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# COOPERATIVE

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## Quick Reference Guide for Cooperative

1. Set-up .....Place decks and Draw Hand.
2. Begin Encounter .....Draw Dungeon cards.
3. Respond .....Play Crawler cards.
4. Adventurers Attack .....Match or beat Character Stamina.
5. Adventurers Defend .....Match or beat Character Power.
6. End Encounter .....Check the win/lose conditions.
7. Drop/Remove Cards.....Cards finished in this Encounter.
8. Remove Counters .....Poison & Time Counters.
9. Reset Cards/Locks .....Turn cards vertical, unless locked.
10. Permanents .....Check if Resources are sufficient.
11. Draw .....Draw up to your Hand limit or 1.  
Discard.....Discard down to your Hand limit.
12. Pass.....Next Player goes.
13. End Round

## COOPERATIVE FORMAT

Dungeon Crawler™ Cooperative pits you against an epic scale dungeon and its encounters. You and your friends can choose your dungeon carefully or randomly, build a massive dungeon deck and then try to outlast the Dungeon or defeat it before your supplies run out. In Cooperative you can play with 2 to 4 players.

*For detailed information on individual card anatomy or product details please reference the Introduction PDF. We also have an online tutorial available to show the basics of playing a Solitaire game.*

### In-Progress Cooperative Game Layout



### Pregame Prep:

Build two decks: one deck of Dungeon Cards (grey backing) and one deck of Crawler Cards (blue backing) decks will be different in quantity. The Dungeon deck will contain 40 cards for each player in the game. Common and Infrequent cards can each have up to 8 copies in the Dungeon deck. Each player will have a 40 card Crawler deck with no more than three copies of any one card (a promo version of a card counts as a copy of the card). Each player must also select 2 Adventurers. A total of 3 Quests are required for this format.

### Play Conditions:

Cooperative format is playable if each player has a starter. Each deck requires a minimum of 40 cards for this format and requires mixing the Dungeon cards. It is probably best to have each player donate the exact same cards to the Dungeon deck, or to have 1 player supply all Dungeon cards to not get collections confused.

All formats can be played as a Quick (1 Quest), Standard (2 Quests) and Difficult (3 Quests). Quick matches are akin to "sudden death" as a very random draw can win the game. (It is not advised to play Quick games as a competitive match).

FORMAT	# of ADV.	DECK SIZES	ENC. LIMIT
Co-op 2 Player	2 per player	40/80	6
Co-op 3 Player	2 per player	40/120	8
Co-op 4 Player	2 per player	40/160	10

*\*The more Players involved, the larger the dungeon and the bigger the encounters, but the Crawler decks stay the same size at 40 cards (although an additional 40 Dungeon cards are added with each new Player).*

### Win Conditions:

- If you try to Draw a Dungeon card from the deck and there are none left to Draw, you win.
- If you accomplish your set number of Quests you win.
  - ❖ for a quick game complete 1 Quest.
  - ❖ **for a standard game complete 2 Quests.**
  - ❖ for a difficult game complete all 3 Quests.

*Once you fulfill all of the conditions for a Quest, it is completed and the game conditions can no longer affect that Quest (unless specifically stated).*

### Lose Conditions:

- If you try to Draw a Crawler card from the deck and there are none left to Draw, you lose.
- If both of any single player's Adventurers are removed from play you lose.
- If you cannot complete your Quests you lose.

*In cooperative ignore Disruption and Draft abilities on cards.*

## STEP 1: Set-Up

The first sequence of game play is the set-up of the designated play area.

**Part A.** Players should be seated so that the player with the Adventurer intended to be the Primary target is to the furthest left and all other Adventurers follow to the right. It is very likely that player to the furthest left will be at most risk of losing their Adventurers first, so they should be well protected by the other players actions during play. Each player places their Adventurers in front of them (the controller) in "Marching Order" from left to right. The Adventurer furthest to the left is the leader (and therefore the default **Primary Target** against all attackers) and the player with the Adventurers furthest to the right are at the back. This will be important during Encounters.

**Part B.** Place your Quests into play face up.

**Part C.** Shuffle your Crawler deck and someone should shuffle the Dungeon deck, making sure to keep all decks separate.

**Part D.** Set the decks up according to the Dungeon and Crawler decks in the diagram on page O1. All Graves should be empty at this time, and no Dungeon or Crawler cards should be in play.

**Part E.** Each player draws 5 Crawler cards, this is your Hand.

## STEP 2: Begin Encounter

To begin the encounter the player will draw Dungeon cards into play. These cards can be centrally so that most of the players can read them. Draw cards until the total Cost in play attains the following; **6pts for 2 players, 8pts for 3 players and 10pts for 4 players.** Some cards have attributes that activate when they come in to play, resolve these affects before drawing another card (see *immediate actions* below).

In the case that you Draw a card that exceeds the number of points allowed for the encounter (a **Bust**), return it to the top of the Dungeon Deck face up. On the next Encounter Draw if the points in play are still at the Encounter Limit or more the Bust card will be brought in to play as a "Pull".

### Immediate Actions:

As each Dungeon card comes in to play check to see if it has an attribute that takes effect when it comes into play (indicated by a down arrow in a black box) **⬇** this action is to take place before the next card is drawn or before a card is played as part of the response sequence. There are special ability cards that can be played which can interrupt this **"COME INTO PLAY"** attribute.

Another example of an immediate effect is the **DRAFT** ability which is indicated by a **purple text box** behind the card's attributes. Draft cards are used in competitive play to alter an Encounter and create combinations. Draft cards can be played instead of a Pull card.

### More Draw Actions:

A **BUST** occurs if a Dungeon card is drawn and exceeds the encounter limit in play. That card is then placed back on top of the Dungeon deck face up. Busted card(s) cannot be reshuffled back into the deck if the deck requires to be reshuffled.

A **PULL** occurs when the face up Dungeon card is brought into play on the following turn regardless of the point limit already in play. If the Dungeon cards total less than the encounter limit continue drawing cards normally after the "Pulled" card has been put into play. If the "Pulled" card exceeds or meets the encounter limit points, do not draw another card from the deck.

*Pulls can make the dungeon deadly, but it also prevents players from stalling.*

A **FLIP** occurs when there are no Bust cards to Pull into play and you cannot Draw a card because it will exceed the encounter limit. Therefore the top Dungeon card is "Flipped" (turned face up). It is then treated the same as a "Bust" card. This card does not come into play even if it is of "0" cost.

## STEP 3: Respond

All of the players may play Crawler cards in response to any Dungeon cards brought in to play, by playing cards from their own hands. The total cost of the Crawler cards put in to play **cannot exceed the highest score of the available Resource type** (Equipment, Magic, Skill & Tactic). Only the **HIGHEST** score for any Resource type in play can be used.

*These cards, as well as any other Crawler cards put into play, will remain in play until the end of the encounter (or until otherwise specified) as they occupy their cost in Resources. Discarded cards do not occupy Resources and can go directly to the Grave.*

*A BOOST card can be Boosted by ANY Active Adventurer in play, the Adventurer does not have to be under your control.*

## STEP 4: Adventurers Attack

The objective of the attack is to win the "power struggle" or overpower the encounter. To win the "power struggle" the players must **tie or beat** the Stamina in the Dungeon encounter with their Power. Winning this will enable you to deal a single Wound to a Character of your choice, provided the damage is of the correct type.

To resolve the Attack, tally the Power of Adventurers that are "Activated" (turned at an angle) to Attack and any Crawler cards that have been played to enhance the attack. Compare the total against the Stamina scores of the Character cards and all of their bonuses, and if the Adventurer Power score equals or exceeds the Character Stamina score, the Adventurer's win combat. (see sections: Anatomy and Attributes for further clarification on terminology)

*Each Adventurer that is Activated adds +1 Power to the attack. This attack by default is "Melee Harm". Once an Adventurer activates it may not be activated again until it has been Reset in Step 9 (or by another card).*

If one Adventurer is attacking and has been equipped with a short sword for +3 Harm and a Flaming Fury for +1 Fire/Magic, the total Attack is 5 Power Ranged and Fire, so that each part of the Ranged/Melee or Harm/Fire/Magic can be affected independently. Although, Power and Stamina points are assigned to the entire Attack (unless the Encounter is split by special abilities), be sure to consider any \*Immunities a character may possess.

A Character with Immunity will only prevent you from dealing a Wound to the immune Character. As long as the Power of the Adventurer attacking (with additional cards) meets or exceeds the total Stamina of the Characters, they are overpowered. The player (owner of Adventurers) may then deliver 1 Wound to any 1 Character that does not possess the immunity.

### \*Dealing with Immunity

*Any immunity will reduce the amount of damage being dealt by a specified damage type to "0" when the character is the target of the Wound. A character that has a "Resist" type will only reduce the Power of the attack by 1 power as part of the defense.*

### RULES TO REMEMBER:

1. Once an Adventurer is **activated** for the "attack" or "defend" it may not be used for another action until it has been reset.
2. Any **Crawler cards** put into play will remain in play until the end of the controlling player's encounter (or until otherwise specified) as they occupy their Cost in Resources.
3. **Reach, Thrown and Ranged** are bonuses added to a Character's Power score which must be striped from them by matching or beating their range type.

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A Character dies when it accumulates as many or more Wounds than their Stamina and they are put in the Dungeon Grave **immediately** and play resumes. If that Character survives the Wound, place a Wound token on the Character (their Stamina score remains as stated on the card, but they are 1 Wound closer to being removed from play. If the Wound can be countered before the Character reaches the Grave, they will remain in Play.

### STEP 5: Adventurers Defend

Once again the object is to win the "power struggle", except the roles are reversed. It is now the Dungeon's Opportunity to Attack the Adventurers and they must decide on how to defend. You may bring Crawler cards into play at this time, as long as you still have Resources available from the Adventurer's Attack.

*Each Adventurer that is Activated at this time adds +1 Stamina to the defend. This defense by default is against "Harm". Once an Adventurer activates it may not be activated again until it has been Reset in Step 9 (or by another card).*

To resolve the Defense, we tally the Power of the Dungeon to the Stamina of the available defending Adventurer(s), Crawler cards, and any additional bonuses. Adventurers will win the defense if they are at least able to tie the power struggle, resulting in the prevention of a Wound to an Adventurer (**this ruling excludes any Wounds as a result of "contact" type damage**).

If the stamina of the Adventurer's defense DOES NOT exceed or tie the power of the Dungeon, you must deal 1 Wound to the "primary target". An Adventurer dies if it accumulates as many or more Wounds than their "life score" and is removed from play so that the game may resume.

*Response, attack, and defend are the only times a player can put Crawler cards in to Play, unless otherwise noted.*

### Special Attack Types:

It is possible that you will encounter Dungeon cards that target multiple or additional Adventurers. You should handle these Dungeon abilities as individual actions, but as a part of the same encounter.

For example; the Large Wurm has **Target X**, X is the value of the top Dungeon card in the Grave of the deck you are facing plus 1. So the target of this card may or may not be the primary target. If there are no cards in the Dungeon Grave the value is zero +1 (this would equal the first Adventurer in the Marching Order).



If the Large Wurm's target is different than that of the rest of the encounter, it can be treated as a separate smaller power struggle. The Player defends and attacks the Large Wurm independently from the main encounter.

Another example is Dungeon cards that have **Area** attacks. Area effects X targets, X being the total number of targets including the Primary Target and additional adjacent targets to the right of that Adventurer. Area 2 will affect the Primary target and one Adjacent target. These abilities are attack attributes for the Dungeon, and do not affect the Dungeon's defense from Adventurers. Also, only the damage from these type of cards will affect the non-primary target, so although the Primary target may be attacked with 10 Power, the adjacent targets will only be attacked with 3 Power each.



*When Adventurers use Area attacks they can choose each of their targets (as long as they are not the repeated), their targets do not have to be adjacent.*

### LIFE vs STAMINA:

Characters that have been Wounded do not reduce their Stamina score. Stamina is their defensive score, while their Life score determines whether or not they stay in play after taking Wounds. A boost to a Character's Stamina does not boost their Life score.

*If some Adventurers have been eliminated and there are not enough targets, count out the targets normally, then return to the beginning of the Marching Order and continue counting until the right target is acquired.*

### STEP 6: End Encounter

Now that the attacking is over, damage has been dealt and Wounds delivered, declare the End of Encounter. This means no additional cards may be put into play. At this point we would also double check to see if we have met any QUEST card win or lose conditions. You may also add Quest tokens where applicable.

*It's hard to think of expending equipment in battle, sure a spell goes off and it's done, but a suit of armour?! It's probably easier to think of the expending of equipment cards more in terms of: "On the adventure this is when my bow or armour really made the difference".*

### STEP 7: Drop & Remove Cards

All Players may "Drop" any unwanted cards from their hand at this time; they go directly to the Grave and do not activate or benefit the Player in any way. Now check cards for any dependencies; cards without dependencies should be removed at this time. This includes:

- ❖ **Non-permanent** Equipment, Magic, Skill or Tactic cards.
- ❖ Events, Terrain or Traps **without Counters**.
- ❖ **Characters with Stamina 0** (unless this score is boosted by another card).
- ❖ Cards that have been "Spent" using the Spend attribute.

*Creatures with 0 Stamina leave play at the end of an encounter as they are inconsequentially defeated in battle or they are summoned and their summoning time expires.*

### STEP 8: Remove Counters (Tokens)

After clearing cards from play and from your Hand, one Player needs to remove 1 Time Counter and 1 Poison Counter for each eligible card (cards containing these counter types). Lock counters will not be removed at this time and Wound counters will never be removed in a remove counter sequence.

### STEP 9: Reset Cards & Locks

Reset all cards by reorienting them to the original vertical position. Unless they have a Lock Counter on them, remove 1 Lock Counter instead of resetting.

### STEP 10: Permanents

Check your permanents in play, if at this time you are unable to fulfill the requirements of a permanent card in play, it must be removed. You may also choose to remove a permanent from play that is no longer deemed necessary.

*A locked adventurer can mean the loss of a permanent.*

### STEP 11: Draw & Discard

All Players Draw up to their Hand Limit; even if maxed out still Draw 1 Crawler card. Then Discard down to the Hand Limit (usually 5), if the maximum is exceeded.

*No matter what, you'll always be drawing at least 1 card. You may want to discard a few extra cards that aren't helping you during the encounters to try and draw something you desperately need, but keep in mind that each card discarded brings you closer to losing the game.*

### STEP 12: Pass

At this point you have ended the turn and in Cooperative, you will move directly to Step 13.

### STEP 13: End of Round

Continue a new Round unless a Win or Lose condition has been met which ends the game.