

Black Orcs



Smarter, stronger, more vicious and better equipped than the normal Orc (and that's saying something about Orcs). Black Orcs are amongst some of the worst foes anyone can face in single combat and a band of them is certainly something to put the fear into the hearts of men. They do appear more built than born and it is little wonder that there are many rumours regarding their origins.

Since the Storm of Chaos there are many, many more of these monsters now wandering the Empire, having followed Grimgor Ironhide in his Waaagh! Where once the forces of the Empire could have tracked down warbands in a matter of weeks, now there is no means or enough men to perform such a task and thus the Black Orcs roam freely.

What aims do the Black Orcs have? What is the point of a tornado? It is meaningless to ponder such matters because all the Orcs want is to fight and that means attacking whoever crosses their path. Whatever they gain from such battling is simply that they get to fight. There is no logic from them nor can any be expected.



Special rules

Animosity: Standard rules for Animosity (as per the Orc Mob Rules in the Mordheim Annual 2002).

Let the goons do the work: Black Orcs rely on themselves to do the killing and do not ride mounts of any kind. Only normal Orcs may ride a boar or other such mount.

Da Boss is Dead! If the Boss should be killed a Black Orc will always assume leadership of the warband before any other type, irrespective of relative experience. The replacement will automatically acquire the "Oi Behave!" skill.

Choice of warriors

A Black Orc warband must include a minimum of three models. You have 500 Gold Crowns with which you can use to recruit your initial warband. The maximum number of warriors in the warband may never exceed 12.

Black Orc Boss: Each Black Orc warband must have one Black Orc Boss.

Black Orcs: Your warband may include up to 2 Black Orcs.

Young'uns: Your warband can include up to 2 Young'uns.

Orc Boys: Any number of models may be Orc Boys.

Orc Shootaz: You may only have as many Shootaz as the warband has Boyz.

Orc Nuttaz: Your warband may include up to 4 Orc Nuttaz.

Troll: You may include a single Troll in the warband.

Starting Experience

A **Black Orc Boss** starts with 20 experience.

Black Orcs start with 8 experience.

Young'uns start with 0 experience.

All **Henchmen** start with 0 experience.

Characteristic Increase

Profile	M	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld
Black Orc	4	7	6	5	6	3	5	4	9
Orc	4	6	6	4	5	3	5	4	9



Black Orc Skill Table

	Combat	Shooting	Academic	Strength	Speed	Special
Black Orc Boss	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Black Orc	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Young'uns	✓	✓				✓

Black Orc equipment list

The following lists are used by Black Orc warbands to pick their equipment:

BLACK ORC LIST

Hand-to-hand combat weapons

Dagger.....	1st free/2 gc
Axe.....	5 gc
Sword.....	10 gc
Choppa (counts as a Morning Star).....	10 gc
Spear.....	10 gc
Two-handed weapon.....	15 gc

Missile weapons

Bow.....	10 gc
Crossbow.....	25 gc

Armour

Light Armour.....	20 gc
Heavy Armour.....	50 gc
Shield.....	5 gc
Buckler.....	5 gc
Helmet.....	10 gc

HENCHMAN EQUIPMENT LIST

Hand-to-hand combat weapons

Dagger.....	1st free/2 gc
Axe.....	5 gc
Sword.....	10 gc
Choppa (counts as a Morning Star).....	10 gc
Spear.....	10 gc
Two-handed weapon.....	15 gc

(Boyz and Nuttaz only)

Missile weapons

Bow.....	10 gc
Crossbow.....	25 gc

(Shootaz only)

Armour

Light Armour.....	20 gc
Shield.....	5 gc
Helmet.....	10 gc

Black Orc Special Skills

Black Orc Heroes may use the following Skill list instead of the standard skill lists available to them.

proven warrior

This young warrior has proven himself worthy of his Black Orc heritage. This skill may only be taken by a Young'un with the Black Orc blood ability and 25 experience. Once he gains this skill, the model is now considered a full Black Orc Warrior (yet still retains the title of Young'un). He follows all the rules for Black Orcs and uses their equipment list and has access to the same skill lists as a Black Orc.

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The warrior has a thick skull even for an Orc. He has a special 3+ save on a D6 to avoid being *stunned*. If the save is made, treat a *stunned* result as *knocked down* instead. If the Orc also wears a helmet, this save is 2+ instead of 3+ (this takes the place of the normal helmet special rule).



waaagh!

Orcs are aggressive creatures and some are experts at bulldozing charges. The warrior may add +D3" to his charge range.

'ere we go!

Orcs often charge even the most fearsome opponents. The model may ignore Fear and Terror tests when charging.

Da cunnin' plan

Only the Boss may have this skill. The warband may re-roll any failed Rout tests as long as the Boss is not *out of action*.

'eadbasher

Orcs have massive physical strength and some of them even learn to aim their blows at the heads of their opponents, with obvious results. Any *knocked down* results which the Orc causes in hand-to-hand count as *stunned* results instead.



1 Black Orc Boss

90 Gold Crowns to hire

Amongst some of the toughest of the tough, a Black Orc Boss has fought in numerous battles and proven to the gods just how truly powerful they can become. Taking a warband is the start of their ambitions as they will seek victories to meld the Boyz into larger and larger warbands until they have a Horde at their beck and call.

Profile	M	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld
	4	4	4	4	4	1	3	1	8

Weapons/Armour: A Black Orc Boss may be equipped with weapons and armour chosen from the Black Orc list.

SPECIAL RULES

Leader: Any warrior within 6" of the Boss may use his Leadership characteristic when taking Leadership tests.

Black Orc: Model starts with a natural 6+ Armour Save. This save may be combined with other equipment to improve it.

Oi Behave!: If any Henchman fails his Animosity test within 6" of the Boss, the player may opt to have the boss stamp his authority (and clenched fist) on the situation.

The misbehaving Henchman will receive an automatic hit at the strength of the Orc player's choosing. If the Henchman is still on his feet after his slap, he may add a number equal to the strength of the slap to his subsequent roll to determine the effects of Animosity.

E.g. The player decides that the Boss will hit a misbehaving Henchman with a S2 slap. If the slap fails to Knock Down, Stun or Out of Action the Henchman, then he adds +2 to the Animosity Effect roll.

0 - 2 Black Orcs

60 Gold Crowns to hire

In it for the mayhem, maybe even some loyalty to the Boss of the warband, these Black Orcs lead the charge at every turn, knowing that killing is only at arm's reach all the time and they don't care what the target is, some Imperial peasant, herd of Beastmen or even the Boyz in the warband. The Black Orcs just don't care.

Profile	M	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld
	4	4	3	4	4	1	3	1	7

Weapons/Armour: Black Orcs may choose any equipment from the Black Orc equipment list.

SPECIAL RULES

Black Orc: Model starts with a 6+ Armour Save. This may be improved upon by other equipment.

0 - 2 Young'uns

25 Gold Crowns to hire

Keen eager and, above all, green recruits to any warband, these lads haven't seen anywhere near as much action as the others in the warband and they're plenty keen to get in there and do some damage. Of course one day, they know it'll be their warband.

Profile	M	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld
	4	2	2	3	4	1	2	1	6

Weapons/Armour: Young'unns may be equipped with weapons and armour taken from the Henchmen Equipment List.

SPECIAL RULES

Black Orc Blood: One Young'un may be upgraded to a Black Orc Young'un for 10gc. This upgrade allows him to take the 'Proven Warrior' skill upgrade, thus making him a fully-fledged Black Orc Warrior.





Henchmen



Orc Boyz

25 Gold Crowns to hire

No warband would be complete without the warm bodies to makeup the number and thus the Boyz are essential, purely because the Black Orcs need someone to kick around when they can't find anything else to do it too.

Profile	M	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld
	4	3	3	3	4	1	2	1	6

Weapons/Armour: Boyz may choose equipment from the Henchman equipment list.

SPECIAL RULES

Animosity: At the start of every turn, every Boy must take a Ld Test for Animosity, as per the rules in the Mordheim 2002 Annual.

Orc Shootaz

25 Gold Crowns to hire

Not all Orcs enjoy getting into a fight straight away. Some are hunters, tracking prey and shooting it down from a distance, others recognise that sometimes you need to soften up a really tough foe from a distance before moving in to finish them off. This is the closest Orcs come to outright cowardice.

Profile	M	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld
	4	3	3	3	4	1	2	1	6

Weapons/Armour: Shootaz may choose equipment from the Henchman equipment list.

SPECIAL RULES

Animosity: At the start of every turn, every Shoota must take a Ld Test for Animosity, as per the rules in the Mordheim 2002 Annual.

Uncommon: A warband may not hire more Shootaz than they have Boyz. If a boy dies and the Shootaz outnumber the Boyz, the next hire must be a boy so that the balance is restored.



0 - 4 Orc Nuttaz

40 Gold Crowns to hire

These are Orcs who have been left a little bit... unstable by the Storm of Chaos. They ain't right in the head, I tell you, especially by Orc standards. Eventually they'll kill themselves, but only after they've killed everyone else.

Profile	M	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld
	4	3	2	3	4	1	2	1	5*

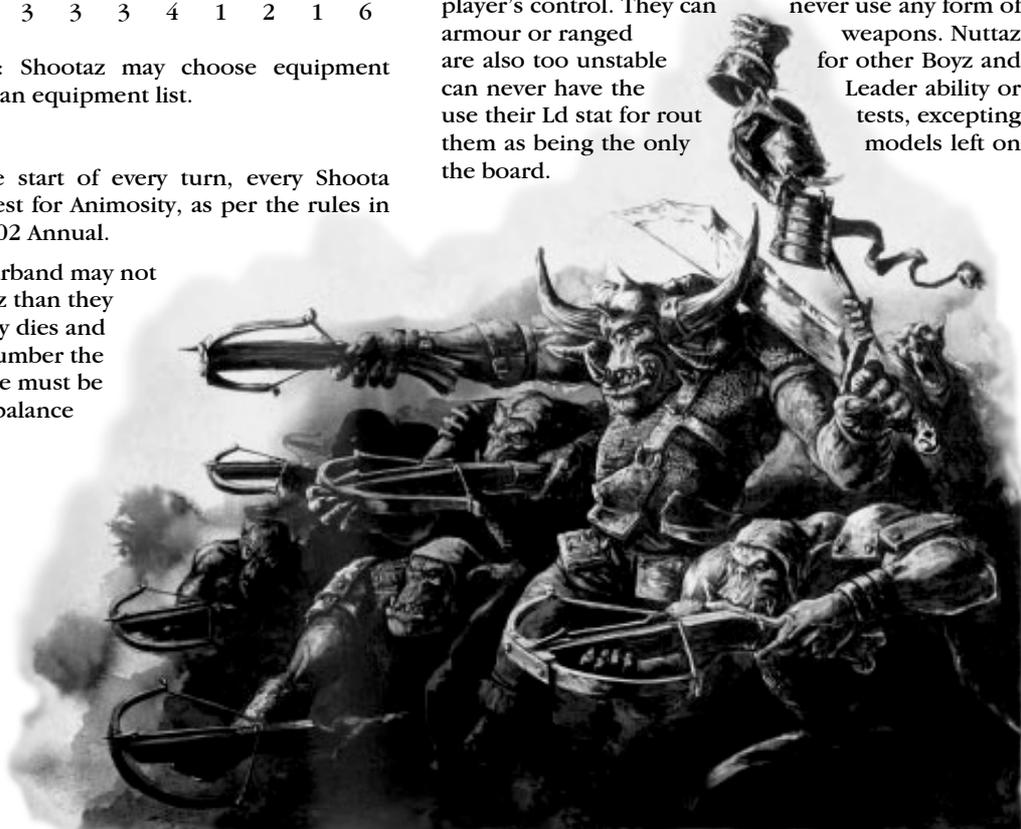
Weapons/Armour: Nuttaz may choose weapons and armour from the Henchman equipment list.

SPECIAL RULES

Unstable: These Orcs are not quite all there. They do not suffer from Animosity, but instead have a host of their own issues to deal with.

Crazy: Nuttaz always pass any Leadership-based Tests they have to take. A side effect of this is that their minds are too far-gone and they may never learn Academic Skills should they become a Hero on an Advance Roll.

Savage: Nuttaz must always run or charge their maximum distance towards the nearest opponent they can see. Friendly models do not block line of sight. Additionally they fight with an extra attack whilst in combat. This does not appear on their profile nor does it count towards the racial maximum. If no enemy is visible they are moved under the player's control. They can never use any form of armour or ranged weapons. Nuttaz are also too unstable for other Boyz and can never have the Leader ability or use their Ld stat for rout tests, excepting them as being the only models left on the board.



0 - 1 Troll

200 Gold Crowns to hire.

Trolls are not intelligent enough to recognise the value of gold, but large amounts of food can often instil a certain loyalty in them. Black Orc Boss like having Trolls in their bands because it's good to have someone who'll follow any order, no matter how stupid or suicidal.

Profile	M	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld
	6	3	1	5	4	3	1	3	4

Weapons/Armour: Trolls do not require weapons to fight but often carry a big club. In any event, Trolls can never be given weapons or armour.

SPECIAL RULES

Fear: Trolls are frightening monsters, which cause Fear.

Stupidity: A Troll is subject to the rules for stupidity.

Large Target: Trolls are large targets with regards to being targets for shooting.

Regeneration: Trolls have a unique physiology that allows them to regenerate wounds. Whenever an

enemy successfully inflicts a wound on a Troll roll a D6, on a result of 4 or more the wound is ignored and the Troll is unhurt. Trolls may not regenerate wounds caused by fire or fire-based magic. Trolls never roll for Injury after a battle, unless they were taken Out of Action by a Flaming weapon or spell. Then they roll after the battle as a normal Henchman.

Dumb Monster: A Troll is far too stupid to ever learn any new skills. Trolls do not gain experience.

Always Hungry: A Troll requires an upkeep cost. This upkeep represents the copious amounts of food that must be fed to the Troll in order to keep him loyal to the warband. The warband must pay 20 gold crowns after every game in order to keep the Troll. If a warband lacks the gold to pay the upkeep, the Boss has the option to let him count as 2 members, letting the Troll cost only 5 crowns. However this does effectively drop your maximum warband size down to 11 models).

Vomit Attack: Instead of his normal attacks, a Troll can regurgitate its highly corrosive digestive juices on an unfortunate hand-to-hand combat opponent. This is a single attack that automatically hits with a Strength of 5 and ignores armour saves.



Bogrutz looked at the various Orcs stood in front of him and then rolled his eyes. Not a veteran amongst them. Oh they had weapons that looked rusty, blood-stained and used, but you could nab such weapons from any battlefield.

He looked down on one of the 'volunteers'. "Boy, was yer doin' 'ere? 'Ever sliced a 'umie from belly to skull?"

The Orc nodded with a large smile and shook his cleaver. "Wid dis fing. Gots seven o' 'em."

"Course yer did, boy an' ab'm Grimgor bisself." Bogrutz took a step away and a deep breath. He'd seen worse in his years, but you could never fault dedication. He just wished that there were more experienced warriors there.

"Right, 'ere's wot we be doin'. Goin' down dis 'ill, bit anyone boo stands in front o' us, batter everyt'ing we like an' den we be doin' somet'in' impertent. Gots it?"

The Boyz nodded and even cheered a little. It was always good to do subtle and easy stuff with new warriors. Get some action under their belt before throwing them at the enemy or something really big. Bogrutz had a good feeling about them and if they did fail him, there were plenty more from where they came from.