

GOE TOURNAMENT RULES (07 FEB 2024)



Tournament Format

- Three rounds with swiss-style pairing
- Scenario will be Scenario 2: Fighter Sweep
 - o A win is defined as only one squadron retreating or having all their aircraft shot down by the last game turn
 - o A draw is defined as both squadrons retreating or having all their aircraft shot down by the last game turn
 - o A loss is defined as having your squadron retreat or all aircraft shot down by the last game turn
- A win is worth 30 points plus the number of boom chits awarded to your opponent
- A draw is worth 10 points plus the number of boom chits awarded to your opponent.
- A loss is worth points equal to the number of boom chits awarded to your opponent
- If a game ends due to allotted time expiring, the player with the most boom chits is awarded a win and the other, a loss.
- Awards will be presented to the top three scoring players, and to the winner of the sportsmanship (or Blue Falcon) award.

Force Building

- Force size: SQUADRON
 - o 500 points, single squadron of a single aircraft type, broken down into elements.
 - Squadron size: Minimum 4 aircraft Maximum 8 aircraft
 - o Minimum number of elements: 2 elements per squadron
 - o Minimum element size: 2 aircraft
- Acceptable aircraft
 - Any Non-Jet / Non-Korea-Era aircraft from the Master Aircraft List (1 Dec 2022)
- Multi-Engine fighters will use the Heavy Fighter optional rule and have their points reduced by an additional 5 points from the cost listed in the Master Aircraft List "Heavy Fighter" entry for that aircraft.

Pilot Skill Costs		
PS 2	Rookie	+25 points
PS 3	Average	+50 points
PS 4	Veteran	+75 points
PS 5	Ace	+100 points and choose one Ace Skill which must be unique if there are multiple aces in a list
	Named Ace	+Points per Ace card. Unique, only 1 of each named ace per squadron

Trait, Ace, Theater & Doctrine Cards

Tournament will use the Open Play Action Deck optional rule from Airstrike. Players will choose one Doctrine card (without faction restrictions) and may pay for a single equipment card. Equipment cards can change between rounds based on the table assigned to the players, but must be picked before choosing attacker/defender roles. Theater cards will be dictated by the table/TOs.

Order of setup

- Players will be assigned a table by the TOs during each round to ensure an even rotation.
- Players will roll a die with the higher rolling player choosing to be the attacker or defender.
- Once players have determined roles of attacker/defender they then choose 2 of the 4 Theater cards in secret
- Players draw 2 cloud markers each and alternate deploying them starting with the defender.
- Players then play any Theater cards that take effect during deployment, with all cards taking effect simultaneously
- Players then follow the deployment rules for the scenario they are assigned.

Rule and Point Updates

Rules will be per the Airstrike rulebook. If there is a difference between the Boxed Set Basic/Expanded/Scenario/Midway rules and Airstrike, then the Airstrike version of the rule will take precedence.

• Errata and FAQ of October 2023 / Master Aircraft List of 01 Dec 2022. PDF available at www.leadpursuit.net/resources

Table Styles

- TOs can choose from the combinations below to standardize their table and card setups
- TOs can have all players use a single scenario, or attach specific scenarios to specific tables.
- If TOs desire, they can divide players by faction (Axis / Allies) and assign them to tables via that method for more narrative feel
- TOs should have a minimum of one of each style of table for every block of 8 players

Table 1: Pacific theater

- Attacker
 - Storm Clouds (WX)
 - Met Office (Bonus)
 - Battle Fatigue (Activation)
 - o Poor Visibility (Range)
- Defender
 - Low Level Haze (WX)
 - Tropical Conditions (Bonus)
 - Superior Armament (Activation)
 - Strong Winds (Boom)

Table 3: Battle of Britain

- Attacker
 - Clear Skies (WX)
 - Jamming (Bonus)
 - o Superior Armament (Activation)
 - Supply Shortages (Boom)
- Defender
 - Bad Weather (WX+Boom)
 - Radar Support (Bonus)
 - Overcast (Activation)
 - Home Advantage [Remove] (Boom)

Table 2: European winter

- Attacker
 - High Clouds (WX)
 - Radar Support (Bonus)
 - Down Drafts (Activation)
 - Strong Winds (Boom)
- Defender
 - Arctic Conditions (WX)
 - Jamming (Bonus)
 - Heavy Flak Presence (Activation)
 - Strong Winds (Boom)

Table 4: Desert

- Attacker
 - Clear Skies (WX)
 - Tropical Conditions (Bonus)
 - Heavy Flak Presence (Activation)
 - Supply shortage (Boom)
- Defender
 - Clear Skies (WX)
 - Met Office (Bonus)
 - Down Drafts (Activation)
 - o Poor Visibility (Range)
- For alternate Table setups, the following cards will not be used:
 - Home Advantage (Discard Version)
 - o Numbers
 - Obsolete Formations
 - Poorly Trained Opponents
 - Restricted Airfields