

Morpeth Gaming Club

Club Rules

1. Identity

- 1.1. The club will be called Morpeth Gaming Club.
- 1.2. The club will be based at St George's Park Community Centre, Morpeth, Northumberland

2. Purpose

- 2.1. To provide the opportunity for members to participate in the hobby of collecting, painting and gaming with Games Workshop miniatures and game systems;
 - Warhammer 40,000
 - Warhammer Fantasy Battles
 - Necromunda
 - Mordheim
 - Warhammer Quest
 - Lord of the Rings
- 2.2. We are however open to other gaming systems, including role plays, etc...

3. Membership

- 3.1. Membership of the club is gained by attending more than one session and paying annual membership (currently £10 and non-refundable). Membership fees are valid until up until the end of a calendar month.
- 3.2. Sessions are open to non-members who can make use of the club facilities upon payment of the non-member meeting ticket price.
- 3.3. Sessions will be held twice a week, usually (depending on hall availability), at the following times and costs;
 - Tuesday, 6pm – 10pm (£1.00 for members, £2.00 for none members)
 - Sunday, 1pm – 7pm (£2.00 for members, £3.50 for none members)
- 3.4. A record of attendance will be kept in a register book or database by the Chairman or Secretary.
- 3.5. Members must be 11 years old or more to become a member.
- 3.6. Club officials and signatories to the club Bank Account must be 18 years or older.
- 3.7. One quarter of membership must be 16 or over. Membership will be closed to younger members when the limit is met.
- 3.8. If any child wishes to leave the hall they must contact a committee member and phone their parents to let them know.
- 3.9. Members/Visitors must be able to bring a playable force for one of the gaming systems mentioned in 2.1. stand in or unpainted models are allowed.
- 3.10. Members must provide their own Rulebooks, Army Lists, Dice, Tape Measures and other equipment required for their games.
- 3.11. There is currently a limit of 20 members at the moment, including committee members.
- 3.12. This is NOT a youth club; a crèche will not be provided!

4. Adult Supervision

- 4.1. A responsible adult (CRB preferred) MUST accompany any child under the age of 14 at all times.
- 4.2. Parents or carers must come into the hall at the start and end of sessions to drop off and pick up members under 14.

5. Club Assets

- 5.1. The assets of the club (gaming equipment, where bought with club funds, cash in hand and cash at the bank) belong to the members.



- 5.2. Where possible, the club assets will be stored close to or on the premises where sessions take place. Where this is not possible, a member of the committee may hold said assets until they are required.
- 5.3. If the club ever closes the assets will be distributed to the current members as evenly as possible. Current members at any time will be those who have attended more than half the meetings in the previous 6 months.

6. Club Officials

- 6.1. Decisions involving expenditure in excess of £50 or which involve a change to the Club Rules will be made by a unanimous committee vote. Club officials may make decisions on day to day running and expenditure of up to £20 (excluding rent).
- 6.2. At the AGM the members will appoint a chairman, Treasurer and Membership Secretary. Nominations must be posted 28 days before the AGM and seconded by another member.
- 6.3. A minimum of one committee member must be present at each club meeting at all times.
- 6.4. At least one official must be trained as a First Aider. A First Aider must be present at all club meetings at all times.
- 6.5. Club Officials will meet once a month to discuss any issues that have arisen. In the event of an emergency, officials will be required to attend a meeting at short notice.

7. Club Funds

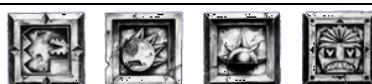
- 7.1. The Treasurer will hold club funds.
- 7.2. The committee has the right to increase or decrease club membership fees at any time, to ensure the well being of the club.
- 7.3. The Treasurer will keep a record of transactions on club funds showing all credits, debits and the current balance. The record will be available for inspection by any club member and will be presented at the AGM.
- 7.4. A receipt will be obtained for all club expenditure, co-signed by the Treasurer and another committee member, and retained for audit purposes.
- 7.5. The club year will run from November 1st until October 31st. At the end of the year a suitably qualified independent person will inspect the financial records.
- 7.6. Public liability insurance and rent will be the highest priority purchases for the club. Sufficient funds will be put aside for these as required.
- 7.7. Committee members will not be liable for financial charges that the club cannot cover.

8. Voting and club decisions

- 8.1. Decisions regarding the club, including amendment of club rules, will be made by majority vote by the committee at a committee meeting.
- 8.2. The Chairman will keep a record of decisions taken at club meetings. The record will be available for inspection by any club member and presented at the AGM.
- 8.3. There will be an Annual General Meeting at the end of every year, to discuss the general direction of the club and forthcoming events.

9. Standards of conduct

- 9.1. The club committee will not be held liable for any breakages or theft to personal property.
- 9.2. Club members and visiting non-members will at all times adhere to the following standards of behaviour;
 - 9.2.1. There will be no running or troublesome behaviour, members are expected to behave with a responsible adult attitude.
 - 9.2.2. There will be no verbal or physical abuse of any other member or visiting non-member



- 9.2.3. There will be no discrimination of any kind by any member or visiting non-member towards any other person at the club meetings. This includes but is not limited to discrimination on grounds of:
- Social class;
 - Ethnic origin, nationality (or statelessness), or race;
 - Gender;
 - Age;
 - Marital or sexual status;
 - Mental or physical disability;
 - Political or religious belief.
- 9.3. No member under the age of 16 years will be left alone with only one adult at any time, eg at least two children or at least two adults.
- 9.4. It is the responsibility of all persons to ensure that:
- 9.4.1. they do not endanger the health and safety of themselves or others;
- 9.4.2. they observe the rules established for the safety of those involved in club activities. These are defined as required by the Club Committee.
- 9.5. Disagreements between club members
- 9.5.1. Any disagreements between members in a Gaming Club must be referred to the Chairman.
- 9.5.2. If the Chairman is unable to resolve the disagreement, or if personally involved in it, the matter must be referred to the next available member of the committee.
- 9.5.3. The following procedures are to be used only if informal efforts to resolve disagreements have been made and failed.

10. Suspension of members

- 10.1. Suspension of membership ensures that no situation in the Gaming Club arises which could cause further concern and that no member is placed in a position which could cause further compromise. Such action may be necessary in the following cases:
- 10.1.1. When an allegation is made that a Member has committed a serious criminal offence. In this case the Member must be suspended until police inquiries and any legal proceedings have been concluded;
- 10.1.2. When a disagreement between adults cannot be resolved quickly. In this case the suspension is to be for a period of not more than 90 days in the first instance. Suspension for further periods of not more than 90 days may follow;
- 10.1.3. When the action of an individual could seriously harm the reputation of the Gaming Club
- 10.2. In every case membership may be suspended only by majority vote of the current membership, or the Club Chairman.
- 10.3. The suspended member must not participate in any activity connected with the Gaming Club
- 10.4. Any appointment held will be regarded as vacant, and remaining committee members will vote on a suitable replacement.
- 10.5. Suspension in the case of disagreement must be followed as soon as possible by consultation with the current committee; all decisions made at the consultation meeting will be final and cannot be contested at a later date or with another body.
- 10.6. Records of all suspension and disciplinary actions must be recorded by the chairman and be available for examination by the police authorities should they be required.
- 10.7. Any cases of a criminal nature must be reported to a higher body (police), to remove all liability from committee members.

