HARP Combat Caros



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Combat Cards

OVERVIEW

The **HARP** Combat Cards come in four basic types; Action Cards, Style Cards, Reference Cards and Blank Cards. Action Cards have the numbers in the circles in the bottom right-hand corner of the card. Style Cards have a double dash in the circle.

In a normal **HARP** round, which lasts only 2 seconds, the players first declare their actions, and then roll for initiative. When using **Combat Cards**, the process remains basically the same, but instead of verbally declaring what your character's actions will be, you make the declaration by selecting and placing one of your **Combat Cards** face down in front of you. Once everybody has selected their actions for the round, those actions are revealed and then resolved in initiative order, from the highest to the lowest.

ACTION CARDS

The Action Cards represent the most basic type of actions that a character might take during a combat round. There are Action Cards for common combat maneuvers and cards for various Combat Actions.

Each of these cards has a number in the circle in the lower right-hand corner of the card. This number represents how many rounds it takes to perform the action. While most Action Cards only take a single round, there are a few that take several rounds to accomplish.

STYLE CAROS

The Style Cards represent the various combat styles that a character may learn. These cards are played when a character is using a particular style. Each card describes the style and the abilities available to the character using the style.

Certain other cards, such as the one for Chi Defense, are not proper Style Cards, but they are classified as such because they represent abilities or skills which operate over several rounds.

REFERENCE CAROS

At the very end, there is a selection of cards that can be used as reference cards to help you by keeping you from having to look up rules. There are only a few at the moment, but if they prove popular, we may do additional products to include more Reference Cards.

BLANK CAROS

In a few places within the product, you will find Blank Cards. It was decided to include them so that you can make your own **Combat Cards**. If your game includes a new style, or a style not found within this product, then you can use the blank cards to fill in and make your own card for that style or combat action.

USING THE CAROS

Ideally, each person in the gaming group will have his or her own set of **Combat Cards**. Each player should sort through their set of cards and select those cards that might apply to their character.

For example, if you are playing a Fighter with the Sword & Shield Combat Style, then you won't need the Two Weapon Combo Combat Style or any of the Martial Arts Combat Styles.

The group of cards that represents the actions that your character may take is referred to as your Active Deck; all of the choices that your character makes during combat will be based on the cards in your Active Deck.

DECLARING ACTIONS

Starting with the person on the GM's left, each player declares the actions for their character for the round by selecting an Action Card from their Active Deck and placing it face down in front of them. If the character is also using a specific combat style, then the player should remove that card from their Active Deck and place it face up next to the card for their declared action. The GM should not use **Combat Cards** for every single foe that the characters are fighting. Instead, he should use the minimum number of cards required. If the foes are Giant Ants, their actions are likely to be limited to fighting and moving, thus one card should suffice for most of them, perhaps two cards if some are fighting and some are moving.

For situations where the characters are fighting a major bad guy and his minions, the major NPC can have his own set of **Combat Cards**, while all of the minions share a set of cards as described above.

ROLL INITIATIVE

Each player then rolls for initiative according to the normal **HARP** rules.

PERFORM ACTIONS

Starting with the player with the highest roll for initiative, each player will, in turn, reveal and resolve their actions in order from highest to lowest.

Once a **Combat Card** is revealed, it is immediately resolved as per the normal rules, as long as the number in the lower right-hand corner is a 1. If the action takes multiple rounds, then the action is not resolved until a number of rounds have passed equal to the number in the circle.



LOST ACTIONS

Occasionally the actions of one player will conflict with or negate the actions of a player who goes later in the initiative order. In such cases, the slower player loses his declared action.

When a declared action is lost, the lost action may be replaced with a Perception action or a Move action.

CANCELED ACTIONS

The actions of NPCs and of other character may make a player's declared action obsolete, or the player may decide that he no longer wants to perform the action that he declared before the round. This is allowed, however just as with Lost Actions, the only actions that may be taken are Perception actions and Move actions.

Players who have lost their actions may perform a *Sudden Dodge*. This Action Card may be played at any time, canceling out a player's declared action for the round if he has not resolved it yet. If the character has acted, then this card replaces their action declaration for the next round.

INSTANTANEOUS ACTIONS

There are a number of Instantaneous Actions available to players. These actions have a zero in the circle in the lower right-hand corner of the card. These include things like *Combat Perception* and *Casting an Instantaneous Spell*. These actions do not have to be declared in advance like normal actions. The cards for these actions may be played at any time because they can occur with other actions. Once used, these cards will remain face up on the table until the end of the round.

END OF ROUND CLEANUP

The round ends when the actions of all the participants have been resolved. At this point, each player picks up his Action Card if the action as been resolved and replaces it in his Active Deck. Action Cards that require multiple rounds to resolve, Style Cards that are still in effect, or the Sudden Dodge card, if played after the character had taken his action for the round all remain face up on the table.

Each player who does not have an Action Card in front of him will then start the new round by making his action declaration as described above.

ACROBATIC MANEUVER

You may make dives, rolls, vaulting maneuvers, swing on objects, or other in-air (i.e. flying) maneuvers.

You can fall safely up to 1' per skill rank or make a Very hard maneuver to safely fall up to 3' per skill rank, so long as you are within 10' of a wall. The safe falling distance is subtracted from longer falls.

You may also make a Medium Maneuver to move up to your Base Movement Rate, and gain a bonus to DB from the Bonus column of the Maneuver Table at the same time.

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ATTACK & PARRY

Apply any portion of your OB to your DB. The remainder is used to make a normal Melee Attack. The parry total applies for the entire round against all attacks directed at you from a single target.



















DISARM FOE (UNSKILLED)

Make a Maneuver Roll, adding your Agility bonus and a number of skill ranks equal to those in your weapon skill. The foe makes a RR (modified by his weapon skill bonus, plus an additional +10 modifier) against the value found on the RR column of the Maneuver Table. Failure results in the foe's weapon landing 1d10 feet away in a random direction.















Roll on the RR column of the Maneuver Table using ½ your OB or your full Trickery or Duping skill bonus. Your remaining OB is resolved as a Full Parry. If using the Trickery or Duping skill bonuses, then only use ½ of your OB to resolve the Full Parry.

Foe must then make a Will-based RR against the result from the RR column. If the foe fails, you gain a +20 to your attack the next round and ignore all damage caps. If the foe makes his RR, then this maneuver fails and action proceeds normally.







You cannot be locked in melee combat with the foe and must have a longer weapon than the one wielded by your foe.

Spears and Pole Arms receive an automatic +20 bonus.

Make a Maneuver Roll, adding your weapon skill, and consult the RR column to determine the value the foe must resist against. If foe fails this RR, he is kept from advancing or attacking until he counters the Hold At Bay.





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Roll, adding in your Strength, Quickness, & Agility bonuses on the Percentage column of the Maneuver Table. If the Percentage Result is greater than 100, foe must make a RR (using 2x Agility bonus) from the result on the same row of the RR column. If foe fails, he is knocked prone (treat as Foe Down).

KNOCKDOWN MARTIAL LAW

Make a Maneuver Roll using a combo of your Strength & Agility bonuses. If the result is 100 (or higher), the foe is must make a RR (adding 2x his Agility bonus) vs. the result on the RR column of the Maneuver Table. Failure means the foe is knocked prone (Foe Downed).

If mounted, use the size of the mount when making the Maneuver Roll. The size modifier is applied to the maneuver.

Use the **Knockdown Maneuver Size Table** on p. 25 of **Martial Law**, to determine the size modifiers.

Note: This Combat Action description is used only if using **Martial Law**.







MOUNTED CHARGE

You must declare the Mounted Charge and must be able to move in a straight line at least 2 hexes towards the foe.

Every hex you move during the Mounted Charge gives you a +5 modifier to your OB. Every 2 hexes moved incurs a -5 modifier to your DB.

If the attack is successful, the weapon size modifier is increased one level (small becomes medium, etc.) when calculating the Adjusted Attack Roll. The bonus from the Mounted Charge cannot exceed +50 OB/-25 DB.

A mounted charge may stop at any point beyond the target and is not restricted to stopping when the attack is made.

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You can move at a Run for 5 minutes per point of Constitution bonus before

































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If you have not acted, you may Sudden Dodge. If you have acted this round, you may still Sudden Dodge. However, the Sudden Dodge will continue on the following round, making you forfeit all other actions.

Make a Manuever Roll using 2 x your Agility Bonus (or your Acrobatics skill bonus). You receive a 25 plus the result from the Bonus column of the Manuever Table to your DB. All negative results give a bonus of 0.You end up in nearest empty hex.

TAKE A PREPARED HERB

Pull a prepared packet of herbs from your bandoleer and pop it into your mouth.

Herbs not carried in the bandoleer, or in liquid form, or that cannot be swallowed (balms, etc.) are not covered by this action.



WEAPON BIND

You receive a -20 to your OB. Make a Maneuver Roll on the RR column of the Maneuver Table. The foe uses his OB as a modifier to resist the Weapon Bind.

If the foe is succeeds, the round continues. If the he fails, he is caught. He may not attack until he breaks free, or until you release the bind, he releases his weapon, or draws another weapon.

The foe may roll against the RR of the Weapon Bind once each round. You may not attack foe while you have his weapon bound. Both characters receive a -10 to initiative during the Weapon Bind.



FENCING BIND

This style uses 2 weapons. A primary weapon and a shorter secondary weapon.

Make a roll on the RR column of the Maneuer Table using your OB with a -20 modifier. The foe uses his OB as a modifier to resist the bind.

If the foe is succeeds, the round continues. If he fails, then he is caught. He may not attack until he breaks free, or until you release the bind, he releases his weapon, or draws another weapon. The foe may roll against the RR of the Fencing Bind once each round. While you have your foe's weapon bound, you may still make attacks with your secondary weapon.

Requires a minimum of 20 ranks to use.

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You set your weapon so that a charging foe takes double damage from the attack. (See Charging, **HARP** pp. 91-92, for more information). Your attack receives a -20 modifier to its OB.

This Combat Action may only be used with weapons from the Pole Arms group.

Requires a minimum of 20 ranks to use.

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SHIELD BYPASS (MINOR)

By taking a -10 modifier to OB and by reducing the size of your attack by one degree, you can wrap your weapon around your foe's shield during an attack, negating up to 20 points of DB from the shield.

This Combat Action may only be used with weapons from the Chains Plus and Great Chains groups.

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Requires a minimum of 20 ranks to use.



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You may attack 2 attacks against a single foe. The first attack is made at -20 to OB; the second attack is made at -40 OB. Both targets must be within 180 degrees of each other and may not be receiving attack bonuses for Flank or Rear against you.

Requires a minimum of 40 ranks to use.

RANGED DISARM

You receive a -30 to your OB. Make a Manuever Roll, adding your modified OB.

If the roll is a fumble, it is resolved normally. If the roll is between (96-100), add the modified OB and treat as a normal attack.

If the roll falls between the two, then look up the result on the RR column of the Maneuver Table. The foe must roll, adding twice his Strength Bonus and meet or beat the result gained from the RR column, or you have shot the weapon out of foe's hand.

This Combat Action may only be used with weapons from the Missile and Thrown groups.

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Requires a minimum of 40 ranks to use.





















COMBAT STYLE: BLINDFIGHTING

Reduce the -100 modifier for fighting blind by the amount of your skill bonus. Only Basic Melee Attacks are allowed when using this style.

COMBAT STYLE: BRAWLING

Brawling attacks normally use a Tiny or Small attack size; the critical type is determined by the actual attack used (see the **HARP** critical tables pp 96-104).

Failure indicates a miss while a fumble is rolled on the appropriate Fumble Table. Brawling attacks have a Fumble Range of 01-02.

Combat Style: Buckler Bash

You fight with a buckler in each hand. You gain the shield bonus from both bucklers to your DB (+30) and can make 2 attacks per round, one with each buckler.

Each attack does a small Crush critical. Both attacks use the style skill bonus as its OB, the second attack has a -20 modifier. If you decide to parry, then both attacks are reduced by the amount you parry.

You also receive a +5 to initiative.

Any magical or quality bonuses from the bucklers apply only to your DB.

COMBAT STYLE: DIRTY FIGHTING

Can be used in any melee combat in which the foe is aware of you. Once used against a foe, it is impossible to catch him off guard a second time in that combat.

Make a Manuever Roll using this skill's bonus. If successful, attack normally, and on a successful hit, add a number equal to your number of ranks in this skill to the Adjusted Attack Result (AAR) when determining how much damage. You must use the entire bonus to the AAR or none of it. Attacks made using the Dirty Fighting style ignore damage caps.

Combat Style: Disarm Foe

Roll and add skill bonus on the RR column of Manuever Table. Foe uses his weapon bonus to resist the Disarm attempt. If foe fails, his weapon lands 1d10 feet away in random direction. If you fail the initial Manuever Roll, treat it as a normal weapon fumble.





you must reduce each attack by 1/2 of the amount that you apply to the parry.

COMBAT STYLE: FRENZY

You move in a direct path to target and fight until target is dead. You cannot tell friend from foe.

Mind influencing spells fail against you. You cannot cast spells, use non-constant magic items, parry, or use any combat skills or talents except weapon or brawling skills. After killing foe you will attack the closest target.

You receive a+10 to your initiative roll, to all attack rolls and to your Adjusted Attack Roll (added to weapon size mod). You ignore all Damage Caps and receive a bonus of +20 to RRs against Stuns. Your only DB bonus is for armor, shield and magical items.

Ignore all damage received until the frenzy is over, except for Stuns, which can disrupt the frenzy. You fight until dead.

You will stay in a frenzy for a number of rounds equal to your Constitution modifier. You will then collapse and be unable to move for a number of rounds equal to the time spent in the frenzy. You are then at -20 to all actions for an additional hour.



COMBAT STYLE: Shielding Weapon

This style uses 2 weapons. Use 1 weapon to attack, the other to parry. The parrying weapon cannot do larger than a Small attack.

The style bonus is your OB. You also gain $^{\circ}$ of the style bonus (round down) as a modifier, up to a maximum bonus of +50, to your DB.

If the parrying weapon provides a bonus to DB when used defensively, then this bonus is added to the style's bonus to DB. It does not count against the maximum bonus allowed by this style.

COMBAT STYLE: Two WEAPON COMBO

Use 2 different weapons at the same time to get 2 attacks.

Your OB for both attacks is equal to the skill bonus in the style, plus stat bonuses, special bonuses and weapon bonuses. The weapon in your off-hand receives an additional –20 modifier.

You can make 2 separate attacks, one with each weapon, each round. If you decide to parry, your OB for both attacks is reduced by the amount that you decide to parry with.

You also receive +5 to initiative.



DB for the shield and the actual shield bash will have an OB equal to the Trained bonus to DB for the shield.

Combat Style: Wrestling

You make a Small Grappling attack. All criticals are done on the Grappling Critical Table.

MARTIAL ARTS STYLE: BUCKLER DANCE

You fight with a buckler in each hand. You gain the shield bonus from both bucklers to your DB (+30) and can make 2 attacks per round, one with each buckler.

Each attack does a small Crush critical. Both attacks use the style's skill bonus as its OB, the second attack has a -20 modifier. If you decide to parry, then both attacks are reduced by the same amount you used in parrying.

You also receive a +5 to initiative.

Any magical or quality bonuses from the bucklers apply only to your DB.

MARTIAL ATS STYLE: DRAGON STYLE

You add a +5 to your initiative rolls. You can also use the Grappling Table in addition to the normal Martial Arts Tables for your attacks. You may choose which table you are going to use prior to making an actual attack.

MARTIAL ARTS STYLE:

You use two sai at the same time.

You gain +30 to your DB while using the Dual Sai style. This is the bonus normally gained when using a sai defensively. This style grants that bonus so long as the style is being used.

You may use Chi Defense and the rules from **HARP** p.12 "Monk Attacks" with this style.

MARTIAL ARTS STYLE: **DUAL SHIV** You fight with a knife in each hand, making a single attack roll each round. A successful attack inflicts a Medium Slash, which is modified as follows: Hits: Hits delivered are doubled. Stun: Increase the rounds of stun by 1. Bleeding: Bleeding is increased by 1 Hit per round. Death in xx rounds: The number of rounds of a Death in xx rounds critical is reduced by half (round up). All other damage remains as detailed by the critical. You may use Chi Defense and the rules from HARP p.12 "Monk Attacks"

with this style.



MARTIAL ARTS STYLE:

Add a +20 to your DB when parrying, and to all attempts to resist being knocked down or moved.

You may use the skill Chi Focus (Medium Manuever Roll) to initiate the Stone Fist. When using the Stone Fist, all attacks are resolved on the Impact Critical Table. Use of the Stone Fist follows the normal rules for using Chi Skills. It takes one full round to initiate the Stone Fist technique.

MARTIAL ARTS STYLE: 7 ELEMENTAL STYLE: WATER

Make a Medium Acrobatics maneuver when you are attacked. If successful, you may reduce any critical received by a number equal to your ranks in the Acrobatics skill.

On the following round you may make another Medium Acrobatics Manuever Roll and if successful you deal double the normal amount of Concussion Hit damage for any Martial Arts Sweeps attack also made that round.

Neither Acrobatics manuever roll counts against the character's available actions for the round.











Reference: Knockback

When you or your flying mount take damage, you are knocked out of your flight path, in a random direction, a number of hexes equal to the Adjusted Attack Roll divided by 25 (rounded off) before you can make a Manuever Roll and attempt to regain control. If the critical says that you are knocked to the ground or prone, then this distance is tripled before you can make a Manuever Roll. The direction you are sent in is random, and may even result you falling to the ground if you fail the Manuever Roll.

Routine+60Easy+40Light+20Medium+0Hard-20Very Hard-40Extremely Hard-60Sheer Folly-80	Difficulty	Modifier
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Light+20Medium+0Hard-20Very Hard-40Extremely Hard-60Sheer Folly-80	Routine	+60
Medium+0Hard-20Very Hard-40Extremely Hard-60Sheer Folly-80	Easy	+40
Hard-20Very Hard-40Extremely Hard-60Sheer Folly-80	Light	+20
Very Hard-40Extremely Hard-60Sheer Folly-80	Medium	+0
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Extremely Hard -60 Sheer Folly -80	Very Hard	-40
		-60
	Sheer Folly	-80
Absurd -100	Absurd	-100





REFERENCE: RECEIVING

If you receive a critical while flying, you must make a Medium Flying/Gliding Man. Roll, or a Hard Acrobatics Man. Roll. If you or your mount are moving at a Pace greater than Walk, then the difficulty is increased one step for each Pace category above Walk.

If you or your mount receive a critical that states you are knocked to the ground or prone, then the difficulty of the maneuver is increased by 2 steps to a Very Hard maneuver. Should the Man. Roll fails, then you receive triple the amount of Knockback and must continue making a Man. Roll, at the same level of difficulty until you regain control.





