IRONWELD FORGE-LORD'S CUP

(Blood Bowl Tournament Information For Coaches)



Come join us for a three-round, NAF-Sanctioned, Resurrection & Swiss-Styled, Blood Bowl tournament on Saturday, May 27th at Four Points by Sheraton Wakefield Boston Hotel & Conference Center.

The NAF is an international association of players dedicated to Blood Bowl – the Games Workshop game of fantasy football. The NAF acts as a central resource for Blood Bowl coaches the world over – offering news, contacts, discussion, sanctioned tournaments and international player rankings. You also get a free Blood Bowl gift with your $10 membership which varies each year.

You Can Join the NAF At This Link

Ironweld Event Tickets Can Be Found At This Link
Buy a convention pass + Forge Lord BB tourney ticket.
USE CODE: FORGE-LORD
All for only $15!

TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

Three 2h 15m rounds of Resurrection/Swiss-Styled Blood Bowl using the BB2020 Rules Set along with the published GW FAQs. There will be no overtime. If time is called before you are done, play until both coaches have had an equal number of turns.

What is a Resurrection Event?
It means that any damage inflicted upon your players resets every round of the tournament and you play each match with your full roster. SPP's are not tracked and no new skills will be gained as a result.

What is Swiss-Styled?
It means that coaches are randomly matched up in the first round of the tournament, but after that teams with the same number of points are drawn against each other, so that you are playing against someone who is doing about as well as you are. This continues until the final round.

TOURNAMENT RULES AND GAMEPLAY:

- **THE GOLDEN RULE:** Sportsmanship matters more than winning. We are gathering to enjoy our time together and share our love of Blood Bowl. The TO reserves the right to remove any coach from the tournament for poor sportsmanship. Also, remember that fouling, while a "despicable act" and "worthy of distaste of the highest order", is a core part of the game we all love - this is NOT an act of bad sportsmanship; even if done 32 times in a match.
- NAF 2023 Tournament Rules are in play (inducement and skill related items specific to the event are clarified under Team Creation)

  NAF 2023 Rules for Tournaments
- The Exhibition Prayers to Nuffle Table will be utilized (Core Rulebook p. 103)
- Prior to each game, coaches should agree what constitutes a 'cocked' die and discuss any other issues relating to dice rolling mechanisms and reach consensus (ie dice towers). Should either coach request, dice must be shared between coaches.
- Player aids, such as probability apps, and the like must not be used while in-game.
- External coaching of players in-game is not permitted.
- Turn timers will not be in place. Please note that you may be given a certain amount of time to complete your game should you be running late at the discretion of the TO. Under such a scenario each coach will be given an EQUAL number of turns.
- Casualties may be scored by Block, Blitz, Foul, Crowd-Push, Secret Weapon, Stab, Vomit, the usage of Skills or Mutations that aid in creating an opponent injury (Arm Bar, Diving Tackle, Prehensile Tail), TTM Collisions, or Star Player Special Actions that target opposition players. You do not score them for hurting your own team members.

TOURNAMENT SCORING:

- Teams will be ranked after each match using a point scale (0-75 potential points):
  - Winning the Match = 60 Points
  - Tied the Match = 30 Point
  - Losing the Match = 0 Points
  - Blowout Bonus = 5 Points (win by 2 or more TD's)
  - Smackdown Bonus = 5 Points (inflict more casualties than your opponent)
  - Kept It Close Bonus = 5 Points (lose by only 1 TD)
  - Shutout Bonus = 5 Points (give up 0 TD to opponent)
- The Tournament Champion will be determined by Total Points after three rounds of play and if needed, by Tie-Breakers in the following order:
  - Head-to-Head Result (if they have played one another)
  - Sum of TD Differential & CAS Differential
  - TD's Scored
  - CAS Inflicted
  - Coin Toss/Random Die Roll/Other Random Method Determined by TO

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING:

- Your painted Blood Bowl team. Models **must** be numbered or easily identifiable. Skill rings or small colored elastic bands to mark players with skills are required to keep things moving along. I will also have some with me if needed.
- 3 copies of your team roster with added skills in **BOLD** or highlighted
- Supporting literature for any inducements purchased
- A Blood Bowl pitch, templates, dugout, blocking dice, 2d6, and d8
- Writing implement(s)

SCHEDULE:

Here's the schedule for the event. We will do our best to adhere to it.

Saturday, 05/27/23	
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Registration
9:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Round 1
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM - 2:45 PM	Round 2
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 PM - 5:15 PM	Round 3
5:15 PM - 6:00 PM	Result Tabulation and Awards

EVENT PITCHES:

Coaches that pre-register **and** attend the event will receive a custom Ironweld Blood Bowl pitch!



TEAM GENERATION:

- Teams will be created using the BB2020 Rules (including published GW errata through May 2023 as long as it is published by 05/26/2023 otherwise we will use November 2022 errata)
- All 21 teams in the Blood Bowl 2020 Core Rulebook, the four remaining Teams of Legend, the Khorne, Amazon, and Norse rosters from Spike, and the NAF recommended Slann team may be selected for tournament play.

  Blood Bowl - Teams of Legend
  Slann Rosters
- **Gold:** Teams will be created utilizing **1.15M** gold crowns and must contain 11 players before any inducements are purchased.
- **Prohibited Inducements:** Special Play Cards, (In)famous Coaching Staff, Mercenaries (excluding Giants), Side Bets, and certain Star Players (see next bullet) are prohibited from purchase. Everything else in the Core Rulebook, Death Zone, and Almanacs is fair game.
- **Prohibited Star Players:** The following Star Players are unavailable for inducement as NAF investigation continues into allegations of excessive doping:
  - Griff Oberwald, Morg 'n' Thorg, Hakflem Skuttlespike, Deeproot Strongbranch, Bomber Dribblesnot, Kreek 'The Verminator' Rustgouger, and Cindy Piewhistle.
- **Skill Packages by Team Tier:** After this, coaches will add skills to their teams based on the tier they fall in. Only coaches in Tiers 2 through 4 can apply more than one skill to any given player. Coaches choose the skills they want to apply; there are no random skills. Additional skills may **NOT** be added to Star Players with the below allocations. A coach may choose to apply a primary skill in place of a secondary skill.
  - **Tier 1 (4 Primary Skills, maximum of 1 extra skill per player):** Amazon, Chaos Dwarf, Dark Elf, Dwarf, High Elf, Norse, Shambling Undead, Skaven, Underworld Denizen, Wood Elf
  - **Tier 2 (4 Primary Skills plus 1 Secondary Skills, max of 2 extra skills per player):** Chaos Chosen, Elven Union, Human, Imperial Nobility, Lizardmen, Khorne, Necromantic Horror, Orc, Slann, Tomb King
  - **Tier 3 (4 Primary Skills plus 2 Secondary Skills, max of 2 extra skills per player):** Black Orc, Chaos Renegade, Halfling, Nurgle, Old World Alliance, Snotling, Vampire
  - **Tier 4 (5 Primary Skills plus 3 Secondary Skills, max of 2 extra skills per player):** Goblin, Ogre
- ALL skills MUST be noted on the team roster which is submitted to the Tournament Organizer at registration. Pro tip: Putting the added skills is **BOLD** font or highlighting them on your roster will help them to stand out.
- Colored rubber bands or skill rings will keep the tournament moving along and are strongly encouraged. I will have some on hand if you need them.

PHYSICAL AWARDS:

We will have physical awards/prizes at the event. A listing of those will be updated at a later date.

NAF AWARDS/RECOGNITION:

- Coaches are competing for the following NAF accolades, well maybe not that last one…
    - Champion
    - Runner-Up
    - Most Brutal (Most CAS Inflicted)
    - Best Offense (Most TD's Scored)
    - Best Defense (Least TD's Allowed)
    - Stunty Cup
    - Best Painted
    - Wooden Spoon
- In the event of a tie, both coaches will receive recognition in the NAF system.

NEBBN TOURNAMENT SERIES:

2023 marks the creation of the NEBBN Tournament Series. The series compiles results across all NEBBN Blood Bowl tournaments for 2023 and creates coach rankings that can earn special prizes at the end of the year. All participating NAF coaches will have their results from this tournament included in the results of the 2023 NEBBN Tournament Series. To find out more please feel free to join our Discord server for all things Blood Bowl in the North East United States.

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