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latest rules, and Print & Play Quests.



*In the event that rules differ in the app, on a card, or in a quest from those  
described here, follow those rules instead.*

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## Setup

1. Select a quest to play and place the starting map tiles as shown in the app or setup section of the print and play quests.
2. Each player needs to build a character by selecting a Hero card, an Equipment card, and an Ability card. (Note: Equipment cards are placed on the left of the Hero card and Ability cards are placed on the right of the Hero card.)
3. Each player takes Treasure, Health, and Energy tracker cards and slides them under the Equipment, Hero, and Ability cards respectively. Set your Health value at the health value displayed at the bottom of the Hero card. Treasure and Energy start at zero.
4. Shuffle the item deck and flip the top three cards face up. These three cards are items available to purchase using Treasure. When an item is purchased, immediately replace it with the top card from the item deck. Items do not need to be used immediately and can be saved.

*Note: All items are one time use unless otherwise specified.*

# Rounds

## Player Phase

Each player may take up to two actions when they activate. Minor actions are free actions and do not cost an action to do. Players may activate in any order, but must spend all their actions before the next player activates.

## Enemy Phase

Enemies activate in ascending threat order, ranged first, then melee.

## Refresh Phase



Player actions refresh, skills and/or special rules may activate.



# Player Actions

## Actions

- Move - You may move (not diagonally) up to your character's displayed speed. You may not move through enemies.
- Attack - Explained in combat.
- Encounters or quests may require the Hero to do something that requires an action.

## Minor Actions

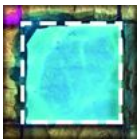
- Use an ability.
- Purchase or use an item.
- Trade (Transfer treasure or items with another adjacent player.)

*Note: Minor actions DO NOT cost an action and may be performed at any time.*

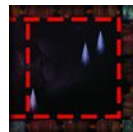
## Exploring

When you step onto the half space between tiles, tap the explore button in the app on the direction you are leaving the room. Draw and place the tile revealed by the app with the arrow on the new tile lined up to the tile you are leaving. Next, read the new encounter and follow any special rules. Finally, finish your movement and the rest of your turn if you have any remaining actions.

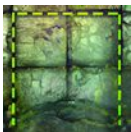
## Terrain



Water - Spaces outlined in White, costs 2 movement to move into. Water does not block line of sight.



Pit - Spaces outlined in Red, causes 1 damage when entering. Pits do not block line of sight.




Entrance/Exit - Spaces outlined in Green.

# Spawning

Spawn enemies by rolling the enemy dice displayed in an encounter. Place them on and around the point of interest in the order (1-9) displayed in the image. Enemies spawned have the type and health displayed on the face of the die that was rolled. If an enemy icon in an encounter contains a number, do not roll to spawn them. Instead, place the enemy with that value showing.

*Note: If a space is blocked on the map, place the enemy in the next available space.*

**Example:** The following spawning text means you would roll four green dice and place them as best as possible according to the diagram on the right.

Spawn 4 



## Combat

### Attacking

Make an attack by rolling the dice displayed on your character's equipment or enemy's card. Add your modifier to the dice you roll. If the total of the die with modifier is 6 or higher that is a hit.

- A natural 6 rolled by the player is a Critical Hit and cannot be blocked by the enemy.
- Heroes gain 1 energy for every successful hit, even if the damage rolled after is blocked.
- Successful hits by heroes and enemies (not blocked by the opponent), deal 1 damage.

### Defending

Roll 1 die for each successful hit rolled against you. The player on your left rolls to defend for any enemies you successfully hit. A hit is successfully blocked for each die rolled that is greater than or equal to 6 with your Defense modifier applied.

### Enemy Actions

Enemies may move, attack, or move and attack if possible. Enemies may not attack twice.

### Defeated Enemies

Enemies are defeated as soon as they take damage that would put them below 1 health on their die. If you defeat an enemy, roll its die and gain an amount of treasure equal to the number rolled.

## Line of Sight

A target is within line of sight if you can draw a straight line between one corner of each space. Line of sight may pass through an ally or over a pit, but not through an enemy or wall. If the line passes along the border of a blocking space then line of sight is blocked. If there is a question of if line of sight exists then it does not.

## Critical hits

A naturally rolled 6 on an attack made by a player is considered a critical hit and cannot be blocked by an enemy.

*Note: Enemies DO NOT perform Critical Hits.*

## Melee

- Roll the number of dice displayed for Melee on your equipment card or the enemy's card depending on who is making the attack.
- Add the Melee modifier to each die. A result of 6 or higher is a hit.
- Melee attacks can only be made to orthogonally adjacent spaces.

## Ranged

- Roll the number of dice displayed for Ranged on your equipment card or the enemy's card depending on who is making the attack.
- Add the Ranged modifier to each die. A result of 6 or higher is a hit.
- Ranged attacks must have line of sight, be in the same map tile or adjacent map tile, and be at least one space away.
- If you are standing on the half space between two map tiles you may attack line of sight in only those two tiles.
- Ranged attacks from items purchased with treasure do not use bonuses granted by a hero's weapon.

## Attack Distance Diagram



*Note: Ranged distance is the green area and farther in the current map tile and adjacent map tile if you have line of sight.*

## Skill Checks

Perform a skill check by rolling 4 dice and adding your modifier for the skill type. Each die with a result of 6 or higher is a success. Most skill checks require a certain amount of success. For instance a task may require a Wisdom: 3 check. That means 3 of the 4 dice rolled must be success to pass.



Strength



Dexterity



Wisdom



Charisma



# Glossary

**Tile** - Map card.

**Space** - Squares on map cards.

**Hit** - Potential damage, roll to block. Heroes gain energy equal to successful hits.

**Damage** - Reduces health of heroes. Rolls enemy dice down to lower values.

**Energy** - Gained from successful Hits and spent on character abilities

**Ability** - Special actions that do not cost an Action, but do cost an Energy amount listed on the ability.

# Keywords

**Barrage** - You may choose a different target with each die.

**Crush** - Does an additional damage on a successful hit.

**Heavy** - You gain a max of 1 energy for each attack. *Example: If you hit 3 times in a single attack you would only gain 1 energy, not 3.*

**Knockback** - If the target takes at least 1 damage it is pushed in the opposite direction one space and takes 1 additional point of damage if it hits a wall. If the target is pushed into another hero or enemy it takes 1 additional hit.

**Pierce** - Target has -1 defense modifier on defense rolls.

**Siphon** - Players in the current and adjacent Tiles lose 1 energy when this enemy activates.

**Stun** - Stops enemy from activating. If a weapon has Stun, it must do at least 1 damage for Stun to happen. Stun does not affect red enemies.

**Reach** - Allows diagonal melee attacks.

**Regenerate** - This enemy gains 1 health at the end of the round.

**Ritual** - The weakest enemy in the same tile gains 1 health when this enemy deals at least 1 damage.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Heroes

**Q: How do you gain energy?**

A: You can gain energy from attacking, energy potions, and some encounters may also give you chances for energy. You DO NOT gain energy from hits caused by items or abilities.

**Q: If an ability allows you to attack multiple enemies at once do you roll once or for each enemy?**

A: You roll to attack each enemy separately.

**Q: Can you share treasure between heroes to buy items?**

A: No, one hero must buy the item. However, the minor action Trade allows you to transfer treasure to an adjacent hero.

## Enemies

**Q: What order do I place spawned enemies?**

A: Players may decide the order they place the enemies spawned as long as they follow the placement diagram as best as possible.

**Q: Can enemies move out of the room they spawned in?**

A: Yes. Enemies may follow heroes into other rooms or move out of their current room to keep at max range if necessary. They will not move out of line of sight of the heroes.

**Q: If a ranged enemy can only attack a hero with melee will it attack or run away?**

A: Enemies always attack if possible.

**Q: Can enemies stand on half spaces next to unexplored rooms?**

A: Yes. Half spaces are treated as full/valid spaces for both heroes and enemies. The only exception is that the adjacent room is explored (if possible) when a hero steps onto a half space.

**Q: What happens if you are asked to spawn more enemies of a dice color then you have?**

A: If you are unable to spawn enemies of a specific color you should then spawn the next higher color die. Green, then Blue, then Red. If you are completely out of dice to spawn then all heroes take 1 hit.

*Note: If you run out of dice to spawn you have a problem.*

## Miscellaneous

**Q: How do you lose the game?**

A: The game is over if all heroes have died. There may also be some quests with special rules that could cause you to fail while heroes are still alive.

**Q: What are the rules for combining two copes to play up to 4 players?**

A: It is recommended to combine all item cards into one market deck. Using the same Equipment or Ability card on two heroes is allowed, but using two of the same hero is not allowed.

**Q: Does the Foresight Scroll trigger encounters and spawning?**

A: Yes. Exploring a new room using this item card triggers the encounter the same as if you had stepped into the room.

# Using Print & Play Quests

Print & play quests allow you to play Deck Box Dungeons when you do not have access to the app or prefer not to use an app. These quests are slightly more streamlined and do not offer as much randomization as the app allows.

## Setup

1. Follow any special instructions (not all quests have these)
2. Select the enemies to use listed on the first page.
3. Layout the first map tile card [T] shown on the Map page, place your heroes within the starting zone, and read the first encounter [E] for the room.

## Exploring

Exploring works normally with the exception that map tile cards and encounters are less random. When exploring a new room (when your hero steps onto the half space exiting the room), you will place the next room [T] defined on the Map page and read the encounter.

*Note: If a room has an exit that does not connect to another room on the Map page you may not exit through that room. In this case the half space does count as a full space heroes/enemies may move into.*

## Encounters

Print & play encounters sometimes require additional work that is usually handled by the app. Some encounters have a random result represented by square brackets around numbers (ex: [1-2]) for different outcomes. Another example is (P) which represents the number of heroes on the quest.

*(Example Encounter)*

### 2. Monster Camp

There is a group huddled around a small fire.

[1-2]-Spawn (P)  and 2 

[3-4]-Spawn 4 

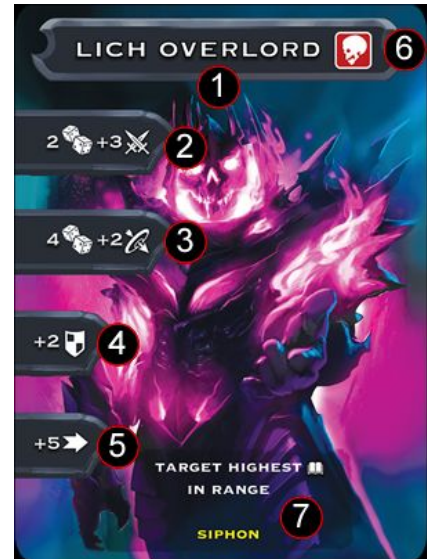
[5-6]-Spawn 2  and 1 

[#] = Random outcome. Roll a D6 and only use the text next to the resulting number.

(P) = Number of Heroes. This is used to adjust enemy counts based on the number of heroes on the quest.

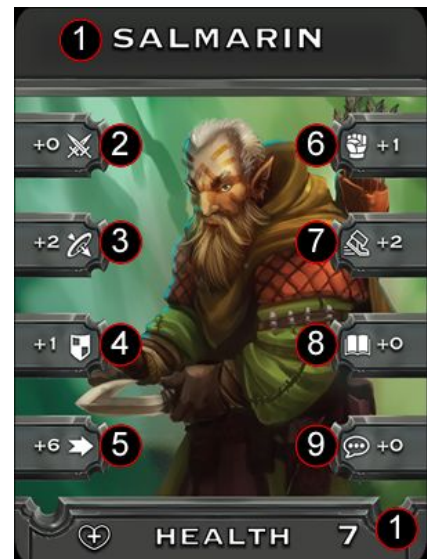
## Enemy Card

1. Title
2. Melee dice and modifier
3. Ranged dice and modifier
4. Defense modifier
5. Speed
6. Threat type
7. Attack behavior and any special skills



## Hero Card

1. Title
  2. Melee modifier
  3. Ranged modifier
  4. Defense modifier
  5. Speed
  6. Strength modifier
  7. Dexterity modifier
  8. Wisdom modifier
  9. Charisma modifier
  10. Starting / max health
- Note: Hero Health is both their starting AND max health.*



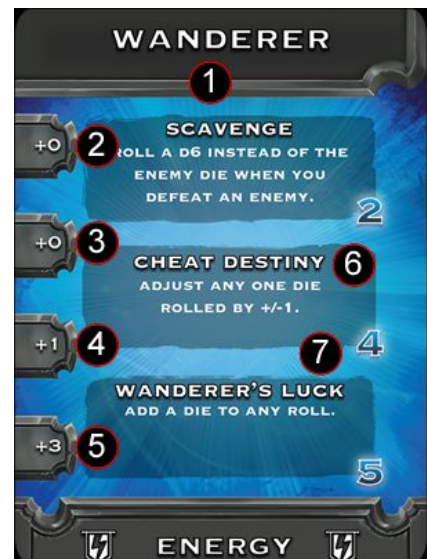
## Equipment Card

1. Title
2. Melee dice / modifier
3. Ranged dice / modifier
4. Defense modifier
5. Movement modifier



## Ability Card

1. Title
2. Strength modifier
3. Dexterity modifier
4. Wisdom modifier
5. Charisma modifier
6. Name and description
7. Energy cost



## Item Card

1. Title
2. Effect description
3. Treasure cost



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