## MICROLITE 20

This is a trimmed-down, subminiature version of the Primary Fantasy SRD rules (see license for more info) that has been designed to be quick and easy to play. The goal was to create a simpler game, but one where all of the resources of Primary Fantasy SRD (monsters, spells, adventures and equipment) could be used without conversion.

#### Stats

There are 3 stats : Strength (STR), Dexterity (DEX) and Mind (MIND).

Roll 4d6, drop lowest dice. Total remaining 3 dice and allocate to one of the stats. Repeat for remaining stats.

Stat bonus = (STAT-10)/2, round down.

## Races

Humans get +1 to all skill rolls Elves get +2 MIND Dwarves get +2 STR Halflings get +2 DEX

## Classes

The classes are Fighter, Rogue, Mage, Cleric. Characters begin at Level 1.

**Fighters** wear any kind of armour and use shields. They have a +3 bonus to Physical and add +1 to all attack and damage rolls. This increases by +1 at 5<sup>th</sup> level and every five levels on

**Rogues** can use light armour. They have a +3 bonus to Subterfuge. If they successfully Sneak (usually sub+DEX, but depends on situation) up on a foe they can add their Subterfuge skill rank to the damage of their first attack

**Magi** wear no armour. They can cast arcane spells, and gain a +3 bonus to Knowledge

**Clerics** can wear light or medium armour. They cast divine spells and gain +3 bonus to Communication. A Cleric can Turn Undead with a successful Magic Attack. DC is the current Hit Points of the Undead. If the DC is exceeded by 10 it is destroyed. This can be used (2 + Level + MIND Bonus) times per day.

## Skills

There are just 4 skills : Physical, Subterfuge, Knowledge and Communication. Roll higher than the given Difficulty Class to succeed.

Skill rank = your level + any bonus due to your class or race. Skill roll = d20 + skill rank + whatever stat bonus is most applicable to the use + situation modifiers

For example, Climbing would use Physical + STR bonus. Dodging a falling rock is Physical + DEX bonus. Finding a trap is Subterfuge + MIND bonus. Disabling a trap is Subterfuge + DEX bonus.

Note that there are no "saving throws" in this game; use Physical + STR or DEX bonus for Fortitude and Reflex saves. Saving against magic (Will save) is usually MIND bonus + your level.

## Magic

Magi can cast any arcane spell, and Clerics any divine spell, with a +1 to all attack rolls spell level equal or below 1/2 their class level, rounded up. They have access to all arcane spells in the SRD spell list.

Casting a spell of any kind costs Hit Points. The cost is 1 + double the level of the spell being cast:

 Spell Level
 0
 1
 2
 3
 4
 5
 6
 7
 8
 9

 HP Cost
 1
 3
 5
 7
 9
 11
 13
 15
 17
 19

This loss **cannot** be healed normally but is recovered after 8 hours rest. There is no need to memorize spells in advance.

Just because a character can cast any spell, doesn't mean that they should. Choose spells that suit the character. Select one 'signature' spell per spell level from 1<sup>st</sup> upward that they prefer to use over any other. These spells are easier to cast due to familiarity, costing 1 less HP to use.

The Difficulty Class (DC) for all spells is 10 + Caster Level + Caster's MIND bonus

#### Combat

Hit Points = STR Stat + 1d6/Level. If HP reach 0, unconscious and near death. Further damage directly reduces STR. If that reaches 0, death.

Roll d20 + DEX bonus for initiative order. Everyone can do one thing each turn; move, attack, cast a spell, etc.

Melee attack bonus = STR bonus + Level Missile attack bonus = DEX bonus + Level Magic attack bonus = MIND bonus + Level

Add attack bonus to d20 roll. If higher than your opponent's Armour Class (AC), it's a hit. Natural 20 is automatically a critical doing maximum damage.

Fighters and Rogues can use DEX bonus + Level as Melee attack bonus instead if wielding a light weapon. Fighters and Rogues can wield 2 light weapons and attack with both in a round if they take a -2 penalty on all attack rolls that round. Rapiers count as light weapons, but you cannot wield two rapiers at the same time.

If the total bonus is +6 or more a second attack can be made with a -5 penalty. If the total bonus is +11 or more a third attack can be made at -10. For example, if the total bonus is +12, three attacks can be made at +12/+7/+2.

Add STR bonus to Melee damage, x2 for 2-handed weapons. Armour Class (AC) = 10 + DEX bonus + Armour bonus.

## **Other Hazards**

Falling : 1d6 damage per 10', half damage on Phys+DEX save. DC=depth fallen in feet Spikes : add +1 point to falling damage per 10' fallen, max +10

Poison : Phys+STR save to avoid or for half, depending on poison. Effect varies with poison type.

Extreme Heat & Cold : If not wearing suitable protection, Phys+STR save once every 10 minutes (DC 15, +1 per previous check), taking 1d6 damage on each failed save.

## Level Advancement

Encounter Level = Hit Dice of defeated monsters, or the given EL for the trap, situation, etc. Add +1 for each doubling of the number of foes. eg: 1 kobold = EL1. 2 kobolds = EL2. 4 kobolds = EL3, etc.

Add up the Encounter Levels (ELs) of every encounter you take part in. When the total =  $10 \times$  your current level, you've advanced to the next level. Reset the total to 0 after advancing.

Each level adds: +1d6 to Hit Points +1 to all attack rol +1 to all skills

If the level divides by three (i.e. level 3,6,9,etc.) add 1 point to STR, DEX or MIND.

Fighters gain +1 to their attack and damage rolls at levels 5,10,15,etc.

Clerics and Magi gain access to new spell levels at levels 3,5,7,9,etc.

## Example

The  $1^{st}$  level adventurers have just completed a dungeon adventure, and defeated 5 EL1 encounters, an EL2 trap and the EL3 leader. That's a total of EL10, so they all advance to level 2. They need to defeat another 20 Encounter Levels to reach Level 3.

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Monsters			
Name	Hit Dice	Armour Class	Attack
Animal (small) eg Badger	HD 1d8+2 (6 hp)	AC 15	Claw +4 (1d2-1)
Ankheg	HD 3d10+12 (28 hp)	AC 18	Bite +7 (2d6+7 plus 1d4 acid)
Bugbear	HD 3d8+3 (16 hp)	AC 17	Morningstar +5 (1d8+2) or javelin +3 (1d6+2)
Choker	HD 3d8+3 (16 hp)	AC 17	Tentacle +6 (1d3+3)
Deinonychous (Raptor)	HD 4d8+16 (34 hp)	AC 16	Talons +6 (2d6+4)
Dire Rat	HD 1d8+1 (5 hp)	AC 15	Bite +4 (1d4 plus disease)
Dragon (young Red)	HD 13d12+39 (123 hp)	AC 21	Bite +20 (2d6+7) or breath 10d10 DC24 phys+DEX to dodge for half
Dwarf	HD 1d8+2 (6 hp)	AC 16	Waraxe +3 (1d10+1) or shortbow +1 (1d6)
Earth Elemental (large)	HD 8d8+32 (68 hp)	AC 18	Slam +12 (2d8+7)
Elf	HD 1d8 (4 hp)	AC 15	Longsword +2 (1d8+1) or longbow +3 (1d8)
Gargoyle	HD 4d8+19 (37 hp)	AC 16	Claw +6 (1d4+2)
Goblin	HD 1d8+1 (5 hp)	AC 15	Morningstar +2 (1d6) or javelin +3 (1d4)
Griffon	HD 7d10+21 (59 hp)	AC 17	Bite +11 (2d6+4)
Halfling	HD 1d8+1 (5 hp)	AC 16	Shortsword +3 (1d6) or light crossbow +3 (1d6)
Hellhound	HD 4d8+4 (22 hp)	AC 16	Bite +5 (1d8+1 plus 1d6 fire)
Hill Giant	HD 12d8+48 (102 hp)	AC 20	Greatclub +16 (2d8+10) or rock +8 (2d6+7)
Hobgoblin	HD 1d8+2 (6 hp)	AC 15	Longsword +2 (1d8+1) or javelin +2 (1d6+1)
Human Commoner	HD 1d8+1 (5 hp)	AC 12	Dagger +1 (1d6+1) or sling +1 (1d4)
Insect (small) eg Spider	HD 1d8 (4 hp)	AC 14	Bite +4 (1d4-2 plus poison)
Kobold	HD 1d8 (4 hp)	AC 15	Spear +1 (1d6-1) or sling +3 (1d3)
Ogre	HD 4d8+11 (29 hp)	AC 16	Greatclub +8 (2d8+7) or javelin +1 (1d8+5)
Orc	HD 1d8+1 (5 hp)	AC 13	Falchion +4 (2d4+4) or javelin +1 (1d6+3)
Owlbear	HD 5d10+25 (52 hp)	AC 15	Claw +9 (1d6+5)
Rust Monster	HD 5d8+5 (27 hp)	AC 18	Antennae touch +3 (rust)
Shadow	HD 3d12 (19 hp)	AC 13	Incorporeal touch +3 (1d6 Str)
Skeleton Warrior	HD 1d12 (6 hp)	AC 15	Scimitar +1 (1d6+1) or claw +1 melee (1d4+1)
Stirge	HD 1d10 (5 hp)	AC 16	Touch +7 (attach)
Stone Golem	HD 14d10+30 (107 hp)	AC 26	Slam +18 (2d10+9)
Troll	HD 6d8+36 (63 hp)	AC 16	Claw +9 (1d6+6)
Werewolf (hybrid form)	HD 3d8+7 (20 hp)	AC 16	Claw +4 (1d4+2)
Wight	HD 4d12 (26 hp)	AC 15	Slam +3 (1d4+1 plus energy drain)
Wolf	HD 2d8+4 (13 hp)	AC 14	Bite +3 (1d6+1)
Wyvern	HD 7d12+14 (59 hp)	AC 18	Sting +10 (1d6+4 plus poison) or Talon +10 (2d6+4) or Bite +10 (2d8+4)
Zombie	HD 2d12+3 (16 hp)	AC 11	Slam +2 (1d6+1) or club +2 (1d6+1)

Skills: All creatures have a bonus to all skills equal to their number of Hit Dice. If the creature is intelligent, add +3 to one skill. Add stat bonuses to suit and as logic dictates. This is STR 12 (+1), DEX 15 (+2), MIND 12 (+1) hp 13, AC 15 (Studded Leather), Paired Shortswords, +0/+0, d6+1 +3 bonus to Subterfuge; if a warrior, give +3 to Physical: for a spell-caster assign the +3 to Knowledge or Communication and give levels of Mage or Cleric (see below).

Monster Advancement: To make a tougher monster, add more Hit Dice; each additional HD adds one to their skill and combat bonuses. For each doubling of the Hit Dice, increase the dice size STR 12 (+1), DEX 13 (+1), MIND 16 (+3) for attacks (ie. d4->d6. d6->d8. etc).

Alternatively, add class levels to intelligent monsters. Start with the base Hit Dice and add levels of Fighter, Rogue, Mage or Cleric as required.

Create your own: Assign Hit Dice (d8 for most things, d12 for Dragons and Undead). Attack bonus and skill level = number of Hit Dice. If it's an intelligent critter, +3 bonus to one skill. Add statSpells: All 0 and 1st level divine spells. bonuses to suit.

## Sample Characters

Morris, Human Rogue-1

Kendrick, Dwarf Fighter-1 STR 16 (+3), DEX 13 (+1), MIND 11 (+0) hp 17, AC 17 (Chainmail + shield), Longsword +5, d8+4 Physical +4, all others @ +1

#### Cholmer, Elven Mage-1

Knowledge +4, all others @ +1 Spells: All 0 and 1st level arcane spells.

#### Barnabas, Halfling Cleric-1

STR 10 (+0), DEX 16 (+3), MIND 13 (+1) hp 11, AC 18 (Chainmail), Morningstar +1, d8 Communication +4, all others @ +1

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# Microlite20 GAME MASTER'S GUIDE

## DISEASE

Diseases have various symptoms and are spread through a number of ways. Several typical diseases are summarized below.

The entries for diseases include the following information:

*Name of the disease*: Type, DC, incubation, damage.

*Type* lists the disease's method of delivery (contact, inhaled, or injury). *DC* lists the phys+STR check DC needed to prevent infection. *Incubation* lists the time before damage begins. *Damage* lists the ability damage the character takes after incubation and each day afterward.

*Cackle Fever:* Inhaled, DC 16, 1 day, -1d6 MIND. *Filth Fever:* Injury, DC 12, 1d3 days, -1d3 DEX and 1d3 STR.

*Mindfire:* Inhaled, DC 12, 1 day, -1d4 MIND. *Red Ache:* Injury, DC 15, 1d3 days, -1d6 STR. *Shakes:* Contact, DC 13, 1 day, -1d8 DEX.

## **EXTREME HEAT & COLD**

If not wearing suitable protection, a character must make a Phys+STR check once every 10 minutes (DC 15, +1 per previous check), taking 1d6 damage on each failed save.

## **FALLING DAMAGE**

A falling character takes 1d6 hp of damage per 10 feet fallen. If the character makes a successful Phys+DEX roll, he takes only half damage. The DC for the phys+DEX roll is equal to the depth fallen in feet.

In the event that the fall ends in an area laden with spikes or jagged rocks, add +1 hp of damage to falling damage per 10' fallen (with a maximum of +10 hp).

## POISON

Characters can possibly take damage from a weapon that has been poisoned, be attacked by a creature whose natural attacks feature poison, consume poison hidden in food or drink, or be poisoned in some other way. Several typical poisons are summarized below.

The entries for poisons include the following information:

Name of the poison: Type, DC, damage, price.

*Type* lists the poison's method of delivery (contact, ingested, inhaled, or injury). *DC* lists the phys+STR check DC needed to avoid the poison's damage. *Damage* is expressed as "xdx/xdx." The first number is the *initial damage*, taken immediately upon failing the

phys+STR check against the poison. The second number is the *secondary damage*, taken one minute after exposure to the poison if a second phys+STR check is failed. Ability damage is temporary unless marked with an asterisk(\*), in which case the loss is permanent. Unconsciousness lasts 1d3 hours. Price lists the cost for one dose of the poison. It can usually only be obtained through lessthan-reputable sources, as the possession of poisons are commomly illegal.

Arsenic: Ingested, DC 13, -1 STR/-1d8 STR, 120 gp. Blue Whinnis: Injury, DC 14, -1 STR/ unconsciousness, 120 gp.

Burnt Othur Fumes: Inhaled, DC 18, -1 STR\*/-3d6 STR, 2,100 gp.

Deathblade: Injury, DC 20, -1d6 STR/-2d6 STR, 1,800 gp.

*Insanity Mist:* Inhaled, DC 15, -1d4 MIND/-2d6 MIND, 1,500 gp.

Nitharit: Contact, DC 13, 0/-3d6 STR, 650 gp.

*Oil of Taggit:* Ingested, DC 15, 0/unconsciousness, 90 gp.

Malys Root Paste: Contact, DC 16, -1 DEX/-2d4 DEX, 500 gp.

*Monstrous Scorpion (tiny):* Injury, DC 12, -1 STR/-1 STR, 50 gp.

Monstrous Scorpion (small): Injury, DC 12, -1d2 STR/-1d2 STR, 100 gp.

Monstrous Scorpion (large): Injury, DC 14, -1d4 STR/-1d4 STR, 200 gp.

- Monstrous Scorpion (huge): Injury, DC 18, -1d6 STR/-1d6 STR, 400 gp.
- Monstrous Spider (tiny): Injury, DC 10, -1d2 STR/-1d2 STR, 85 gp.
- Monstrous Spider (small): Injury, DC 10, -1d3 STR/-1d3 STR, 125 gp.

Monstrous Spider (large): Injury, DC 13, -1d6 STR/-1d6 STR, 250 gp.

Monstrous Spider (huge): Injury, DC 16, -1d8 STR/-1d8 STR, 500 gp.

- Sassone Leaf Residue: Contact, DC 16, -2d12 hp/-1d8 STR, 300 gp.
- *Sleep Poison:* Injury, DC 13, unconsciousness/ unconsciousness for 2d4 hours, 75 gp.
- Snake (medium viper): Injury, DC 11, -1d6 STR/-1d6 STR, 120 gp.
- Snake (large viper): Injury, DC 11, -1d6 STR/-1d6 STR, 120 gp.
- Snake (huge viper): Injury, DC 14, -1d6 STR/-1d6 STR, 250 gp.

## TRAPS

Whether inside a dungeon or a nobleman's manor house, adventurers can often be hurt, or even killed, without ever encountering a monster of any kind, as many dungeons are filled with debilitating or lethal traps set to keep wayward hands off of fantastic treasures. Several typical traps of varying Encounter Levels are summarized below.

*Wyvern:* Injury, DC 17, -2d6 STR/-2d6 STR, 3,000 gp.

The entries for traps include the following information:

*Type of trap*: Attack (damage), Save DC, Search DC, Disable DC.

Type lists the trap used and the effect it has. Attack shows the traps attack bonus or type of effect. Damage shows the amount and type of damage the trap deals. Save DC lists the phys+DEX check DC needed to either avoid the trap entirely, or to take only ½ the listed damage (if this is possible). Search DC lists the DC for the know+MIND check necessary to find the trap without triggering it. Disable DC lists the DC for the sub+DEX check necessary to disarm the trap safely.

## EL1 Traps

Basic Arrow Trap: Atk +10 (1d6, arrow); Search know+MIND DC 20, Disable sub+DEX DC 20.

*Camouflaged Pit Trap:* 10 ft. deep (1d6, fall); Save DC 15 to avoid; Search DC 24, Disable DC 20.

*Poison Dart Trap:* Atk +8 (1d4 plus poison, dart); Search DC 20, Disable DC 18.

## EL2 Traps

Burning Hands *Trap:* spell effect (1d4, fire); Save DC 11 for ½ damage; Search DC 26, Disable DC 26.

Large Net Trap: Atk +5 (—); Save DC 14 to avoid; Search DC 20, Disable DC 25.

*Pit Trap:* 40 ft. deep (4d6, fall); Save DC 20 to avoid; Search DC 20, Disable DC 20.

#### EL3 Traps

Fire *Trap:* spell effect (1d4+3, fire); Save DC 13 for  $\frac{1}{2}$  damage; Search DC 27, Disable DC 27.

*Pit Trap:* 60 ft. deep (6d6, fall); Save DC 20 to avoid; Search DC 20, Disable DC 20.

Poisoned Arrow Trap: Atk +12 (1d8 plus poison, arrow); Search DC 19, Disable DC 15.

## EL4 Traps

Lightning Bolt *Trap:* spell effect (5d6, electricity); Save DC 14 for ½ damage; Search DC 28, Disable DC 28.

Spiked Pit Trap: 60 ft. deep (6d6, fall), Atk +10 (1d4 each, 1d4 spikes); Save DC 20 to avoid; Search DC 20, Disable DC 20.

*Wall Scythe Trap:* Atk +20 (2d4+8, scythe); Search DC 21, Disable DC 18.

#### EL5 Traps

*Falling Block Trap:* Atk +15 (6d6, slam); Search DC 25, Disable DC 17.

Fireball *Trap*: spell effect (1d4+7, fire); Save DC 16 for ½ damage; Search DC 29, Disable DC 29.

*Poisoned Wall Spikes:* Atk +16 (1d8+4 plus poison, spikes); Search DC 17, Disable DC 21.

## EL6 Traps

*Compacting Room Trap:* walls move together (12d6, crush); Search DC 20, Disable DC 22.

Lightning Bolt *Trap:* spell effect (10d6, electricity); Save DC 14 for ½ damage; Search DC 28, Disable DC 28.

Spiked Pit Trap: 100 ft. deep (10d6, fall), Atk +10 (1d4+5 each, 1d4 spikes); Save DC 20 to avoid; Search DC 20, Disable DC 20.

#### EL7 Traps

Black Tentacles *Trap:* spell effect (tentacles) Atk +7 (1d6+4 each, 1d4+7 tentacles); Search DC 29, Disable DC 29.

Chain Lightning *Trap:* spell effect (11d6 to nearest target +5d6 each to up to 11 secondary targets, electricity); Save DC 19 for ½ damage; Search DC 31, Disable DC 31.

Well-camouflaged Pit Trap: 70 ft. deep (7d6, fall); Save DC 25 to avoid; Search DC 27, Disable DC 18.

#### EL8 Traps

Destruction *Trap:* spell effect (death); Save DC 20 (phys+STR) for 10d6 damage; Search DC 32, Disable DC 32.

Power Word Stun *Trap*: spell effect (stun 2d4 rounds); Search DC 32, Disable DC 32.

Well-camouflaged Pit Trap: 100 ft. deep (10d6, fall); Save DC 20 to avoid; Search DC 27, Disable DC 18.

## EL9 Traps

*Dropping Ceiling:* ceiling moves down (12d6, crush); Search DC 20, Disable DC 16.

Incendiary Cloud *Trap:* spell effect (4d6/round for 15 rounds, fire); Save DC 22 for <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> damage; Search DC 33, Disable DC 33.

*Wide-mouthed Spiked Pit with Poisoned Spikes:* 70 ft. deep (7d6, fall), Atk +10 (1d4+5 plus poison each, 1d4 spikes); Save DC 20 to avoid; Search DC 20, Disable DC 20.

## EL10 Traps

*Crushing Room:* walls move together (16d6, crush); Search DC 22, Disable DC 20.

*Crushing Wall Trap:* Atk automatic (18d6, crush); Search DC 20, Disable DC 25.

Energy Drain Trap: Atk +8 (2d4 negative levels for 24 hours); Save DC 23 to avoid; Search DC 34, Disable DC 34.

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## WHEN IN DOUBT...REMEMBER

Whenever the players want to try something that goes around, through, or above and beyond the rules as written, you can always use the "GM's Friend"...the 50% chance.

Have them roll whatever check seems most appropriate. A roll of 1-10 is a failure, a roll of 11-20 is a success. If you feel that the situation warrants that you favor them, assign a +2 bonus to their roll. If the situation determines that they be hindered, then assign a -2 penalty.

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