

# The Swelter Bowl @ GHO '23

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Inner Harbor, Baltimore City. August. The sun is beating down, the air is so thick you could just about swim through it, and even [Mr. Trash Wheel](#) is having a hard time. So let's strap on some armor and hit the field for the Goonhammer Open's first-ever Blood Bowl event: **The Swelter Bowl!**

The Swelter Bowl asks the question: what happens when Blood Bowl players try to play in oppressive mid-Atlantic heat? Well, we don't know the answer to that yet, but we at the Goonhammer crew imagine that it's probably not good! So load up on some SPF 50 and a case of Natty Bohs and try to beat not only the heat, but the other team, too!

## **Tournament Format**

The Swelter Bowl is a 3-round tournament. In the first round, we will try not to pair you up against people from your league. Otherwise, round 1 is random. Afterwards, we will proceed in a Swiss tournament fashion.

## **Tournament Schedule**

- **8:30 AM - 9:30 AM:** Registration
- **9:30 AM - 12:00 PM:** Round 1
- **12:00 PM - 1:00 PM:** Lunch
- **1:00 PM - 3:30 PM:** Round 2
- **3:30 PM - 6:00 PM:** Round 3
- **6:15ish PM:** Awards

## **Gameplay Rules and Notes**

- This is a resurrection-style tournament. All rosters reset after every game.
- Apothecaries work as described in the rulebook (which is to say, NOT automatic).
- The weather for the Swelter Bowl is **ALWAYS** Sweltering Heat.
- The Kick-Off table is amended as follows:
  - Changing Weather - "It's Getting Hotter...": If you roll this result do not roll on the Weather Table. Instead, the receiving coach rolls a d3. That number of randomly selected players **from both teams** are removed from the pitch and placed into the Reserves Box. They can return to the game after this drive. The ball will **Scatter** before landing (3 d8 rolls, you know how to do it)
  - Switch the positions of Brilliant Coaching and Changing Weather so that Changing Weather occurs on a roll of 7 and Brilliant Coaching occurs on a roll of 8.

- Make sure to track the value of the players you lose to Sweltering Heat and It's Getting Hotter.... At the end of the event, there will be a special award for the person who got diced the hardest by mother nature.
- This is a NAF event, so please sign up to the NAF beforehand, but if you don't we can get you signed up at the event for \$5.
- Send rosters to [swelter.bowl@gmail.com](mailto:swelter.bowl@gmail.com) when they're done for approval. Deadline for roster submission is August 12th, 2023!

### You Bring...

- A team, hopefully painted with all skill upgrades marked.
- A Blood Bowl Pitch. We don't have enough to cover the whole event, so please help out by bringing one from home!
- All the necessary dice and game aids you need for a game of Blood Bowl.
- 4 copies of your roster ([bbroster.com](http://bbroster.com) is a great resource for putting a roster together).
- A winning attitude!

### You Get...

- Your very own Gregbot dice!
- 3 games of Blood Bowl!
- A warm Natty Boh (for those who can prove that they're 21 years old or older)
- A sprinklin' of Old Bay
- Maybe an award if you're good/unlucky enough

### Team Construction

- You will have **1,200,000 gp** to build your roster. It is strongly suggested that you build in extra players because you will lose some to the heat as the game progresses.
- All teams in the BB2020 rulebooks, Spike Magazines, Teams of Legend (unless they've been replaced by a new team, like Norse or Amazons), or NAF Official (aka Slann) are allowed.
- You may purchase inducements for your team with your allotted gold. You **MAY NOT** purchase the following inducements:
  - Wizards
  - Journeymen
  - Special Play Cards
  - Mercenaries
  - (In)famous Coaching Staff
  - Biased Referees
  - Anything from the "Other Inducements" section of Death Zone.
- Your team may have a total of 2 Star Players, but the roster must contain 11 players before any star players are hired. Dual Star Players, like the Swift Twins, count as only taking up one Star Player spot.

- If both coaches have hired the same Star Player(s), then neither gets to use them! Both teams have been swindled!

## Skill Pack

Each coach will be given a # of SPP to spend on skills for their team based on what tier their team is in.

- **Tier 1 - 42 SPP to spend:**
  - Amazon, Chaos Dwarf, Dark Elf, Dwarf, High Elf, Lizardmen, Norse, Shambling Undead, Skaven, Underworld Denizens, Wood Elves
- **Tier 2a - 54 SPP to spend:**
  - Chaos Renegades, Elven Union, Human, Necromantic Horror, Old World Alliance, Orc, Tomb Kings
- **Tier 2b - 60 SPP to spend:**
  - Black Orc, Chaos Chosen, Imperial Nobility, Khorne, Nurgle, Vampire
- **Tier 3 - 66 SPP to spend:**
  - Goblin, Halfling, Ogre, Snotling

SPP spend breakdown:

- A primary skill costs 6 SPP. A player with one primary skill may be given another for 8 SPP, for a total of 14 SPP.
- A secondary skill costs 12 SPP. A player given a secondary skill may not take any further skills.
- No stat increases or random skills.
- Maximum 4 skills of any one type (example: you can only add Block to 4 players).
- In addition to their hiring fees, Star Players cost an additional 12 SPP to hire. Dual Star Players, like the Swift Twins, only cost 12 SPP as they're considered to have taken only 1 Star Player spot.
- Mega-Stars cost 18 SPP to hire in addition to their hiring fee. Mega-stars are:
  - Bomber Dribblesnot, Deeproot Strongbranch, Griff Oberwald, Hakflem Skuttlespike, Kreek "the Verminator" Rustgouger, Morg'n'Thorg, and Cindy Piewhistle.

Additionally, track the value of the skills added to each player. This will be important to determine how badly the Sweltering Heat got to your team.

- 1 Primary skill: +20,000 gp
- 2 Primary skills: +40,000 gp
- 1 Secondary skill: +40,000 gp

## Tournament Scoring

Win - 30 pts

Tie - 15 pts

Casualty differential of +3 or better - 5 pts

TD differential of +2 or better - 5 pts

**Note:** All casualties count in this event, not just ones that come from block actions. Get after it!

### **Tie-Breakers**

1. TDs
2. Casualties
3. Value in gp of players impacted by Sweltering Heat

### **Awards**

- Swamp Ass: 1st place
- Needs a Change of Clothes: 2nd place
- A Little Ripe: 3rd place
- Short and Moist: Best Stunty Team
- Milk Was a Bad Choice: Highest value in gp lost due to Sweltering Heat
- Pretty but Smelly: Best painted