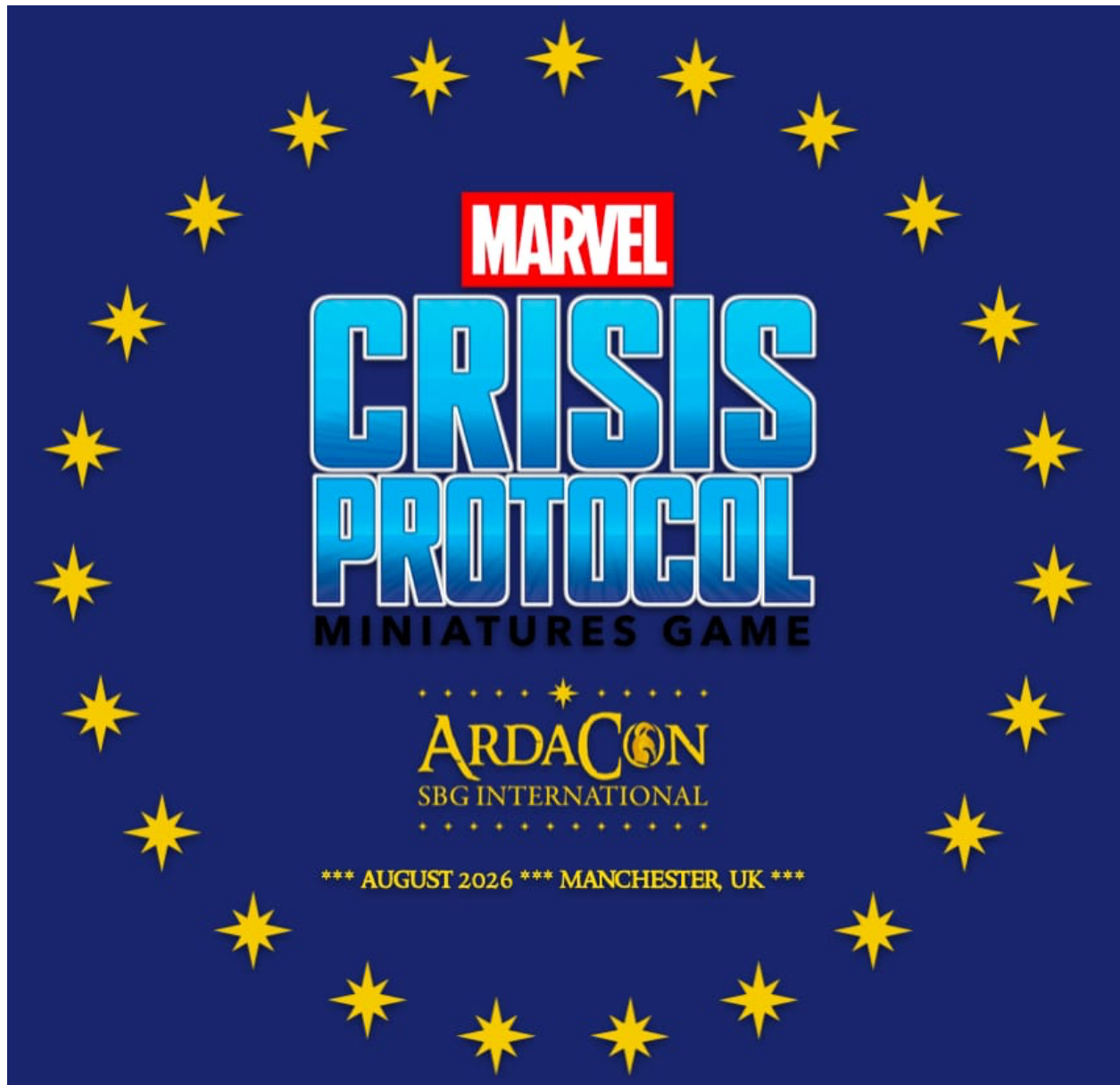




Ardacon - Marvel Crisis Protocol - 2026

This is a draft pack and subject to change.

What is this?

Ardacon is a massive convention style event in Manchester which is now into it's 10th year! There is a heavy focus on events though there are vendors and will be space to play board games, hobby and hang out around the venue. We are very excited as this will be the first time that Marvel Crisis Protocol is included in the line up of games supported with a whole variety of events to play in.

When?

Monday 3rd August - Sunday 9th August 2026

Where?

International Suite,
Mercure Manchester Piccadilly,
City Tower, Portland Street,
Manchester
United Kingdom
M1 4PH

Tickets

Tickets are available for a set duration and allows full access to the event on those days. Full timetable can be found later in this document.

Five day ticket covering 5 days £110

Three day pass £100

Weekend pass £80

Nations team event only £40

All tickets allow entry into the painting competition being judged over the weekend and announced on the Sunday.

All tickets include 20% discount on food and drinks.

An early bird discount of £10 per ticket is available on the Five and Three day passes until the 31 December 2025.

Travel

The Mercure is located in central Manchester in Piccadilly Gardens; a main hub for bus and tram routes going into the city. It is a short 5 minute walk from Manchester Piccadilly Station, which is the first stop for all trains leaving Manchester Airport. For attendees arriving on foot, the ground floor entrance is situated on Portland Street. Drivers can access the car park via New York Street. Check in desk is located on level G, toilets and cloakroom level 2, the International Suite, registration and bar and restaurant level 3 and our top table gaming zone level 4.

Hotel Discounts

We have arranged exclusive discounts for a limited number of rooms at the Mercure Manchester Piccadilly.

Deals only available when you follow this process:

- Email events@mercuremanchester.co.uk subject line: Ardacon 2026 - 10 year anniversary
- cc: events@ardaconsbg.com
- In email, include arrival/departure dates (number of nights) room occupancy (single, double, twin) first & last names for all occupants. Events team will reserve your room(s) and send you a confirmation email.
- After receiving confirmation, call 0161 751 1412 (Opt3) Mon-Fri 9am-5pm UK time and quote Ardacon to pre-pay

Attempts to book via other methods will not yield discounts or benefits. This is a prepaid rate with flexible cancellation and full refunds given up to 24 hours before your planned check in. Calls outside hours above cannot book Ardacon rate.

SINGLE OCCUPANCY ROOM inc breakfast £80 per night
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY ROOM inc breakfast £90 per night

- + £20 to upgrade to CITY VIEW
- + £30 to upgrade to PRIVILEGE ROOM
- + £70 to upgrade to SUITE

Car parking £15 for 10 hours, £20 for 24 hours - booked via RingGo app, first come, first served basis.

A Tournament?

If you're unsure on what a tournament is or even if you're ready for it. Just imagine a group of like minded gamers, in a room, playing your favourite game to a set timetable. Prizes will not be reserved for the top tables either with spot prizes across the events! Even if you just want to show off your awesome models that's ok too as there will be a painting competition running over the event to submit your best painted models, forces and display boards.

Due to the overlapping nature of the event players are free to drop from one event in order to play in a later event.

Tournament Overview

We will be using the official tournament rules which can be found at Atomic Mass Games website along with the most up to date affiliation list and the up to date ban and restricted lists. Any characters not on the Affiliation list will not be usable for the event.

www.atomicmassgames.com

Alternative formats

Scrambles

Scrambles are small 8 person fully contained events that happen spontaneously. To set up a scramble please see the TO on duty to get you organised. These events will not have prizes as such but will count for the Iron Man trophy at the end of the event.

Qualifiers

Qualifier events will allow the top player(s) to play in Sunday's Invitational. The invitational is designed for the best of the best to showcase their skill on the table top. Top table will be in place for determining the winner and runner up of that event. Each qualifier will have two spots available for the invitational.

Affiliation Battles

Affiliation Battles are normal games of MCP with the restriction of all models needing to be affiliated to be played - no splash models here!

You may include models with the rogue agent special in your roster.

Due to the nature of the format Dark Dimension, Legion of the Lost and Thralls of Dracula can not be used.

Street Level Negotiations

Tired of Hulk smashing his way through your guys? Then this is the event for you. Street Level Negotiations are normal games of MCP with the restriction of all models needing to be cost 4 or less to be used.

Quicksilver

Quicksilver is the last chance to qualify for the Invitational and will be played on a shorter timer than regular events as well as being the first player to 14 rather than the regular 16 to win the game. So score big and score quick is the plan here!

Nations

Nations is a five person team tournament following the highlander format so no duplicate characters or tactics cards. Crisis cards must all be taken once and no more than twice across the team. Top table will be in place for determining the winner and runner up of this event. Captains will be invited to a private Whats App group for communicating around this event only.

Infinity

The infinity event is a stand alone singles event running at the same time as the invitational. Standard rules will apply.

Dice down

All events will be using dice down for this event. Broadly speaking when the round time is over you stop the game at that point and use the score board score to determine a winner, if that is a draw 'score the table' as is to determine a winner. If the score is still tied submit as a draw.

Do not start a new round if the clock shows less than 10 minutes remaining.

Screens around the hall will display the time remaining and regular shout outs too.

Prizes

Other than the usual trophies for the events there will be an Iron Man trophy at the event. This will be awarded to the player who has the best overall event score. There is a lot of math behind this one but the more games you play and the higher your placings over the event the greater your chances of walking away with this one.

I have a question?

For event questions feel free to get in touch with the event organiser Tony Moore - tonymoore1982@gmail.com.

What you'll need to bring

Please remember to bring the following for the event:

- A copy of the core rules (physical or digital)
- Your models
- All cards, tokens and dice needed to run your roster(s)
- Some dosh for the bar - your ticket includes a 20% discount on site so don't forget to flash that wrist band.

Have Fun!

The most important rule. Remember guys and gals – it is only a game. so have yourself some fun and enjoy yourself!

Events Schedule

	Wednesday 5-Aug	
0800	Setup	Setup
0900		
1000		
1100		
1200		
1300	Lunch	
1400	Open Play	Scrambles
1500		
1600		
1700		
1800		
1900	Dinner	
2000		
2100		
2200		
2300		
2400		

Wednesday is a free day of gaming for those purchasing the full event experience pack. We will be setting up the hall Wednesday morning and be open for casual open play in the afternoon.

	Thursday 6-Aug		Friday 7-Aug	
0800	Challenger Registration		Challenger Registration	
0900	Challenger Round 1		Challenger Round 1	
1000				
1100	Challenger Round 2		Challenger Round 2	
1200				
1300	Lunch		Lunch	
1400	Challenger Round 3	Affiliation Battle Registration	Challenger Round 3	Street Level Negotiations Registration
1500		Affiliation Battle Round 1		Street Level Negotiations Round 1
1600	Challenger Round 4		Challenger Round 4	
1700		Affiliation Battle Round 2		Street Level Negotiations Round 2
1800				
1900		Dinner		Dinner
2000		Affiliation Battle Round 3		Street Level Negotiations Round 3
2100				
2200		Affiliation Battle Round 4		Street Level Negotiations Round 4
2300				
2400				

Challenger events on these days will each offer 2 spaces in the invitational.
Affiliation Battle and Street Level Negotiations will each offer 1 space in the invitational.

	Saturday 8-Aug		Sunday 9-Aug	
0800	UK Nations Registration	Challenger Registration	Invitational Registration	Infinity Tournament Registration
0900	UK Nations Round 1	Challenger Round 1	Invitational Round 1	Infinity Round 1
1000				
1100	UK Nations Round 2	Challenger Round 2	Invitational Round 2	Infinity Round 2
1200				
1300	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1400	UK Nations Round 3	Challenger Round 3	Invitational Round 3	Infinity Round 3
1500				
1600	UK Nations Round 4		Award Ceremony	Award Ceremony
1700		Quicksilver Registration		
1800		Quicksilver Round 1		
1900	Dinner			
2000		Quicksilver Round 2		
2100				
2200		Quicksilver Round 3		
2300				
2400		Quicksilver Round 4		

Saturday's Challenger will offer 1 space in the invitational.
Quicksilver will offer 1 space in the invitational.