



Introduction:

Atomic Empire will host an 80-point Southeast Middle-Earth Gaming League (SMEGL) sanctioned event on March 14, 2026. Having a painted army is not a requirement for entry, but we ask that your General's warband be painted. If a model has both mounted and foot versions, the player may choose which one to paint.

\$30 registration fee required to enter. You must register by March 7, 2026, to participate. No refunds are available after March 7, 2026. No walk-ins on the day of the tournament will be permitted to participate. Prize support is determined by the number of attendees. Spectators are welcome but should not interfere with gameplay.

Event Details:

One-day, 600-point tournament of Middle-Earth Strategy Battle Game. The latest edition of the core rules will be used. Additionally, any FAQs released two weeks prior to the event will automatically be in effect. The organizers retain the prerogative to include or exclude any updates released after the two-week threshold.

Three games on Saturday.

Game length is 120 minutes.

30 players maximum.

Location:

Atomic Empire, 3400 Westgate Dr #14b, Durham, NC, 27707

Scheduling and Logistics:

Event Date - March 14, 2026.

Registration and list submission is through the [Tabletop Admiral Tournaments page](#).

Entry Fee & Deadline: \$30 due to Atomic Empire by March 7, 2026.

Link: <https://www.atomicempire.com/Store/Event/7463>

Tentative Schedule:

SATURDAY: March 14, 2026

10:00 - 10:30 Doors Open, Set-up & Check-in

10:30 - 10:40 Welcome and Opening Remarks

10:45 -12:45 Game 1

12:45 - 1:45 Lunch Break*

2:00 - 4:00 Game 2

4:00 - 4:15 Break for tabulation

4:15 - 6:15 Game 3

6:30 - 7:00 Final tabulations and awards ceremony

*(There are many nearby dining options - food is not guaranteed by the event, though limited concessions are available for purchase at the store.)

Prize Support:

Trophies, product and/or store credit will be given for the following categories: TO Painting Choice Award, most Generals slain, most Heroes slain, most models slain, best opponent, and last place.

Furthermore, the TOs will judge the models you chose as your General's warband. Their own aesthetic sensibilities will be used when critiquing the models. For example, a TO might like how the model is painted, or if it was converted, or if there is an element of the basing that is noteworthy. It is the sole discretion of the TOs as to which criteria they use. Participants may provide a display board, but it will not be included in the TO Painting Choice Award selection process.

Scenario Details and Pairings:

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Scenarios will be selected by the TO and announced before the start of each game. The veto system will not be used.

To help improve the player experience, the TOs will use criteria such as SMEGL ranking (when applicable), typical player base, and game outcomes to help direct the pairings.

For scoring, a General counts towards your tally of Generals, Heroes, and models slain. Similarly, a Hero counts towards your tally of Heroes and models slain. If a model has a mount then both the rider and the mount must be slain to count towards its respective category.

Summary of VP to TP Match Scoring:

Victory Points (VP) - Victory Points will be awarded according to the scenario selected.

Tournament Points - Tournament Points (TP) will be awarded as follows; 6TP for a Major Win, 5TP for a Minor Win, 2TP for a Draw, 1TP = Minor Loss , 0TP Major Loss (a loss by at least double the VP than the Opponent)

Major/Minor Win - If a player scores double or more VP than their opponent and at least 6 VP, they will receive a Major Win and their opponent a Major Loss. If a player wins by less than double, or scores less than 6 VP, they will receive a Minor Win, and their opponent will score a Minor Loss.

List Submission, Building, and Restrictions:

- Players are required to bring a single 600 points list.
- All current lists are allowed from The Armies of the Lord of the Rings, The Armies of the Hobbit, and the Armies of Middle Earth - with the exception of the Desolator of the North.
- Banned models: Tom Bombadil, Goldberry.
- Legacy armies/models are permitted.
- Lists must be submitted via the [Tabletop Admiral Event link](#) on or before March 7, 2026, and it is requested that you bring a hard copy of your list to the event. Preferred formats are text output from either of the following: [Tabletop Admiral](#) or [MESBG List Builder](#).

Please reach out to the [TO](#) if you are concerned over the validity of any proxies you plan to use.