

# Campaign Primer

## What to Expect

1. If you're here, you're part of the group. That means you're invited to play. If you can't play now, you can always play later. If you say you'll be at a session, you should show up on time. You can arrive late or leave early, but if you can, let the DM know ahead of time if this will be a possibility.
2. I am a gamist, rules-before-rulings DM. I love the game and I respect the rules. AD&D is great in part because there are many rules you can rely on. Rules you can use to gauge your chances in different scenarios. Rules that allow you and me to improve at the game. Rulings are great for all the ways a player can be creative that aren't covered by the rules. Often, a ruling becomes a rule.
3. I respect the dice. I read them like oracle bones. I do not fudge rolls. I roll most dice in the open. In many cases, I will tell you the number you need to roll to succeed and what the penalty for failure will be.
4. This campaign is not about your character. It's not about a group of characters, either. It's about a world. It's about the gameplay and adventure that emerges when we play together. Mortality will be high. With cleverness, teamwork, and luck, your character may make it to the next room, the next dungeon, the next level. The stakes are high and the odds are fearful. Be prepared.<sup>1)</sup>

## Group Rules

1. Don't mention real-world politics or religion.
2. Treat everyone here with respect.
3. Don't share 18+/NSFW content.
4. Make sure you've read the entirety of the #welcome channel in Discord.
5. You must have a reasonably-clear microphone.
6. We'd love it if you used a webcam. Webcams help me gauge the table, and I find that facial expressions are nice to have. However, if you do not use a webcam, no one will ask the reason and you will not be penalized. I trust that you will, in good faith, use one if you can and doing so does not make you overly uncomfortable.
7. We use Foundry for its exquisite (and aurally-satisfying) 3D dice roller and decent drawing tools. All you need is a web browser.
8. You must roll all dice in Foundry. A special exception may be made if you have a dice cam setup that is similar to mine and doesn't slow the game down in any way. This is on a case-by-case basis, and in order to be considered for this exception you must have had your characters in this campaign accumulate a total of at least 5000 XP.
9. We use Google Sheets for character sheets. You must keep your sheets updated at all times.
10. If you are unfamiliar with any of the technology being used, let the DM know.
11. You'll need a copy of the Player's Handbook (PHB). The Dungeon Master's Guide (DMG) is also recommended, since many of the game's rules are located in that tome. We also use spells and magic items from Unearthed Arcana (UA), but you don't need your own copy. If you would like to buy a physical copy of the rules and don't want to put table wear on an original printing, you can [buy hard copies from WotC at DriveThruRPG](#). We do not use OSRIC rules.
12. Being bummed that your character is paralyzed/charmed/dead is understandable. Being whiny/mean/uncool with other players about it is not okay. The DM is a player.

13. The final word is **sportsmanship**.

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This section was heavily influenced by and even largely stolen from [Anthony Huso](#), whose writing on this matter I saw little way to improve.

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