

The Progressive Scenario Rules

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The Scenario Tournament format has been created by the players of the Council of Pelargir group, from Hamburg, Germany. They have been playing it for years in a league system, with a decreasing point system for the players re-using the same deck.

The French community has played the Scenario Tournament format in single event tournaments, and has elaborated new rules, with a different tournament point system. These progressive scenario rules are an improvement, with 3 success levels for each scenario.

I : THE RULES

I.1 General:

With the following annotations normal tournament rules apply:

- We play 2-deck games, one game lasts **80 minutes** (the player who didn't start finishes his turn or gets a final turn). But if *The One Ring* is destroyed (hero success), the game ends immediately. *Nevertheless, the other player must make his corruption checks (to verify the scenario conditions at the end of the game).*
- You need 25 Marshalling Points to call the council. (Please check the normal tournament rules if you are not familiar with them!)
- You can have a 30 card sideboard deck.
- You may play only Wizard scenarios (i.e. normal Wizard decks).

I.2 Banned Cards:

You may not include the following cards in any of your decks :

- *Long Winter*
- *Storms of Ossë*
- *Foul Fumes*

(i.e. no hazard that may tap a site may be included!)

I.3 German Promos cards:

German Promos cards are tournament legal (in their original version, not the DC ones).

I.4 Rule Reminders:

* *Neither so Ancient* *Neither so Potent* gives items MP. (COE Erratum 32)

* Stored cards are not considered to be in play, except for uniqueness. (CRF)

For example, in The Rohirrim scenario (#11) *Red Arrow and Great Shield of Rohan* must be borne by characters and can not be stored to succeed the scenario.

I.5 Special rules:

* You may attempt to influence resources (items, allies) or characters controlled by a Wizard. For items influence attempts, a Wizard has a mind of 10.

* Any character may be brought into play under general or direct influence at his home site (even if your Wizard is in play but not at the site), if you have another character present at that site. (*Dreamcard rule*)

* Characters and allies at a Haven heal from wounded to untapped during the untap phase. Characters and unique allies at their home site heal from wounded to untapped during the untap phase. (*from a Dreamcard rule*)

I.6 Optional rules: (it is up to the players to decide if these rules are used or not in the tournament)

* For the first round (only), you cannot play against a player with the same scenario (each player indicates his scenario on his tournament sheet).

* Before each game, each player makes a 2 dice-roll. The player with the highest roll can choose his Wizard (so, he put 3 copies of his Avatar into his deck, showing them to his opponent) or he can choose to play first (or not), but before the character draft. If necessary, the other player must choose another Wizard (he discards the copies of the same Avatar).

If the player with the highest roll had not chosen a Wizard, the other player can do it. If the player with the highest roll has chosen a Wizard, the other player can choose to play first (or not). (*from a Belgian variant*)

If this optional rule is in effect, the following procedure is used for the "specific" avatar cards : if a player does not play with his expected avatar, he can exchange up to 3 "specific" avatar cards for the same number of "specific" cards of his new avatar (he shows these cards to his opponent). Replacements cards must take place at the same place: deck or sideboard.

The "specific" avatar cards:

Alatar: *The Hunt*

Gandalf: *Hobbit-lore, Narya*

Pallando: *Eyes of Mandos*

Radagast: *Herb-lore*

Saruman: *First of the Order*

I.7 Alignment:

You are only allowed to play a Wizard deck. Ringwraith decks, Fallen-Wizard decks and Balrogs decks are not allowed.

I.8 Tournament formula:

For 4 or 5 players : it is a Round-robin tournament. Each player play once against each other player.

For 6 players or more : it is a Swiss System tournament. The number of rounds is dictated by the number of participants :

6 - 8 players : 3 rounds

9 - 16 players : 4 rounds

17 + players : 5 rounds

For the first round only, players are paired off randomly. For each round after the first round, each player is paired off with another player with the same (or the closest) total of tournament points. The same players can not play each other more than once.

I.9 Scoring

The most important difference to a regular tournament is that you do not only get tournament points for marshalling points, but also for fulfilling the requirements of a certain scenario. You must choose a scenario among the list in II (Wizard scenarios)

Scenario-Points :

- 7 TPs for a difficult scenario
- 5 TPs for a medium-hard scenario
- 3 TPs for an easy scenario

You can win several different scenarios with one same deck (there are some possible scenarios). In that case, you get always 7 tournament points.

Malus Points:

If both opponents succeeds a scenario : - 1 TP for each player

MP-Rating-Points:

If a player has at least two times the number of MPs of his opponent, or destroy *The One Ring*, it is a decisive victory. Otherwise, it is a marginal victory.

- decisive victory : 4 TPs
- marginal victory : 3 TPs
- tie : 2 TPs
- marginal defeat : 1 TP
- decisive defeat : 0 TP
- a bye : 4 TPs (you have a bye if you are ready to play, but no opponent is available)
- drop : 0 TP

Scenario-Points, Malus Points and MP-Rating-Points are added up for the total points of a game.

1.10 Tournament Point Ties :

If several players have the same number of TPs at the end of the tournament, the following procedure is established :

- 1) *Head-to-Head results.* Tally the number of losses of each tied player from all games played with any other tied players. The player with the fewest total head-to-head wins the tie-breaker. You «lose» a game if you have fewer Tournament Points (Scenario Points + Marshalling Points) than your opponent.
- 2) *The greater number of Scenarios fulfilled (against all players).* For each remaining tied players, the player with the greatest number of Scenarios fulfilled wins the tie-breaker.
- 3) *The greatest sum of opponent's scores.* For each remaining tied players, add up all of their opponent's Tournament Point totals. The player with the highest sum wins the tie-breaker.

II: THE WIZARD SCENARIOS

For each scenario the following applies: to fulfill a scenario a player has to meet all deck building requirements during the whole game, and additionally **the winning requirements for a certain scenario at the end of the game.** You may only refer to the cards in your own deck to meet scenario requirements.

(DR = deck requirements, WR = winning requirements):

1) King Under the Mountain :

DR: The starting company may only contain the following characters: *Bilbo*, Dwarves with home site: Blue Mountain Dwarf-hold.

WR:

Easy : *King under the Mountain* is in play. *The Arkenstone* or *Returned Exiles* is in play.

Medium : *King under the Mountain* is in play. *The Arkenstone* or *Returned Exiles* is in play. A company has successfully played an item, an ally or a faction at The Lonely Mountain, while one of its characters is *King Under The Mountain*.

Difficult : *King under the Mountain* is in play. *The Arkenstone* or *Returned Exiles* is in play. A company with *Bilbo* has successfully played an item, an ally or a faction at The Lonely Mountain, while one of its characters is *King Under The Mountain*.

2) Gollum's Fate :

DR: Only the following characters may come into play: *Gandalf*, *Aragorn*, *Strider*, *Boromir*, *Legolas*, *Gimli*, *Frodo*, *Sam*, *Pippin*, *Merry*.

WR:

Easy : *The One Ring* is destroyed.

Medium : *Gollum's Fate* is successfully played.

Difficult : *Gollum's Fate* is successfully played. *The One Ring* must have been successfully tested at an Haven or a Free-hold (or have been influenced away).

3) Return of the King :

DR: *Aragorn* or *Strider* is played as the first character.

WR:

Easy : 3 of the following cards are in play: *Army of the Dead*, *The White Tree*, *Return of the King*, *Choice of Luthien*

Medium : all the following cards are in play: *Army of the Dead*, *The White Tree*, *Return of the King*, *Choice of Luthien*

Difficult : all the following cards are in play: *Army of the Dead*, *The White Tree*, *Return of the King*, *Choice of Luthien*, and *Aragorn* bears *Narsil* reforged as *Anduril, the Flame of the West*

Remark and Ruling : «Aragorn or Strider is played as the first character » do not mean that he must be played successfully. If both players play Aragorn (or Strider) simultaneously during the character draft, the two characters «bounce»; but it do not prevent to try to play the another Aragorn manifestation card during the rest of the character draft.

4) The Seventh Palantir :

DR: none.

WR:

Easy : *The Ithil-stone or an inverted Fate of the Ithil-stone is in play.*

Medium : *The Ithil-stone or Fate of the Ithil-stone has been stored at a Haven.*

Difficult : *The Ithil-stone or Fate of the Ithil-stone has been stored at Rivendell*

Remark : if already successfully stored, Fate of the Ithil-stone or The Ithil-stone does not need to be stored at the end of the game.

Remark : Wizard companies cannot use starter movement to or from sites in Gorgoroth. If using region movement to or from sites in Gorgoroth, they must move from a site in Imlad Morgul, through either Nurn or Udûn, or use a movement enhancer like Ash Mountains or Eagle-mounts. Such sites may be reached normally with Under-deeps movement. (CRF)

5) Alliance of Free Peoples :

DR: none.

WR:

Easy : *Alliance of Free Peoples and three factions (one Man, one Elf and one Dwarf) are in play. A company contains at least three characters ; one of those characters has to be an Elf, one a Man and one a Dwarf. A company containing these three characters has successfully played a Valiant Sword at a non Haven site, and is still in possession of this weapon at the end of the game.*

Medium : *Alliance of Free Peoples and three factions (one Man, one Elf and one Dwarf) are in play. A company contains at least three characters with a mind higher than 6. One of those three characters has to be an Elf, one a Man and one a Dwarf. A company containing these three characters has successfully played a Valiant Sword at a non Haven site, and is still in possession of this weapon at the end of the game.*

Difficult : *Alliance of Free Peoples and three factions (one Man, one Elf and one Dwarf) are in play. A company contains at least three characters with a mind higher than 6. One of those three characters has to be an Elf, one a Man and one a Dwarf. A company containing these three characters has successfully played a Valiant Sword, an axe and a bow at non Haven sites. The Man bears this Valiant Sword, the Dwarf this axe and the Elf this bow.*

Remarks :

Alliance of Free Peoples can have been played by either player.

The bows are : Bow of the Galadhrim, Bow of Dragon-horn

The axes are : Dwarven Axe (Zwergenaxt), Durin's Axe

6) The Shire :

DR: none.

WR:

Easy : *Hobbits, Mistress Lobelia, Mallorn* and three Hobbit characters are in play.

Medium : *Hobbits, Mistress Lobelia, Mallorn, Red Book of the Westmarch* and four Hobbit characters are in play (one of them with *To Fealty Sworn*)

Difficult : *Hobbits, Mistress Lobelia, Mallorn, Red Book of the Westmarch* and five Hobbit characters are in play (two of them with *To Fealty Sworn*).

7) Veins of Arda :

DR: Only Dwarves may be played as characters (but you can play a Wizard).

WR:

Easy : One *Vein of Arda* has been stored at a Haven. Another *Vein of Arda* is in play or has been stored at a Haven

Medium : *Mithril* is in play.

Difficult : *Mithril* has been stored at a Haven.

Remark : If already successfully stored, Mithril or Vein of Arda does not need to be stored at the end of the game.

8) Heirs of Yavanna :

DR: No Dwarves may be played as characters. *Old Road, Great Road* and *Bridge* may not be played.

WR:

Easy : 2 Woses factions, 2 Ents and 4 Rangers characters are in play. *Ghân-buri-Ghân, Ôm-buri-Ôm* or *Pôn-ora-Pôn* is in play.

Medium : 2 Woses factions, 3 Ents and 5 Rangers characters are in play. *Ghân-buri-Ghân, Ôm-buri-Ôm* or *Pôn-ora-Pôn* is in play.

Difficult : 3 Woses and/or Ent factions, 3 Ents and 5 Rangers characters are in play. *Ghân-buri-Ghân* is in play.

9) The Stones of Fëanor :

DR: No Hobbits may be played as characters.

WR:

Easy : 3 different Palantiri have been tapped during the game to use their specific ability. One of these Palantiri is in play at the end of the game.

Medium : 4 different Palantiri have been tapped during the game to use their specific ability. Two of these Palantiri are in play at the end of the game.

Difficult : 4 different Palantiri have been tapped during the game to use their specific ability. Three of these Palantiri are in play at the end of the game.

10) Rebuild the Towns :

DR: none.

WR:

Easy : *Rebuild the Town* is in play at the end of the game at three sites, among : Buhr Widu, Haudh-in-Gwanur, Himring, Ost-in-Edhil or Tharbad.

Medium : *Rebuild the Town* is in play at the end of the game at three sites, among : Buhr Widu, Haudh-in-Gwanur, Himring, Ost-in-Edhil or Tharbad. *No Strangers at This Time* is in play at 2 of these rebuilt sites. *Men of Dale* or a man faction playable at Lake-town is in play.

Difficult : *Rebuild the Town* is in play at the end of the game at three sites, among : Buhr Widu, Haudh-in-Gwanur, Himring, Ost-in-Edhil or Tharbad. *No Strangers at This Time* is in play at 3 of these rebuilt sites. *Men of Dale* and a man faction playable at Lake-town are in play.

11) The Rohirrim :

DR: none.

WR:

Easy : *Shadowfax* or 2 *Noble Steed*, *Great Shield of Rohan*, *Red Arrow*, *Riders of Rohan*, and 4 characters with home site Edoras are in play.

Medium : *Shadowfax* or 2 *Noble Steed*, *Great Shield of Rohan*, *Red Arrow*, *Riders of Rohan*, *Dunlendings* or *Wild Horses* and 4 characters with home site Edoras are in play.

Difficult : *Shadowfax* or 2 *Noble Steed*, *Great Shield of Rohan*, *Red Arrow*, *Riders of Rohan*, and 4 characters with home site Edoras are in play. *Dunlendings* and *Wild Horses* are in play. *Helm of her Secrecy* has been played and *Eowyn* is still in play.

12) The Daughters of Vaiya :

DR: No Wizard may be played. Only the following characters may be played : *Annalena*, *Arinmir*, *Arwen*, *Eowyn*, *Galadriel*, *Galva*, *Ioreth*, *Peath*, *Vôteli*, *Vygavril*. Only the following items may be played : *Elf-stone*, *Emerald of Doriath*, *Emerald of the Mariner*, *Gems of Arda*, *Jewel of Beleriand*, *Necklace of Girion*, *Necklace of Silver and Pearls*, *Noldo Lantern*, *Phial of Galadriel*, *Star-glass*, *Torque of Hues*.

WR:

Easy : 5 characters are in play and each of them possesses an item. *Nenseldë the Wingild*, *Mistress Lobelia* or *Goldberry* is in play.

Medium : 5 characters are in play and each of them possesses an item (2 of them possesses a non minor item). *Nenseldë the Wingild*, *Mistress Lobelia* or *Goldberry* is in play.

Difficult : 5 characters (including *Galadriel*) are in play and each of them possesses an item (3 of them possesses a non minor item). *Nenseldë the Wingild*, *Mistress Lobelia* or *Goldberry* is in play.

13) The Firstborn :

DR: none.

WR:

Easy : Three characters, among Cirdan, Elrond, Galadriel and Thranduil are in play. One Elf faction is in play.

Medium : Four characters, among Cirdan, Elrond, Glorfindel, Galadriel and Thranduil are in play. One Elf faction is in play.

Difficult : Cirdan, Elrond, Glorfindel, Galadriel and Thranduil are in play. Two Elf factions are in play.

14) The Great Greenwood :

DR: Marshalling Points may only played at sites in Mirkwood regions (Southern Mirkwood, Western Mirkwood, Heart of Mirkwood and Woodland Realm), or at Sulfur-Deeps.

WR:

Easy : "Tower Raided" has been played on Sarn Goriwing, or a tapped "Pass the Doors of Dol Guldur" is in play on a company (or has been stored). 2 factions played at sites in Mirkwood and an Elven character with a home site in Mirkwood are in play.

Medium : "Tower Raided" is in play on Sarn Goriwing, or a tapped "Pass the Doors of Dol Guldur" is in play on a company (or has been stored). 3 factions played at sites in Mirkwood and an Elven character with a home site in Mirkwood are in play.

*** Difficult :** "Tower Raided" is in play on Sarn Goriwing. "Pass the Doors of Dol Guldur" has been stored. 3 factions played at sites in Mirkwood and an Elven character with a home site in Mirkwood are in play.

Remark : If already successfully stored, Pass the Doors of Dol Guldur does not need to be stored at the end of the game.

15) Ithryn Luin :

DR: Only *Pallando* or *Alatar* may be used as a Wizard. As characters, only *Adrazar*, *Annalena*, *Arinmir*, *Beretar*, *Folco Boffin*, *Fram Framson*, *Galva*, *Haldalam*, *Peath*, *Vôteli*, *Vygavril* and *Wacho* may be used.

WR:

Easy : Men factions with at least 9 Marshalling Points must be in play. These factions must be playable in regions adjacent to the eastern end of the map. Two "Stolen Knowledge" cards must be in play (or have been stored).

Medium : Men factions with at least 11 Marshalling Points must be in play. These factions must be playable in regions adjacent to the eastern end of the map. Three "Stolen Knowledge" cards must be in play (or have been stored).

Difficult : Men factions with at least 14 Marshalling Points must be in play. These factions must be playable in regions adjacent to the eastern end of the map. Three "Stolen Knowledge" cards must be in play (or have been stored).

Remark : if already successfully stored, the "Stolen Knowledge" cards does not need to be stored at the end of the game.

16) On the Earth, in the Water and in the Air :

DR: none.

WR:

Easy : A non-Wizard character with no marshalling points must be brought into play at his home site and must be in play at the end of the game. This character must use a ship to go from a site to another site via a Coastal Sea (*Great Ship* or *Belegaer*), and have been in the air (*Eagle-mounts* or *Gwaihir*), using the abilities of the mentioned cards. The character must also have successfully played a horse ally (*Shadowfax*, *Bill the Pony* or *Noble Steed*).

Medium : A non-Wizard character with no marshalling points must be brought into play at his home site and return to this home site with an unique minor item or an hoard minor item he has successfully played. The character must be in play at the end of the game. This character must use a ship to go from a site to another site via a Coastal Sea (*Great Ship* or *Belegaer*), and have been in the air (*Eagle-mounts* or *Gwaihir*), using the abilities of the mentioned cards. The character must also have successfully played a horse ally (*Shadowfax*, *Bill the Pony* or *Noble Steed*).

Difficult : A non-Wizard character with no marshalling points must be brought into play at his home site and return to this home site with a major or a greater item he has successfully played at a site in a Coastal Sea. The character must be in play at the end of the game. This character must use a ship to go from a site to another site via a Coastal Sea (*Great Ship* or *Belegaer*), and have been in the air (*Eagle-mounts* or *Gwaihir*), using the abilities of the mentioned cards. The character must also have successfully played a horse ally (*Shadowfax*, *Bill the Pony* or *Noble Steed*) and bring it to his home site.

Remarks :

You can fulfill the scenario only once, even if the conditions are met for several characters.
Fifteen Birds in Five Fir-trees can not be used to fulfill the Eagle-mounts card condition.

17) Reforging :

DR : none

WR :

Easy : Reforge *Anduril the Flame of the West* and one other item, among *Belegennon*, *Ringil*, and *Horn der Herausforderung* (*Horn of Defiance*). All reformed items are in play at the end of the game.

Medium : Reforge three items, among *Anduril the Flame of the West*, *Belegennon*, *Ringil*, and *Horn der Herausforderung* (*Horn of Defiance*). All reformed items are in play at the end of the game.

Difficult : Reforge *Anduril the Flame of the West* and 2 other items, among *Belegennon*, *Ringil*, and *Horn der Herausforderung* (*Horn of Defiance*). All reformed items are in play at the end of the game.

Remark : it is not necessary to be at an Haven to play a stored Reforging on an item.

18) Seven for the Dwarf-Lords :

DR : none

WR :

Easy : 3 Dwarven rings with different effects have been in possession of a Dwarf at the end of a turn and 2 Dwarven factions are in play at the end of the game.

Medium : 4 Dwarven rings with different effects have been in possession of a Dwarf at the end of a turn and 2 Dwarven factions are in play at the end of the game.

Difficult : 4 Dwarven rings with different effects have been in possession of a Dwarf at the end of a turn and 3 Dwarven factions are in play at the end of the game.

Remark : The Dwarven rings do not need to be in play at the end of the game.

19) The King of Dale :

DR : none

WR :

Easy : *Bard the Bowman* kills a manifestation of *Smaug*, being the only member of the company.

Medium : *Bard the Bowman* kills a manifestation of *Smaug*, being the only member of the company. While doing so, he must bear an arrow and a bow. *Roäc the Raven* must be in play when *Smaug* is killed.

Difficult : *Bard the Bowman* kills a manifestation of *Smaug*, being the only member of the company. While doing so, he must bear an arrow and a bow. *Roäc the Raven* must be in play when *Smaug* is killed. *The Arkenstone* or *The Necklace of Girion* must be in play at the end of the game and have been played at The Lonely Mountain.

Remarks :

The bows are : Bow of the Galadhrim, Bow of Dragon-horn

The arrows are : Arrows Shorn of Ebony, Black Arrow, Deadly Dart, Red Arrow

20) The Servants of Manwë :

DR : Saruman can not be your Wizard.

WR :

Easy : *Gwaihir* or *The Great Eagles* is in play. *Lindion the Oronin* is in play. *The Windlord Found Me* has been stored. A character in a company who has moved with *Eagle-mounts* to a Ruins and Lairs site has successfully played a *Dreams of Lore* in the site phase of the same turn.

Medium : *Gwaihir*, *Lindion the Oronin* and *The Great Eagles* are in play. *The Windlord Found Me* has been stored. A character in a company who has moved with *Eagle-mounts* to a Ruins and Lairs site has successfully played a *Dreams of Lore* in the site phase of the same turn.

Difficult : *Gwaihir*, *Lindion the Oronin*, *Roäc the Raven* and *The Great Eagles* are in play. *The Windlord Found Me* has been stored. A character in a company who has moved with *Eagle-mounts* to a Ruins and Lairs site has successfully played a *Dreams of Lore* in the site phase of the same turn. This *Dreams of Lore* must have been stored afterwards.

Remark : If already successfully stored, The Windlord Found Me or Dreams of Lore does not need to be stored at the end of the game.

21 : Heirlooms of Eärendil

DR: none

WR :

Easy :

Bilbo has played at least once *Marvels Told*.

4 different items among : *Enruned Shield, Bow of Dragon-horn, Arrows Shorn of Ebony, Habergeon of Silver, Scabbard of Chalcedony, Valiant Sword, Adamant Helmet, Emerald of the Mariner* are in play and borne by any Elf or Dunadan characters.

Medium :

Bilbo has played at least twice *Marvels Told*.

6 different items among : *Enruned Shield, Bow of Dragon-horn, Arrows Shorn of Ebony, Habergeon of Silver, Scabbard of Chalcedony, Valiant Sword, Adamant Helmet, Emerald of the Mariner* are in play and borne by any characters among *Elrond, Elladan, Elrohir, Arwen* and *Aragorn* (or *Strider*).

Difficult :

Bilbo has played at least thrice *Marvels Told*.

6 different items among : *Enruned Shield, Bow of Dragon-horn, Arrows Shorn of Ebony, Habergeon of Silver, Scabbard of Chalcedony, Valiant Sword, Adamant Helmet, Emerald of the Mariner* are in play and borne by any characters among *Elrond, Elladan* and *Elrohir*.