



Barons War “Grand Melee III ”

5th October 2025

The Old Major in conjunction with Firestorm Games are proud to present the 3rd National Barons War tournament. The event will be a true celebration of the Barons War Rules and its Supplements and will see the crowning of the 2025 UK Champion.

Tickets are priced at £16 for the day and includes a hot lunch. If you have any dietary requirements can you email me at least 7 days before please so that Firestorm can accommodate

Booking: To secure your place please purchase your ticket here

[https://www.thebattlefields.co.uk/events-at-the-battlefields/barons-war-grand-melee-3-2025-british-championship?
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There are a maximum of 24 tickets.

Event to be held: The South Wales Gaming Centre
Firestorm Games
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Cardiff
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What to bring:

- 2x copies of your army list (one for you and one for your opponent).
- Dice, tape measure, action tokens.
- Rules book and any up to date FAQ or bridging pdfs for your retinue

Timetable for event:

- *Access for tournament Doors open 8.30 (including set up for tables for those supplying game boards)*
- *Registration 9.00 until 9.15*
- *First round 9.30 until 11.00*
- *Second round 11.15 until 12.45*
- *Lunch 12.45 until 1.30*
- *Third round 1.30 until 3.00*
- *Fourth round 3.15 until 4.45*
- *5.00 Prize Giving*

Event rules:

- Event will be played under Barons War 2nd Edition Rules in conjunction with any Latest FAQ
- If there is a disagreement within the rules players are encouraged to resolve them between themselves if possible. Please use the common sense 'rule of thumb' if it seems idiotic in the real world then it probably is and remember it's a game! A referee ruling can be asked for at any time.
- Games will be a total of *1 hours 30 mins*, this includes for any set up and discussion between players about each other's list etc.
- Games will be played to the standard 5 turns, scenario objective or to the end of the current action should time limit be reached.
- Initial match ups where possible, will attempt to place historical forces against each other on appropriate tables. From Round 2 on-wards a Swiss pairings system will be used to determine opponents. Where possible players will be be reallocated if they are drawn against previous opponents or on a previous table.

List selection:

Players must use a list to the following criteria:

- Forces from the following published Barons War material will be allowed ~ Barons War 2nd Edition, Death and Taxes, Outremer. There are Bridging pdfs now available to allow forces from Death and Taxes and Outremer to be playable. These are available here https://hobdayandhicks.com/collections/free-downloads?fbclid=IwY2xjawK3q5FleHRuA2FlbQlXMAbicmlkETAxTmc2OG40UkdVTmFsMkU1AR7nGt3ZS5f-qsD0jF4VzmJ9Ti1at-45yWpBrqjKw6w4TX2ANDxcH2_u0dILqQ_aem_csyIO6JUjHm3zrjHZ92KKg
- 750 point maximum list.
- Missile Limits ~ A maximum of 300 pts may be spent on Bow ,Crossbow and sling armed tier 1 warriors. Points for Outlaw and Forces of Islam Commanders , being tier 2 and 3 warriors, are not included and are additional to this limit.
- Named Characters are to be allowed but on a first come first served basis ~ so if you want a specific character get your lists in early!
- The aim is for this to be a “friendly” tournament. Please leave any Win At All Costs attitudes at home!! We look to keep our tournaments fun and whilst healthy competition is encouraged this is not a free licence to "break the game". As always we reserve the right, to speak with you about your list or attitude on the day. If in our opinion it is too "OP"/"Nasty" for the event we will ask you to amend.
- Lists must be submitted by Midnight Sunday 28th Sept 2025, preferably by pdf. A 1 point penalty will be imposed to your overall score if late.

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- Models tabled where possible must use ‘WYSIWYG’ guideline for a minimum of 50% of the figures in the unit. If your unit are armed with Bows and other weapons please try to indicate this on at least 50% of the group. They must also be painted to a 3 colour minimum.
- Copies of the list must be available on the event day for your opponent to look over and ask any questions.
- Players are encouraged to come up with a theme (whether historical or fictional for their forces) a prize will be awarded for whichever force impresses Andy Hobday

Scoring.

3 Points for a win , 1 point for a draw, 0pts for a loss.

Tie Break.

At the end of each game total up your *Feudal points as follows.*

5pts for each Tier 3 Enemy Commander you have slain

2pts for each Tier 1 Enemy Commander you have slain

+1 pt if you have slain a "named " character.

If players are tied on points at the end of the 4 games , positions will be decided on who has the higher feudal points.

Prizes

1st Place ~ the King Award

2nd Place ~ the Baron Award

3rd Place ~ the Knight Award

Best Themed army ~ The Chroniclers Award

Best Painted army ~ The Illuminators Award

The Wooden Spoon ~ The Gongfarmers Award

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The Barons War community has begun to develop significantly over the past couple of years and with the release of the 2nd Edition the game is going from strength to strength. This Event has been set up with the aim of continuing to develop the friendly and supportive network of players and fans of this great Ruleset.

To foster that further we are looking to make a weekend of the event. Firestorm Games are planning a Bring & Buy Event on Saturday 4th Oct and we have been asked to put on a couple of Demo Games of Barons War. If you are interested in helping us out with that please let me know. Hopefully the weekend will give you a great chance to meet the team behind the game as Andy, George and Mark Farr of Footsore are looking to attend.

On the Saturday we are also looking to go for a beer and a curry afterwards!

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Any questions?

Feel free to contact me on Facebook ~ Mark Vance or email mark@sword-dance.co.uk

