



NAF WORLD CUP DORNBIRN 2019

Dear Captains of the NAF World Cup

in less than four months the world's biggest Blood Bowl event will be over and I hope people will have had a lifetime experience in Dornbirn. But before the event is over we have to think about what is still needed to make it happen. So, here is a check list, summary and reminders about things you need to know and still need to do.

The event is entirely sold out with 238 participating squads. We had a few drop outs, so if you know somebody, who is interested, have that person write an email to worldcup4@sbbm-turniere.com

Goodies re-order

While during registration it was possible to order miniatures and pitches, we had some people writing us about re-ordering things, so we decided to have one last call on ordering the Underworld team and coaching staff and the World Cup pitch through the captains. Please note that at the event there is no chance to buy the miniatures. Pitches will be available at the event, but also in a limited number. If you want to re-order, please drop us an email with the amount and the material (resin or pewter). But make sure the email gets to us before the end of July to make sure they can be produced in time.

Rosters

The next important date is August 16, 2019. That day is the deadline of submitting the rosters. Please download the squad roster, which is on the website under Goodies/Downloads. **The version must be v3.2.0 or higher.** If you have an older version, please download the new version. For people who are using Open Office, please make sure you only modify the yellow cells. Whatever you do, PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE THE NAME OF THE TABS, e.g. do not put your coaches' names instead of BxxA01, BxxA02, etc. When submitting the file, name the file just with your 3-digit Squad ID, e.g. "B0F.xlsx"

On the roster you will find a column marked "Base ø". Every coach will get skill markers for their team and we need to know what diameter the bases of each miniature is to give you the proper size. If you have hexagonal or square bases, please choose the diameter, which is the next larger one where the base would fit in. Possible diameters are: 25mm, 32mm and 40mm. Every coach will get about 10 sets of markers, which are magnetic. So, if you have a magnet in your base, please let us know then we don't need to give you an adhesive magnetic foil (write that info in the mail with the rosters). The use of the markers is mandatory, no other color codes or skill markings are allowed. If

you have a color-blind person in your squad, please let us know who that is, we will provide special sets for them.

For environmental reasons as well having a centralized go-to-point we will have all rosters available online in a smart-phone optimized layout. Your pairings will be visible in our web-based app, and from there you can access your opponent's rosters. In case you are handed a paper-copy by your opponent we encourage everybody to cross-check the roster with the online version to verify if any kind of mistake is on the printed version. If any kind of dispute about rosters arises, the online-version is the only official reference, any other source is not trustable. Power packs for cell phones can be rented at the registration desk if needed.

On-site Registration and reception

All captains (or co-captains) must register on Thursday, October 3 at the information desk at the venue. The venue opens to public at 16:00 (4 p.m.) and closes at 22:00 (10 p.m.). The captain will receive all the goodies, the squad has ordered during registration, so in case you have ordered several pitches, it might be a good idea to show up with a few more people. There is no need to have the full squad present at the same time, but the captain must make sure that all squad members are ready to play and are equipped with the skill markers no later than Friday, October 4 at 8:30 (8:30 a.m.) before the opening ceremony starts. All coaches are welcome to join us during the official reception on Thursday evening to meet the sponsors and organizers and all the other coaches. The reception starts at 18:30 (6:30 p.m.) and the blues band "Blue Moon" will start playing at 19:30 (7:30 p.m.).

Vendors

There will be several vendors available with their goods. Please make sure to stop by every booth and thank them for supporting the game and especially the World Cup. We hope that the vendors will be opening their booths by the time the venue opens, but that is basically in their digression.

Painting Competition

Also, in the squad Excel sheet, on the Main page, you can indicate if a coach will participate in the Team Painting competition. There will be 6 groups where teams will be competing against each other:

1) I'm just Human

- Humans
- Amazons
- Bretonnians
- Norse

2) All kind of Elves

- Elves Union
- Dark Elves
- Wood Elves
- High Elves

3) Dead or not alive

- Shambling Undead
- Necromantic Horror
- Vampires
- Khemri

4) Greenskins

- Orc
- Goblin
- Underworld Denizens
- Ogre

5) Creatures great and small

- Dwarfs
- Halflings
- Lizards
- Slann
- Skaven

6) Forces of Chaos

- Chaos
- Chaos Renegades
- Chaos Dwarfs
- Deamon's of Khorne
- Nurgle Rotters

Only teams, which were painted by the coach who is playing that particular team at the World Cup are eligible to participate in the competition. During on-site registration, the teams will be photographed. The jury will select three teams in each category based on those photos until Friday evening. On Saturday and Sunday morning the judges will take a closer look in person of the pre-selected teams. Coaches are encouraged to leave their team with the organizer after the 6th game so that the judges can take a longer look at the teams in the evening and morning without interrupting game play. All the teams will be kept at a secured place over night to make sure they don't get damaged or even stolen.

Travel

Another big topic is travel to and from Dornbirn. For coaches who come by plane, we offer an airport shuttle service on our website on October 3 and 7. It is important to write the flight number in the sign-up, so we can match you with the correct shuttle. This is especially important to be at the airport in time for the return flight. The cost of that shuttle will not exceed 25 Euro per direction. For

coaches coming by car, please be advised that you need a toll sticker in Switzerland and Austria if you intend to use the highways (Autobahn). The Swiss sticker costs 40 CHF, which is only available for a full year. The Austrian sticker costs 9,20 EUR for 10-days (there is also a 2-month or full year sticker available). If you get caught without a sticker the fines are very high and may be collected in cash. Stickers can be bought at the border and at gas stations in Germany, France and Italy, which are close to the border. If you have a rental car, make sure the rental company gives you a car with a sticker (if rented in Switzerland). If you come from Switzerland, you don't need an Austrian sticker unless you intend to use the Austrian highways. The venue is in proximity to Switzerland, so you can reach it without a sticker. Please be aware to obey the speed limits and other traffic laws (no overtaking on the right side!!) since fines can be extremely high, especially in Switzerland. Parking at the venue is available on the specially marked parking spaces for the event, including a parking garage. Do NOT use the parking garage of the mall, which is across the street!

Hotels

It would help us tremendously for the shuttle planning if you could tell us in what hotel(s) your squad-members are staying. That way we can optimize the schedule for the busses in the morning and evening. If you are staying outside the city limits of Dornbirn and Bregenz, please be advised to be on time every day. Especially people coming from outside of Europe and are not familiar with small and winding mountainous roads where a slow farm vehicle can't be overtaken, should plan to be at the venue well ahead of time (bar is open early and they serve coffee).

Meals

During registration all coaches were asked to submit their meal choices and we will order the food according to these choices. Your event tickets will be marked accordingly on what kind you have chosen. We came up with a menu, which we believe will cover most people's taste. Some people have written down their food allergies and all of them will be paid attention to. Sometimes the standard meal is already prepared in a way that an allergy is avoided, e.g. when no nuts are in the daily meal, the ticket will not be marked specifically for a person with a nut allergy. These are the meal choices, in no particular order (the order will be decided by the catering staff shortly before the event):

Meals with meat:

- Chopped turkey with cream sauce and spatzle
- Beef goulash with spatzle
- Roast pork with bread dumpling

Vegetarian meals:

- Spinach spatzle with cheese cream sauce
- Vegetable lasagna
- Vegetable curry in coconut sauce (also Vegan)

Vegan meals:

- Vegetable curry in coconut sauce
- Vegan herb-vegetable fried dish with millet
- Baked potatoes with paprika-tomato dip

Spatzle are a local specialty pasta dish made with flour, water and eggs.

For environmental reasons, the meals will be served on regular (ceramic) tableware and no plastic or paper cups for drinks will be given out. Since the meals will be eaten at the same tables where coaches are playing we ask to disassemble the gameboards during lunch time. Be considerate and extra observant during lunch time when walking around to avoid bumping into coaches who are carrying their lunch tray.

NAF membership

It was announced from the beginning, that all participating coaches must be active members of the NAF. Please make sure all your coaches in the squad have paid their membership fee at least throughout the duration of the tournament. You can renew at several tournaments prior to the World Cup or online. We will check in advance if all coaches have an active membership and we will send them to a NAF representative who is present at the event to renew before the squad can register.

Game time

There is a strict **time limit of 2 hours and 30 minutes** for each game. The official game time will be projected at a large screen in both halls. There will also be an indication about what turn the games will be in. We start to play a hurry-up music a few minutes before the game is supposed to be over (the exact timing will be announced at the event, but it will be somewhere around 4-5min). Referees are strict and will not tolerate longer game play. If you notice that you have a slow opponent, you have the right to ask the referee to put your game on a chess clock after one hour into the game. If both coaches agree, it is possible to have the full game played with a chess clock (please use an App on your mobile phone). Referees will look around to see if they can detect delayed games and will pro-actively set the game on the clock if they feel the delay is too much.

Respect

It should go without saying, but for an event that big we feel that we should say it at least once: Please respect each other, respect your opponent, your squad mates, even your captain, the referees, the people behind the bar, the vendors the organization crew and visitors. We all signed up for this event for a different reason, but we all want to enjoy the event the best possible way. Sometimes the day starts already horribly for whatever reason and during the day it just doesn't get better and then bad dice join the misery. Regardless of how bad your day goes, there is no excuse for behaving badly and disrespectful towards others. The referees sometimes must take decisions, which don't go your way, but this is no reason for anyone to cover them with foul language. The referees and the organisation team have the right to remove people not only from the tournament, but also to have people escorted off the venue if things go out of hand. We don't want to do this, and we hope it will never come to this, but if a situation can't be calmed down otherwise we will execute this option.

First round

While the draw of the squads will be done sometime in August or September, this tournament offers you a unique chance to decide your line-up for the first match. Captains have to submit the order of their squad-mates until September 29, 2019. If we do not receive any info from the captains, the order will be random. Have your best player start on the lowest table, put the Halfling coach at table 1 or expect a Chaos mirror match on table 3. Start the mind-boggling game of theory-bowling about what your opponent will come up with and how you can possible counter it the most efficient way.

Reference Sheets

You will be given a reference sheet for a couple of things, translation help for skills and the color chart of the skill markers are among them.

Enjoy the summer, practice your team setup and get prepared to an exciting 3-4 days in Western Austria.

In case you need to get in contact with us, drop us a line via email Facebook messenger, Twitter or even using text messaging or calling us on the phone: +49-160-94412920 (no Whatsapp!!!)

Cheers

Your SBBM-Orga Team