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STRATEGY BATTLE GAME

MORDOR™ SOURCEBOOK – VERSION 1.4

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This update is split into three sections: Errata, Amendments and 'Frequently Asked Questions'. The Errata corrects any mistakes in the book, while the Amendments bring the book up to date with the latest version of the rules. The Frequently Asked Questions (or 'FAQ') section answers commonly asked questions about the rules. These questions have been gathered from many sources. We are always happy to consider more questions, so please send any queries to:

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ERRATA

Page 19 – *Gollum*™, Unit Entry

Change to be an Independent Hero.

Page 20 – Heroes of Harad and Umbar, The Betrayer

Change the Betrayer's Master of Poisons special rule to read: 'All friendly models with the Poisoned Arrows, Poisoned Darts or Poisoned Blades special rule within 6" of the Betrayer must re-roll failed To Wound rolls on a 1 or 2, rather than a 1.'

Page 22 – Heroes of Harad and Umbar, The Knight of Umbar, Combat Mimicry

Change the first sentence of the Combat Mimicry entry to read: 'At the start of the Fight phase, the Knight of Umbar can elect to use the unmodified Fight, Strength and/or Attack values of any single opponent in base contact instead of his own.'

Page 24 – Shelob, Venom

Change the special rule's effects to read: 'Shelob must re-roll any failed To Wound rolls when making Strikes in the Fight phase.'

Note that this does not apply to Brutal Power Attacks.'

Page 26 & 48 – Kardûsh the Firecaller, Profile

Change Kardûsh the Firecaller's Attacks to 1 and his Wounds to 2.

Page 28 – Black Númenórean Marshal, Options

Add the following option:

Lance.....5 points

Page 29 – Mordor Orc Taskmaster, Whip of the Masters

Change the first sentence of the special rule's effects to read: 'Each time a Taskmaster, or an Evil Hero within 6" of one or more Taskmasters, attempts a Heroic Action, roll a D6.'

Page 29 – Spider Queen, Unit Entry

Change to be an Independent Hero.

Page 37 – Great Beast of Gorgoroth

Add the following rules to the Great Beast of Gorgoroth's entry:
Magical Powers and the Great Beast of Gorgoroth – The Great Beast is immune to the effects of all Transfix, Immobilise, Command and Compel magical power – or indeed any other magical power that would prevent it from moving normally. These spells can, however, be directed at the model controlling the Great Beast – in this case, the Great Beast will be affected instead.

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A Sorcerous Blast can inflict damage on the Great Beast but cannot move it. If a model on the platform is hit by a Sorcerous Blast, it is damaged as normal but not moved. Instead, the controlling player rolls a D6. On a 1-3, the model is Knocked to the Ground on the battle platform. On the roll of a 4-6, the model falls to the ground below – roll on the Thrown Rider chart.

Page 37 – Great Beast of Gorgorath – Change the Battle Platform entry to read as follows: '**Battle Platform.** The battle platform holds nine *Orc* Warrior passengers (see the main rules manual). *Orc* Warriors on the battle platform can shoot even if the Great Beast has moved its full speed, and can shoot (and be shot at) if the Great Beast is engaged in a Fight. When shooting with or at the *Orc* passengers, measure from the nearest edge of the battle platform. If the passengers are shot at, the firer doesn't need to randomise to see who is hit (as they would normally for passengers) but hits the nearest model instead, though they must treat the battle platform as being In the Way. If the Great Beast's controller is slain, one of the passengers immediately takes his place, abandoning their bow as they do so. Because the *Orc* Warriors on the battle platform are integral models, each time one is slain, use a marker or dice to remind you that there is one less passenger. The Great Beast cannot carry any passengers other than those travelling on the battle platform. If the Great Beast is slain, roll on the Thrown Rider table for the *Orc* Warrior rider and each *Orc* Warrior remaining on the battle platform.'

Page 37 – Great Beast of Gorgoroth – Change the Only Counts as One entry to read as follows: '**Only Counts as One** – The Great Beast of Gorgoroth and its crew count as a single model in a warband, and a single model for the purposes of working out your Break Point and the number of bows in your force. If your army is Broken, unless subject to a friendly Hero's Stand Fast! rule, make a single Courage test using the Great Beast's Courage value to see if the model flees from the battlefield along with its *Orc* passengers or can be moved normally.'

Page 46 – The Death of Kings, Participants – Evil

Change the entry to read: '*The Witch-king of Angmar*[™] from the *Mordor*[™] army list. The Witch-king of *Angmar*[™] begins the game with his full store of Might, Will and Fate (3/20/3) and has a Fell Beast and a flail. No other options may be taken.'

amendments

Whenever a model's special rule entry states 'See main rules manual', refer to *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*[™] rules manual. Any Heroes with magical powers should use the rules for each of their powers as described in *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*[™] rules manual. They are also free to expend Might points to cast the more powerful versions of these powers through Heroic Channeling.

Page 31 – Heroes of Mordor[™], Cave Drake, Gaping Maw

At the beginning of the second paragraph, add the following sentence: 'Gaping Maw is a Brutal Power Attack.'

FAQs

For all FAQs on the Points Match Game scenarios, please consult the official FAQs & Errata document for *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*[™] rules manual.

Optional Upgrades

Q: *Can you give models such as Black Númenóreans, Haradrim Warriors or Wood Elf Warriors more than one title-based upgrade (for example, can a Wood Elf Warrior be upgraded to a Noldorin Exile that is also a Mirkwood[™] Guard)? (var.)*

A: No.

Adding Allies, Stand Fast!

Q: *Can a successful Stand Fast! roll from a Hero in one warband affect the Courage tests of Warriors from an allies warband? (pg 6)*

A: Yes.

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Q: *What effect does The One Ring have if Sauron suffers a Wound from an attack that automatically slays its target, such as a Dragon's Breathe Fire attack or the King of the Dead's Drain Soul? (pg 17)*

A: *Sauron* is treated as having lost his final Wound, so make a roll for *The One Ring* as normal. If he passes, *Sauron* remains in play with 1 Wound remaining.

Q: *If Sauron has The One Ring and suffers more than one Wound that would otherwise destroy him, how many rolls would he make for The One Ring to sustain him on 1 Wound? (pg 17)*

A: You roll for each Wound that *Sauron* suffers.

Q: *Can Sauron use Might for his The One Ring roll? (pg 17)*

A: Yes.

Q: *If the Witch-king of Angmar[™] uses his Morgul Blade on the turn he charges while mounted on a horse/armoured horse, do all his attacks that turn count as Morgul Blade attacks? (pg 18)*

A: Yes.

Q: *Can the Witch-king of Angmar's Morgul Blade be used in conjunction with his Fell Beast's Attacks and Strength characteristics? If so, when he wins a Fight and knocks his opponent over, will all 6 Attacks benefit from the Morgul Blade's special rules? (pg 18)*

A: No. If you wish to use the Morgul Blade, you must use the Witch-king of Angmar's Strength and Attacks values, though he may still double his Attacks if his opponent has been Knocked to the Ground.

Q: *If the Betrayer is riding a Fell Beast and Rends a model as part of a Brutal Power Attack, does he re-roll failed rolls To Wound against the rended model as a result of his Bane of Kings special rule? (pg 20)*

A: No.

Q: If the Betrayer is riding a Fell Beast and Hurls a model as part of a Brutal Power Attack, does he re-roll failed rolls To Wound against the Hurlled model and/or any other models the Hurlled model passes through as a result of his Bane of Kings special rule? (pg 20)

A: No.

Q: Can Khamûl the Easterling's Essence Leech be used in conjunction with his Fell Beast's Attacks and Strength characteristics? (pg 21)

A: Khamûl the Easterling may expend a single point of Will to increase his own Strength, Fight or Attacks values, not those of his Fell Beast. However, he will recover a point of Will for each Wound caused, even if he did so with the aid of his Fell Beast's characteristics.

Q: If Khamûl the Easterling is riding a Fell Beast and Hurls a model as part of a Brutal Power Attack, does he get a Wound back as part of his Essence Leech special rule if the Hurlled model and/or any other models the Hurlled model passes through are slain? (pg 21)

A: No.

Q: How does the Dwimmerlaik's Sap Fortitude ability interact with the Resistant to Magic special rule? (pg 21)

A: The Resistant to Magic special rule does not require the expenditure of Will points, so the proximity of the Dwimmerlaik will have no effect.

Q: When a Hero spends multiple points of Might, Will or Fate within 12" of The Dwimmerlaik, how many times does The Dwimmerlaik roll for his Sap Fortitude special rule? (p.21)

A: The Dwimmerlaik will roll one dice for each point of Might, Will or Fate spent. However, the Hero may spend these one at a time and wait to see the results of The Dwimmerlaik's Sap Fortitude roll before committing to spending any more.

Q: If the Knight of Umbar calls/is involved in a successful Heroic Combat but loses a subsequent Fight in the same phase, does his Armour of the Sundered Land prevent him from having to expend a Will point? (pg 22)

A: No.

Q: If the Knight of Umbar uses his Combat Mimicry special rule, can he still use the Feint special strike with his sword? (pg 22)

A: Yes.

Q: If The Knight of Umbar is in a fight with a model that can increase their Attack value, such as Gimli or Thranduil, will The Knight of Umbar use their base Attack value or their increased Attack value for the purpose of his Combat Mimicry special rule? (p.22)

A: The Knight of Umbar always uses a model's base characteristic value in all situations.

Q: Which takes precedence between the Shadow Lord's Pall of Darkness and Legolas' Deadly Shot? (pg 22)

A: When selecting targets within 6" of the Shadow Lord, Legolas™ can choose either to hit automatically with a single shot or he can fire three times, in which case he will need a score of a 6 to hit with each.

Q: Can Gothmog's Master of Battle special rule be used after Gothmog has already performed a Heroic Action in that same phase? (pg 24)

A: No. A model may only call a single Heroic Action each phase.

Q: Can Gothmog use his Master of Battle special rule to make use of Grinnah's 'Swap With Me' Heroic Action? (pg 24)

A: No.

Q: Does the Taking Multiple Courage Tests rule on page 47 of the main rules manual mean that Shelob only ever has to take a single Courage test for her Hunting Instinct special rule, regardless of how many Wounds she suffers in a single turn? (pg 24)

A: No. She must take a Courage test for each Wound suffered.

Q: Does Shagrat, War Leader of Cirith Ungol's shield only knock down other infantry (he counts as cavalry on a turn that he charges), or can he knock down cavalry and models above Strength 6? (pg 25)

A: Infantry only.

Q: Can you take Shagrat, War Leader of Cirith Ungol and Shagrat, Captain of Cirith Ungol in the same force? (pg 25)

A: No.

Q: If a Spider Queen spawns broodlings during a Heroic Move, do the broodlings benefit from the Heroic Move? (pg 29)

A: No.

Q: Does the Spider Queen gain the Cavalry Charge bonus when charging whilst in difficult terrain? (pg 29)

A: No. The Spider Queen's rules state that she moves at full speed through difficult ground, but does not create an exception for charging.

Q: Can broodlings be launched if the Spider Queen has already been charged that turn? (pg 29)

A: No, as stated, they can be used within her own move.

Q: Can broodlings be launched during a move following a Heroic Combat action? (pg 29)

A: No, only during the actual Move phase of the game.

Q: Does the Spider Queen count as a named Hero? (pg 29)

A: Yes.

Q: Can an Orc Taskmaster use its own Might on the roll to ensure that another Hero performs a Heroic Action for free? (pg 29)

A: No.

Q: Does the 'Taking Multiple Courage Tests' rule on page 47 of the main rules manual mean that a Dragon only ever has to take a single Courage test for their Survival Instinct special rule, regardless of how many Wounds they suffer in a single turn?(pg 30)

A: No. They must take a Courage test for each Wound suffered.

Q: Does a Cave Drake gain the Extra Attack bonus when charging? (pg 31)

A: No.

Q: Does the version of the Necromancer of Dol Guldur found within The Hobbit: Motion Picture Trilogy™ There and Back Again replace the one found in the Mordor Sourcebook? If so, does that mean that the Necromancer can no longer be taken as part of a Mordor force? (p.32)

A: The Necromancer may still be taken as part of a Mordor force (for now). However, you should use the profile found within The Hobbit: Motion Picture Trilogy™ There and Back Again Sourcebook.

Q: If you field The Necromancer, can you upgrade the Orc Warriors on the battle platform of the Great Beast of Gorgoroth to be Orcs of Dol Guldur for 2 points per model (so +20 points)? (pg 32)

A: No.

Q: Can The Necromancer's special rule Drain Soul be combined with his Chill Soul magical attack? Drain Soul says that any enemy wounded in close combat is slain outright regardless of the number of Wounds and Chill Soul says that the target suffers 1 Wound as if wounded in close combat. (pg 32)

A: It just causes a single Wound.

Q: Warg Riders have lost their Crude Throwing Spears rule, so when they are dismounted do they keep their throwing spears as opposed to normal spears? (pg 34)

A: Yes.

Q: Can the A Fell Light Is In Them rule be used to move an enemy model out of engagement with a friendly model? (pg 36)

A: No.

Q: Can Spectres combine their Spectral Blades with a special strike? (pg 36)

A: No.

Q: Can a Dead Marsh Spectre target a Cavalry model's mount when using their A Fell Light is in Them special rule? (p.36)

A: No.

Q: Can a Dead Marsh Spectre use 'A Fell Light Is In Them' to force a model to lie down, dismount or anything else that could be considered as a complex action? (pg 36)

A: No.

Q: If the Great Beast is involved in a successful Heroic Combat, can it continue to use its Slam rule to inflict further hits if it charges into combat? (pg 37)

A: Yes.

Q: In an objective-based scenario such as Hold Ground!, how many models does a Great Beast of Gorgoroth count as? Are the remaining Orcs on the battle platform counted toward this total? (pg 37)

A: It always counts as one model.

Q: Does the Great Beast of Gorgoroth require itself and all of its riders to be slain to count as a casualty, or just itself and the driver? (p.37)

A: The Great Beast of Gorgoroth will count as a casualty when the beast and the driver are slain.

Q: Do the passengers of a Great Beast of Gorgoroth count as casualties if they are slain separately to the Great Beast? (p.37)

A: Yes.

Q: Can a War Drum affect a Mûmak's Trample move, increasing its Movement to 11"? (pg 38)

A: No.

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