

WHAT IS FAIR PLAY 40K?

Fair Play 40K is an organization committed to improving the play experience of the competitive Warhammer 40K community by identifying player misconduct, supporting TOs in addressing misconduct, and highlighting good sportsmanship. Right now, Fair Play 40K is focusing on the Midwestern U.S. for the 2026 season to test and refine its misconduct reporting system.

WHY DOES FAIR PLAY 40K EXIST?

Up until now, the competitive Warhammer 40K community has had a bit of a 'Wild West' feel to it when it comes to policing player conduct. The ITC and its Code of Conduct (now the FLG Code of Conduct) have been highly influential in changing the culture of Warhammer 40K over the past decade to reflect greater sportsmanship and camaraderie. However, there has never been a single unified body that tracks and responds to player misconduct. This leaves individual TOs in the position of having to be the sole authority for identifying, adjudicating and punishing player misconduct at their events. Most TOs run tournaments for their enjoyment of the game, and may feel uncomfortable with the punitive aspects of the job. In addition, it can be hard to accurately assess whether a player is acting in bad faith or simply having a bad day based on one event alone. These factors mean that those players who do engage in misconduct often evade consequences and impact the experiences of the community at large, whether intentionally or by not getting the feedback they need to realize the impact of their actions. Often, consequences such as player bans only occur in response to public outcry or community action.

Fair Play 40K aims to change that, as well as to celebrate those players who act as beacons of friendliness and sportsmanship. We believe that most players who create negative play experiences for their opponents aren't fully aware of the impact they're having, and our Misconduct Reporting System is designed to give them feedback prior to punitive action. For the few individuals out there who deliberately seek to mislead or cheat their opponents, the Misconduct Reporting System is also designed to identify those players and limit their ability to negatively impact the community. Conversely, the Sportsmanship Shout Outs program is designed to be a space for players to recognize opponents who live the 40K community's ideals

of fun, friendly competition. Fair Play 40K is not a TOing/judging organization, but rather an organization that supports the TOs and judges who choose to have their events participate in the system.

WHAT'S THIS MISCONDUCT REPORTING SYSTEM?

Misconduct Reporting System link

List of Participating TOs link

SPORTSMANSHIP SHOUT-OUTS!

Fair Play 40K also offers a way to commend your opponents for great sportsmanship. If you play a tournament game against an opponent that you think had exceptional sportsmanship, you can give that player a shout out using the Google Form found here or the QR code below. Shout outs are for opponents, not bystanders or others. At the end of the season, all players who received shout outs will be commended, and the player with the most shout outs will receive a medal officially certifying them as a champion of congeniality! Giving a shout out is completely optional, and is something to consider if you walk away from the table going "Wow! That person was a treat to play!".



HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

If you're a TO, you can fill out our <u>TO Interest Form</u> to get involved, or contact Fair Play 40K at 40Kplayerreport@gmail.com with any questions you might have. Participating TOs will

have access to the Fair Play 40K Discord server. If you're a player, talk to your local TO about reaching out, or look for the Fair Play 40K logo in your local event's player pack and read up on the Misconduct Reporting System.

