacitation. When instant death occurs, the player drops all scenario props and proceeds to death as if they have been coup'de'grace. Players sent to death by Wardens may be subject to disciplinary action and may not be able to receive resurrection, warden discretion will be applied.

Death's Gate

When a character reaches Deaths Gate, they can commence their death timer. The death timer is two minutes for both night events and Summoning events. When the death time has elapsed then the character may return to the field of play with their full hit points. Players returning from death however:

- May re-join the game from a House base or a point on the field of play specified by the warden or scenario
- Do not remember the last 5 minutes prior to death, unless a Necromancy, a Divine Aura or uses Repenters Prayers are used therefore they will have their full memories restored once they return to the field (See Players Skills).

Wardens

Often our wardens will be disguised as NPC characters to help deliver an immersive experience. Wardens will be identifiable by the lanyards they wear during game. All night events and summoning events will have a head warden and two or more volunteer wardens ensuring the game operates as efficiently as possible. Our head wardens are first aid trained and should be the first point of call during a first aid incident. If an in-game event needs to be reported or if clarity on a scenario needs to be discussed, please direct your query to the warden team and they will endeavour to provide you with the appropriate answer. Our wardens are here to facilitate a safe game for everyone including themselves, ensure that you respect their judgment on an in-game situation.

Locks and lock pick

The locks in the Heroes Odyssey must be a visible prop for the player to interact with. These props can be purchased from Heroes Odyssey Management.

Locks can be used to:

- Limit access to a chest (note: the entire chest may be stolen to open later).
- Limit access to/from a House base (gate must be locked).
- Incarceration of a player.
- Limit access to and from the cell whilst incarcerated.

Note: keyed locks may be used with approval for a specific scenario, the key must be available upon request, or won after undergoing a specific challenge.

Champion Battles

In the event of a draw during a scenario, the parties involved will put forward a champion. These champions will be issued with specific instructions from the game warden and a champion battle will commence. The specifics of each battle will be announced before the battle commences. The winner of the battle will be the winner of the scenario.

Scenario Props

Games may have a variety of props that will be available to players to enhance their gaming experience. The following are the most common scenario props:

Relics - Relics are items that remain in play beyond game over being called e.g., aura gems. Relics can be placed in bags of holding and stored on a player during game nights however, on summoning events relics must be placed in your house chest.

Sacred Texts- Sacred Texts include props like maps, notes, relic instructions etc. These props cannot be placed in bags of holding, each piece takes up the use of one hand and they must always remain visible to a warden.

Mechanic Props- The mechanic prop includes things like ritual daggers, shrines, pillars, tablet pieces etc. these props are put into the game to ensure the game mechanic works. Their removal from the game stalls the game and as such these items cannot be placed in a bag of holding must always remain visible to a warden and should not be removed from their location unless the game briefing specifies, they can be moved with one or two hands or 2+ people.

Accepted Gear Suppliers

Heroes Odyssey is proudly supported by Epic Armoury Australia, and we accept their full range of weapons and equipment if they are fantasy themed. We allow the use of selected Calimacil, Ateliers Nemesis and Woarchery LARP approved equipment. All equipment is subject to inspection before being used on field and Heroes Odyssey Management reserve the right to deny any equipment from play for whatever reason. If you have a question regarding a weapon's use, or would like advice before you make your purchase, please contact Heroes Odyssey Management via email teamholarp@gmail.com.

Scenario Mechanics

To add different dynamics to a scenario, scenario mechanics may be implemented. These may include but are not limited to:

- Cliff Mechanic- The marked boundary outlines where a cliff is in play. If a player goes over the boundary, they take a death.
- Wall Mechanic- The marked boundary outlines where a wall is in play, players cannot go beyond this boundary nor see past it.
- Swamp Mechanic- The marked boundary outlines where a swamp is in play. Here players are expected to role play slow movement (walking only) as if they are traveling through a swamp
- Water Mechanic- The marked boundary outlines where a river, pool, lake or ocean is in play. Here players are expected to role play either using boats or swimming motions (walking pace). Depending on the scenario may suffer a death if they contact the water.
- Zombie Mechanic- Players are to role play half speed movement as if they are a zombie.
 Players are not considered to be their normal character whilst being a zombie and cannot use their skills. Zombies have 5HP and can be instantly killed if another player is willing to use the heal spell on them.
- Fog Mechanic- Players cannot see beyond the length of their arms reach.

Players are encouraged to embrace these game mechanics to maximise the immersion of other players whilst participating in the scenario.

Health Points

Each character on the field starts with 0 health points (HP). HP can be increased by wearing soft kit, wearing moderate or heavy armour, applying prosthetics or receiving enchanted HP from props. The maximum HP any player-controlled character can achieve is 15HP.

Enchanted HP

There are various forms of Enchanted HP available for use through either skills or enchantments. Enchanted HP does not stack and only the highest HP Enchantment skill or item will be added towards your HP.

Prosthetics for Character creation

Prosthetics can assist players bring to life the fantasy characters that build up the diverse races within Solendium. Items like a fur suit, full tail, scaled skin prosthetic masks may count as moderate armour. Discuss this with the warden at weapon and armour check to see if additional HP can be applied to your total HP

Soft Kit

The basic clothes worn on field by your character is referred to as soft kit. On your first night it is not expected that you will have this already organised, but it is encouraged that you wear enclosed shoes (preferably boots not joggers), plain colour pants and a plain colour top (please avoid logos). Modern attire should be kept at a minimum and in most cases house leaders will have loaner soft kit available for you so you can be easily identified as a member of their house. Well-developed soft kit is a great start down your path to immersing yourself into your character and it is encouraged you build up your costume from there.

Armour Standards

It is strongly encouraged that you wear armour to protect yourself during the game to reduce the risk of injury. Armour is divided into two different categories, moderate armour, and heavy armour. Armour should be kept visible where possible. There is a difference between soft kit leather/furs/hide/pleather and the same materials used and treated for use as armour, as such non armour grade materials will count as soft kit but not as moderate armour. Armour that is worn and meets the below standard will increase your HP during game:

Moderate Armour:

- Non-hardened Leather/hide/simulated leather (minimum 4mm thick)
- Quilted or padded fabric e.g. gambeson

Heavy Armour

- Hardened leather
- Brigandine, Studded or Splint armour
- Lamellar
- Chainmail/Scale-mail. (Steel or aluminium)
- Plate armour. (Steel, aluminium, polyurethane, or fibreglass)

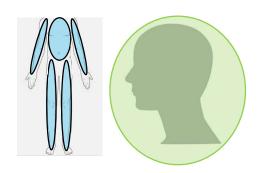
Alternative Materials

Players need to be aware that homemade armour will be subjected to assessment before it can be worn on field. Homemade metal armour will not be allowed for use. Please contact Heroes Odyssey Management at hoplayercare@gmail.com before commencing your armour project.

Armour Zones

Armour zones are areas of the body that can be covered by armour to receive addition health points (HP). It is the players responsibility to wear armour appropriately, in a safe manner, for both their participation and the participation of other players. Armour zones must have a piece of armour visible to gain the HP.

HP per Armour	Soft Kit	Moderate	Heavy
Zone		Armour	Armour
Head	1HP	2HP	3HP
Left Arm	1HP	2HP	3HP
Right Arm	1HP	2HP	3HP
Left Leg	1HP	2HP	3HP
Right Leg	1HP	2HP	3HP
Front Torso	1HP	2HP	3HP



Calculating Your Total HP

Use the below formula to calculate your total HP:

Soft Kit + Moderate Armour +Heavy Armour + Approved Prosthetics + Enchanted HP= Total HP

Example: Soft Kit: long pants (covers the left leg and right leg) 2HP + Moderate Armour: gambeson top with long sleeves (covers torso, left and right arm) 6HP + Heavy Armor: metal chest and metal greaves (adds to torso, left and right leg) 9HP + Prosthetic: orc mask (counts as approved prosthetic so moderate HP for head) 2HP= Total 19HP but the character is capped at 15HP.

Weapon Sizes & Damage

Heroes Odyssey does not allow the use of band weapons and homemade weapons. Custom made weapons are allowed from trusted suppliers that comply to our insurance standards. The table below details the length and the damage inflicted by the typical classes of weapons

Weapon	Length	Damage	Comment
Melee Daggers	30cm – 60cm	1HP	
One Handed	30cm – 115cm	1HP	
Dual Wield	60cm – 115cm	1HP	Approval required.
Throwing Weapons- approved designs only	Varies	1HP	Approval required. Cannot use with skills.
Boomsticks	NA	5HP	Approval required Boomsticks cannot be used as a melee weapon Bullets cannot be blocked
Bastard / Hand and a Half	100cm - 115cm	1HP/2HP* *(Depending how it is used, one or two handed)	Approval required. Weapon must be approved as a bastard weapon.
Two Handed Weapons	116cm - 139cm	2HP	Approval required.
Polearms and Staffs	120cm - 200cm	2HP	Approval required.
Pike (Two Handed)	190cm - 300cm	5HP	Thrust Only. Approval required.
Arrows	NA	2HP	Approval required.
Bow Approved designs only (Max Poundage 28lbs)	NA	NA	Approval required. Cannot be used to inflict or to block a strike.
Unwieldy Melee Weapons Large Hammer Large Clubs Large Axe	*Varies* Swords 140cm<	5HP	Approval required.

^{*}Approved designs are designs that use professionally manufactured strike surfaces but may have differing construction elements. Each of these designs must be approved by Heroes Odyssey Management prior being constructed and remain subject to weapons approval each night via the Head Warden.

Shield Sizes

Heroes Odyssey prefers the purchase and use of professionally made foam shields. All shields will be inspected before they are allowed on the field of play. Below are the recommended sizes to use as a guide, shields that breach these sizes may be subject to approval:

- Round Shields: Max diameter is 90cm.
- Square Shield: Max 90cm long and 60cm wide.
- Kite Shield: Max 120cm long and 60cm wide.
- Buckler/Targe: Max 40cm diameter or 30cm on the square edge and can be used with any weapon.

Players are not permitted to use multiple shields and bucklers at the same time and must be checked for safe use before playing with them.

Wands

Wands are props and must be carried onto the field within an approved wand holder. The use of a wand in role play is allowed, however, its inclusion must be safe. Never point the tip of a wand to yourself or another player, where possible hold the wand so that the tip is pointed up and away from players. Wands should only be taken out for static role play purposes and must be sheathed when moving or participating in combat. Wands are not allowed in melee engagements. If a warden deems that a wand has been misused or is unsafe, the warden will remove the wand from play.

Range Weapons and Projectiles

Arrows, Throwing Weapons, Hand Grenades, Spell Balls, and all other projectiles that are launched at an enemy require a player to undergo training before such weapons can be used on the field. These types of weapons do add a new element of combat to the game, but they also increased risk of injury. If a projectile is coming towards you during game, you cannot parry it away from you, nor are you permitted to catch the projectile mid-flight. If it is safe to do so you are permitted to block the projectile with an approved shield, in a downwards manner, so that it does not risk ricocheting into another player. If safe to do so, you may attempt to dodge the projectile but if it hits you or your kit your character must take the damage. Ricocheting shots do not count for damage unless the player in good sport wishes to take damage from it.

Character Journals and Books

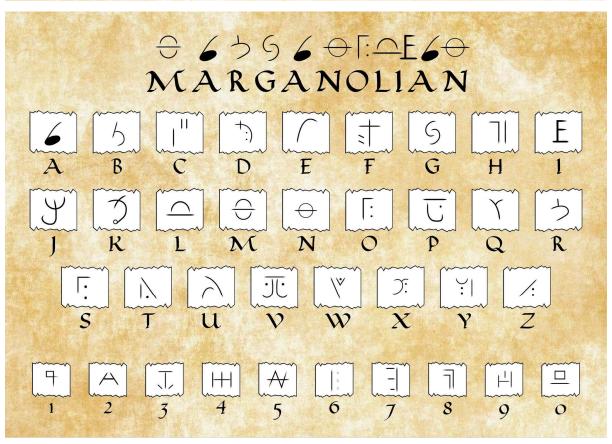
All players will be required to have a Character Journal. These journals are to help you with developing your character, writing down important information in a scenario or training session, remembering beasts they might have encountered, and it even doubles up as a spell book prop if the player is a mage or a book prop for a Field Surgery. The Character Journal will also keep track of your skills that you have gained and any rare enchantments or items you may have been given by Heroes Odyssey Management. It is not only a helpful tool for the player to refer to, but also helps the warden identify skills easily when the player is in game and may need to show evidence of their skill/enchantment to ensure fair play.

In Game Currency "Yan' Darie"

Yan'Darie is an in-game currency that takes the form of a single gold coin 1Y "1 Yan'Darie" or a single gold chip 10Y "10 Yan'Darie". These props are used as an in-game mechanic that forms a key element of trade and commerce. They can be given by Heroes Odyssey Management or its wardens as a reward for games play or for winning a game at an event, they may also be acquired via in-game means as part of an information trade or to purchase mercenary services.

These props are not to be dropped upon a character death. They should not be discarded into things like "whishing wells". They should not be "looted or stolen" by players neither in nor out of game. All Yan'Darie props have the Heroes Odyssey logo on them and remain the property of Heroes Odyssey regardless of the means that the player acquired them. Heroes Odyssey reserve the exclusive right to collect, retain, destroy, or forfeit the value of all Yan'Darie props at any time, and for whatever reason without giving notice. Yan'Darie props that are altered forged, misused, or damaged will be removed from circulation and instantly rendered invalid.











BEINGS OF SOLENDIUM ATMAH



Ranging from simple to complex, Atmah have a unique yet simple persona with a lineage that stretches back to the earliest days of Solendium. Originally the Atmah were destined to meet their mortal end, however, the blessings of the Demo'hari encompassed them and many Atmah have lived for multiple foundation points.

It is more common for the Atmah to consider their journeys ended as though they do not die many of the more senior Atmah claim their bodies to be ageing and wareing out.

Atmah come from the Vantacor continent in Mid Realm, however now days they have traversed multiple realms and it is not uncommon to find scattered kingdoms throughout Solendium.

Agile, adept and intelligent, the Atmah are versatile beings. There have been many successful adventurers, warriors, mages and rulers born from the Atmah. Their ability to adapt and learn makes them a formidable creature.



BEINGS OF SOLENDIUM RUN'VAH



All Run'vah trace their lineage back to the four great lords of the Run'vah, Mori, Kha, Lostel and Bumpta.

The Run'vah Lords set out from the continent of Vantacor during the first foundation point, each lord establishing a kingdom in new lands. Mori established Moriandel. Kha developed Kha'Havinar. Lostel founded Lostelloss while Bumpta was to stubborn to leave his home in Vantacor, so he fractured away his piece of the continent taking his home of Gluntorff with him.

These beings are hardened craftsmen, noble warriors and gifted artisans. However their numbers have dwindled in recent Foundation Points. Their mastery over their technology and unique understanding of aura magic allowed for their kingdoms to expand beyond Mid Realm.

Never shy to back down from a fight, the Run'vah relish the opportunity to prove their might and their boomstick weapons strike with keen precision downing even the strongest of foes



BEINGS OF SOLENDIUM ETNEIR



The term Etneir, "Ate-near", covers a broad range of beings, all of them descendants from Fae Creatures, all of them capable and intelligent with societies and cultures of their own.

It is not uncommon for a war band to be seen with one or multiple Etneir companions. Often these beings bring unique characteristics and animalistic abilities that are often useful while adventuring.

Atmarian in Stature, most often they have similar limb structures to their Atmah companions, the biggest characteristics of the Etneir is their appearance which often reflects that of their animal or Fae Creature ancestors.

Mostly found in Fae Realm But recently more have travelled to Mid Realm, the Etneir encampments are often tribal and secluded communities But it is becoming more common to see these beings as they continue to adventure.



BEINGS OF SOLENDIUM DAV'RIE



Similar to the Etneir, Dav'rie or "halfblood" are beings of capability but they share more in common with their ancestors and anamalistic heritage. Not as Atmarian in their appearance these beings are not to be underestimated as their intelligence and agility make them deadly warriors and capable companions.

Dav'rie often prefer to travel in packs, choosing to operate as a member of a group rather than adventurring solo. Dav'rie are fiercely loyal and are willing to sacrifice themselves for their pack.

Some Dav'rie are more wild than others and often their temperament is based on how well they can climatise to their surroundings.

Never underestimate a Dav'rie, they are highly intelligent and they have the Best of Both Bloodlines that flow through their Being.



FAE~EL



One of the oldest beings to have existed across the realms of Solendium since the first foundation Point. The fae-el are the first of the immortal creatures that descend from the Yand wei and were it not for the Wars of Light, their dominance as the main being of Mid Realm would still be so.

Aura magic flows through these beings. Often graced with fair complexion and elongated ears the Fae-el perceive the Aura and have a unique ability to harness its magic.

Their origins saw them as the prominent species in Mid Realm during the first foundation Point, however after the wars of light many of the surviving houses sought a new life and built new kingdoms in the fae Realm.

There are those that chose a darker path and were corrupted during the Wars of Light and these beings are now referred to as Fallen or Dark Fae-el, but the fallen share the same lineage and characteristics as all Fae-el kind.



BEINGS OF SOLENDIUM FAE



Almost hunted to extinction for their magical blood, Fae Creatures were able to restore their populations in the Fae Realm safely hidden away from any and all that would wish them harm.

It is a common misconception that Fae Creatures all have wings, furthermore another misconception is that these beings are all small. Nothing could be further from the truth. Fae Creatures range from tree sprites to winged fairies, from sentient fungus to living winds. Most Fae creatures are undetectable to the Atmarian eyes even the Fae-el have difficulty perceiving them. A Fae creature will be seen when they want to be seen.

Most fae creatures when adventurering try to hide their fae characteristics but often they are given away by their intrepid respect for nature or the mastery in Aura Magic.

Though their wings do not work and they are unable to hide when they take form and size up comparable to Atmah, most fae creatures are shy at first requiring proof of intention before they can trust.



GRODESH



The most prominent specie of Sky Realm, the Grodesh are born with great strength and are guided from a young age to train in all manners of warfare and as young adolescence they often seek out confrontation to gain their warrior recognition.

The Grodesh are tribal creatures which makes determining their numbers all but impossible. It is a fateful thing that Grodesh do not often combine as one great group, if they were to all march with a cause there would be little to nothing that could stop their advance.

Proficient in all weapons the Grodesh are not as diplomatic as other beings. They are skilled in the ways of magic but often prefer the use of physical prowess to resolve confrontation.

The Grodesh are mostly congregated on Sky Realm however there are nomadic tribes that roam Mid Realm mainly in Vantacor and Moriandel.

The Grodesh are not an opponent that seldom gives ground, if a conflict does occur, the time for words has passed and only death will stop the fighting.



BEINGS OF SOLENDIUM NOR'GAHROSH



The Wars of Light saw many Fae-el fall to their desire for power then there are those that were allured to the power Batheruss could provide transforming them from Dark Fae-el to their new form the Nor'Gahrosh.

Through the Foundation Points the Nor'Gahrosh have mostly stayed in the Nightmare Realm though some have been able to cross through the Shadow Realm and enter Mid Realm. These Nor'Gahrosh are mostly unquenched having not participated in the dark ritual of consuming essence.

Arrogant and opinionated, formidable and defiant, the Nor'Gahrosh are the perfect form of dark magic personified.

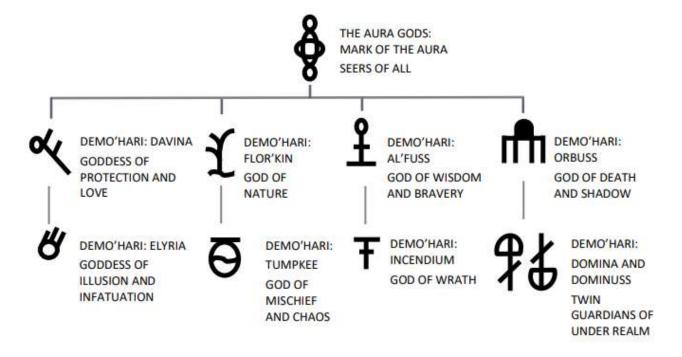
Proficient warriors and deadly mages a Nor'Gahrosh is charscterised by their red skin and their dark horns.

Often following the will of Batheruss, the Nor'Gahrosh are potent enemies and it is not advisable to get on their bad side.



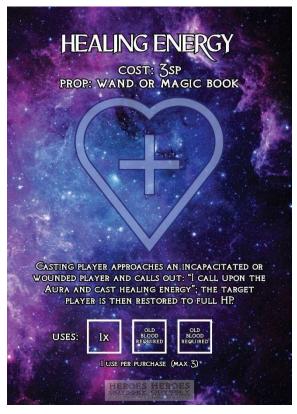
The Marks of the Aura and Demo'hari

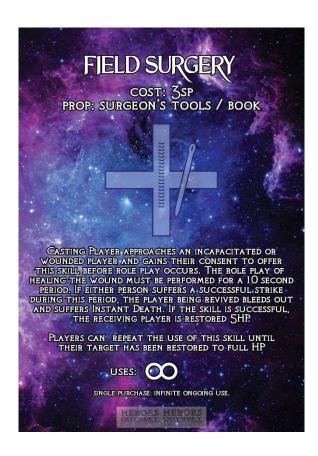
Some Players may choose to follow the Aura beings or a Demo'Hari, they may want to display their mark. The below chart shows the Aura and Demo'Haris mark and what they are most known for:

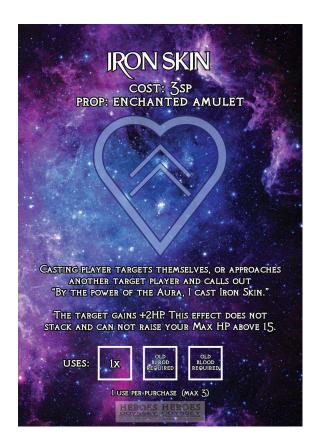


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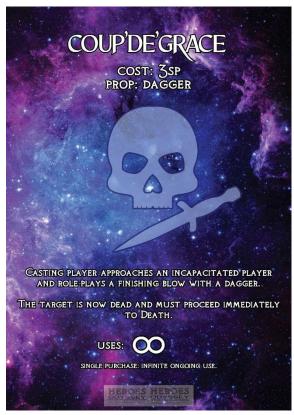




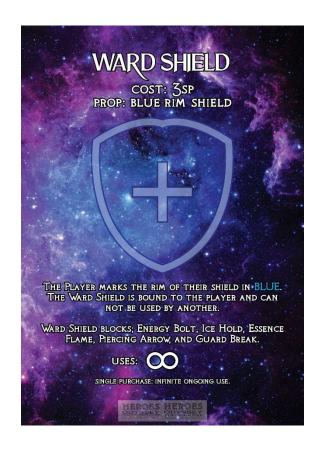




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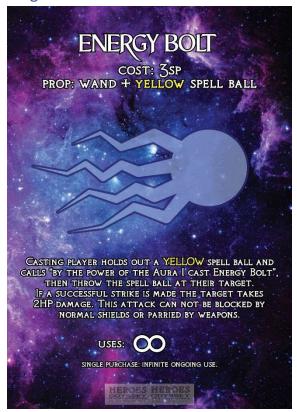




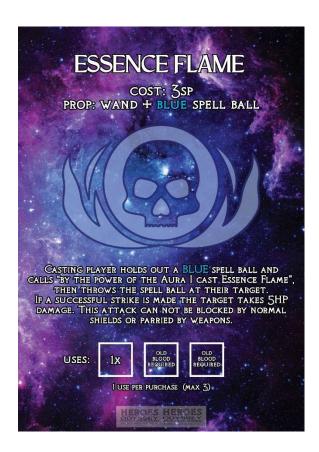


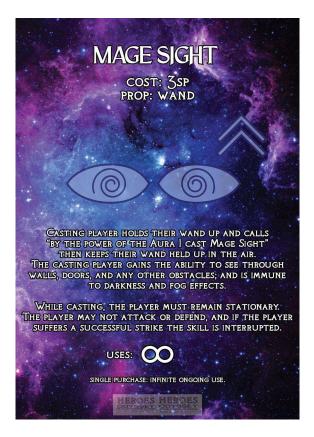


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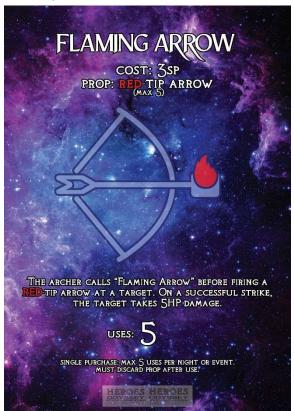


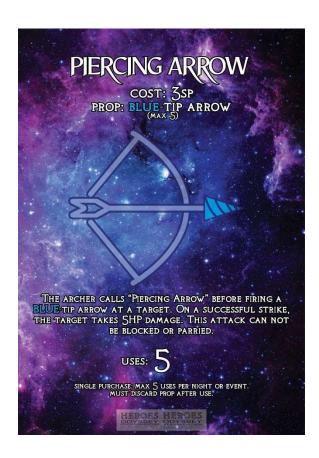


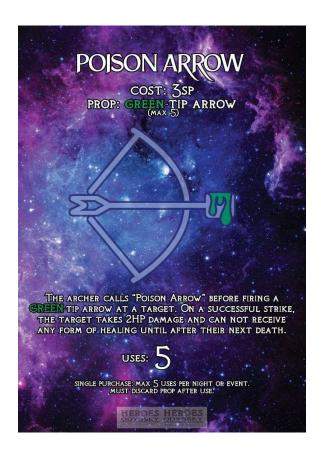


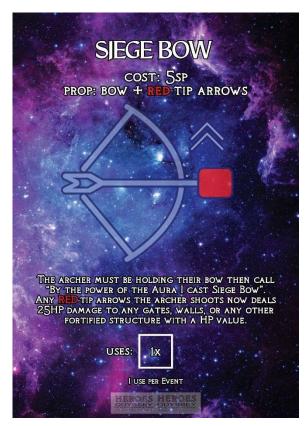


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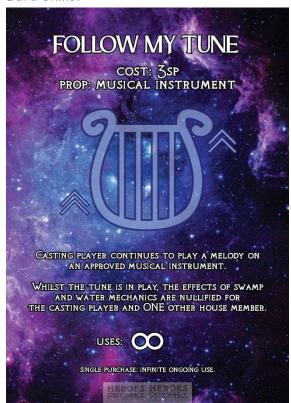


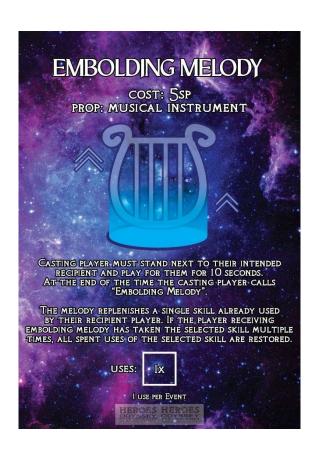




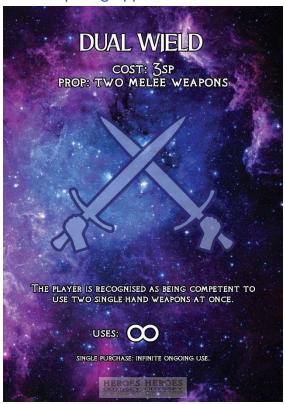


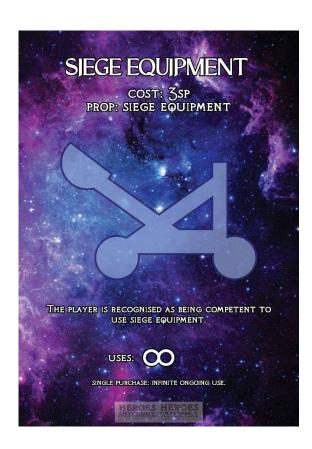
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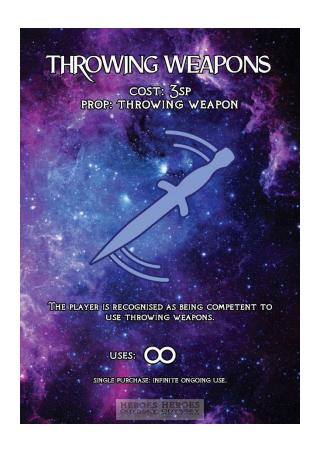


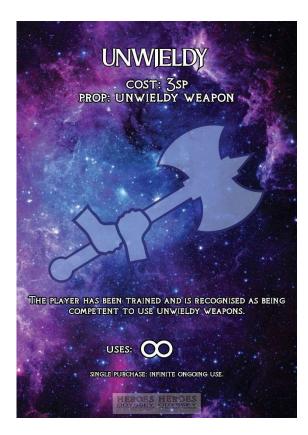


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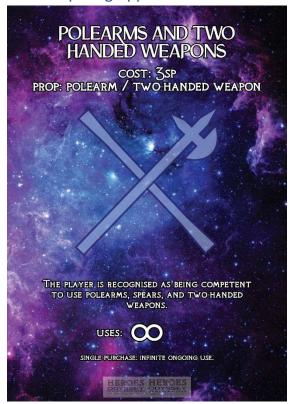


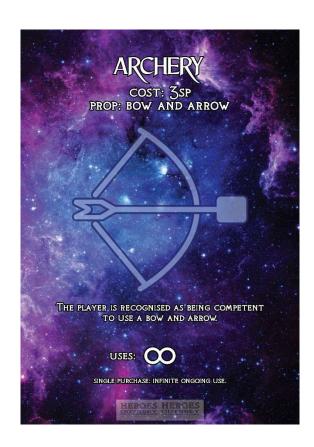


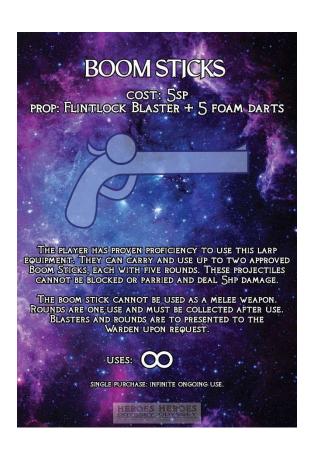




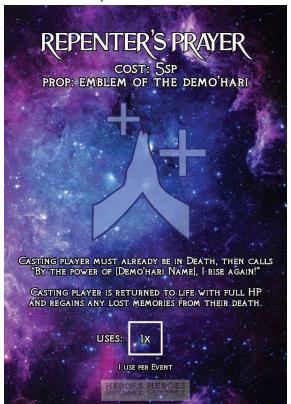
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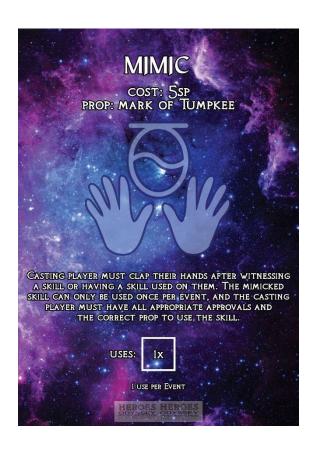
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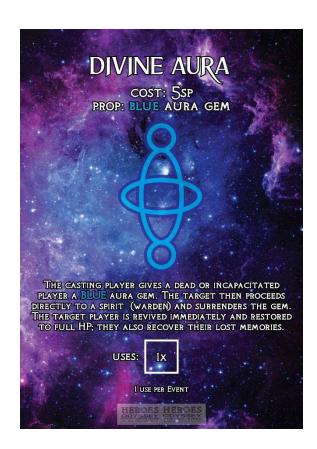


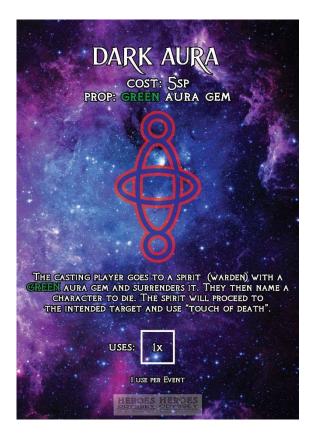


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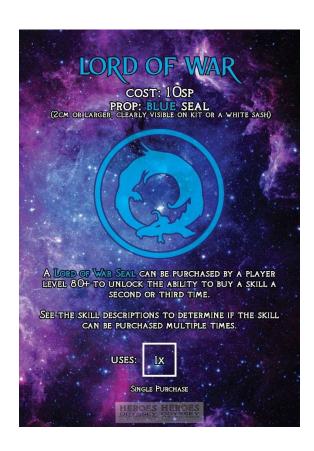


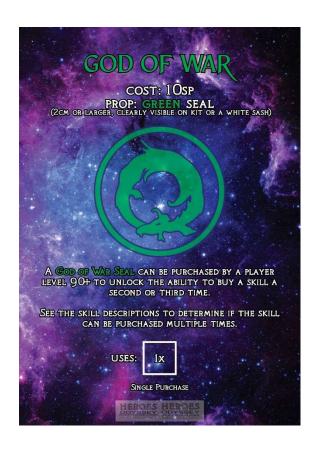


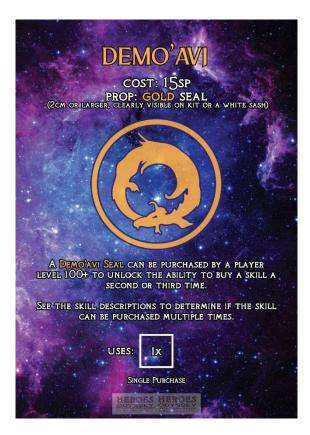


Character Seals:









An Introduction to Our Lore

Heroes Odyssey has been operating for many years and has seen multiple character, stories, campaigns, and quests. For new players and veterans there can be different accounts of what has happened during their time playing and from the different perspective their character has held when experiencing the rich history of the game. To establish a common narrative, Heroes Odyssey Management have developed "Common Lore" to assist everyone establish a timeline and progress from a foundation point. Common Lore can be broken up into four foundation points:

Foundation Point One: The Birth of Solendium

These events predate all player characters and most NPC's. It is here the Aura Beings Aria, Vara Athara and Batheruss had their falling out. The realms below the Aura were created. The realms below the Aura were populated. The dragons Axxura, Skuldrax and Fargarath were introduced. The Wars of Light took place. Eldazor was created and the Demo'Hari were formed.

Foundation Point Two: The Death of King Vantacor and Reclaiming the Dragon Stone

These are the earliest adventure where player characters created the founding warbands and houses. The story of Vantacor both the King and Continent were developed and further unfolded. It saw the rise of Eldazor and his monstrous creations. The Skyhorde and the Grodesh Warchief Terak lead raids against the characters in Vantacor. The first Demo'hari were introduced, Davina and Al'fuss took to Vantacor to assist and help counter the darkness caused by the powerful enemies of the people.

Foundation Point Three: The Ages of Discovery and Destruction

These are the more recent ages where the Aura was shattered and the stories of not just Vantacor but Glun'torff, Moriandel, Kha'Havinar, The Pandallis Archipelago and The Devils Hook Islands have been established and interwoven with the past and present. New Demo'Hari made themselves known including Tumpkee, Elyria, Dominus and Domina. The common lore expanded, opening exploration in Mid Realm, Fae Realm, Sky Realm, Under Realm, After Realm, Nightmare Realm and Shadow Realm. It was also revealed that there are multiple plains of existence not only for Solendium but also Not'ere and Margonal.

Foundation Point Four: The Restoration of the Aura

This is where all current players new and veteran find themselves within the lore. Beyond this point the story is unknown, the pages of journals are yet to be written and the new adventures are waiting to be had.

Calculating In-Game Role Play Time

When you wish to record time for roleplay purposes or journal entries, the follow the example below:

15th Day of the 3rd Month in the 1st Era during the 4th FP

This is created in the following way:

- The 15th Day is the number of the day within the months cycle.
- The 3rd Month is the months number within the 12-month calendar.
- Each calendar year summoning event will occur. The summoning events may vary in frequency, but the journal entries Era is based around the occurrence of the Summoning event. If the journal entry is after the first summoning event but before the second summoning event it is labelled the 1st Era, if it is after the second summoning event but before the 3rd summoning event it would be labelled the 2nd Era etc.
- All events that occur during this rendition of this current rule set will be within the 4th Foundation Point (FP).



Aura Gems

Aura Gems are in game props, which can be issued as rewards for completing a quest or winning a game scenario. At the end of the summoning event these props must be handed back. There are 4 types of Aura Gems, and they vary by colour, Red, Green, Blue and Clear.

- **Red Aura Gem**: Referred to as the Heart of Davina, the Red Aura Gem is only in play during a summoning event. The player that ends the game with the gem in their possession will become new monarch or remain the monarch of Not'ere.
- **Green Aura Gem:** Green Aura Gems are the result of corrupted Aura Gems tainted by the Dark Magics of Marganol. On a Summoning Event the first player to collect 16 of these Gems and present them to the Head Warden, will be rewarded with an enchanted God Slaid Blade.

- Blue Aura Gem: The Blue Aura Gems are the shattered remnants of the Aura, they are the
 most common Aura Gem found across Mid-Realm. Collecting 10 of these Gems throughout
 the lead up to a Summoning Event and presenting them to the Head Warden at the
 summoning, will earn the player at enchanted reward, or Gold Coin if an enchantment is not
 available.
- Clear Aura Gems: Clear Aura Gems are exceedingly rare. Clear Aura Gems can be used as a substitute for either Blue or Green Aura Gems when presenting to a Head Warden at a Summoning Event. Clear Aura Gems can never be substituted for the Red Aura Gem.

All Aura Gems are considered game mechanic props and should be returned to a warden for redistribution upon a player's incapacitation. If an Aura Gem is not reported as claimed at an end of an evening or Summoning Event, it too will be up for redistribution as it mysteriously disappears from the house's possession.

PC and NPC Monsters

All monsters either PC or NPC follow similar rules and deal universal damage of 5HP non blockable strikes. The operator of the character/suit will be advised of their abilities and HP. Some abilities will allow characters to also know the HP and abilities of the monsters when they field but such information is valuable and should not be made common knowledge. All PC monsters should be submitted to Heroes Odyssey Management before any purchasing or planning is made to ensure the suit or concept is approved. When approved the owner of the monster will be given a monster scroll that should be brought with them any time the monster is fielded. Monsters have access to specific skills and these skills can be mimicked by the Mimic Skill should the player see them used, be able to facilitate them and if the monster scroll states the skill can be mimicked.

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Appendices

Player Characters (PC)

All Heroes Odyssey Players create and play a character they develop within the confines of the rules set out in this document. You control your character by your in-game actions and interactions with other players and NPCs. All characters, places items and alike remain the property of Heroes Odyssey.

Non-Player Character (NPC)

Non-Player Characters are characters generated by the system to help provide a story line that players can interact with. NPCs may take the form of merchants, villagers, or monsters. Experienced players may ask or be asked to play an NPC for an event or scenario.

Out of Character (OOC) / Out of Game (OOG)

You are yourself and are not playing as your character. This is not to be abused to avoid battles, consequences or situations in character. Some places may be designated OOC areas and will be indicated at the start of the event.

In Character (IC) / In Game (IG)

You are playing as your character and not your real-life self. You should endeavour to stay in character as much as possible once the event begins.

Role Play (RP)

Role play is typically the in-game verbal interactions between your character and other characters or NPCs, as opposed to the combat-based interactions.

Interrupted

Role play can be interrupted and can affect things like healing, casting and capturing player amongst other things. A successful interruption of role play would be when a successful strike has been inflicted to the role player whilst they are mid role playing. It is not encouraged to interrupt conversational role play unless there is a sound role play reason to do so.

Demo'Hari and Characters of Legend

The Demo'Hari and other Characters of Legend may from time to time take to the field. These characters are designed to connect players to the lore and to drive story. They have specific rules known only to the player portraying the character and Heroes Odyssey Management. As a universal rule their melee attacks inflict 5HP damage that cannot be blocked. They also have the touch of death skill and when used the intended target must proceed to deaths gate.

Monster/NPC Rules and Siege Rules

This rule set is complimented by two additional supplemental documents referred to as the Monster/NPC Rules and the Siege Rules. Both documents are under constant review, but their current edition will be made available upon request. All supplemental documents are subject to the edition of the rules and are subject to change without warning or consultation.