



ALPINE CUP

NRW

**40K
Event Pack
Sep 17-20
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About The Alpine Cup

What is The Alpine Cup?

The Alpine Cup Events is a series of international tabletop gaming events. **NRW - Alpine Cup** is an event dedicated for Warhammer 40,000 Singles and Team Play. .

For 2026 **NRW - AC** will be hosted on **September 17-20 2026** in *Schmallenberg, Germany*.

For the year of 2026 we are hosting the following events.

- Warhammer 40,000 Singles Championship
- Warhammer 40,000 Teams Championship
- Age of Sigmar Singles Championship
- The Old World Singles Championship

The Alpine Cup Mission Statement

Our mission and values for TAC are simple. These values are

- Firm but fair play, as in challenging our opponents to the best of their abilities on the tabletop while treating them as how we would like to be treated, such as playing by intent.
- To be welcoming to all newcomers and returning veterans to the hobby, as long as they don't seek to change the community they are coming into for personal or political goals. We enjoy our hobby and the community we have, thats why we participate in it. This community is just for players who want to enjoy their tabletop gaming, if you want to change that you are unwelcome here.

Find Out More About ALPINE CUP

If you are interested to find out more about the event, you can check out the [OFFICIAL ALPINE CUP WEBPAGE](#), [DISCORD SERVER](#) and [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) if you would like to interact with some of our player base.

Golden Tickets

Alpine Cup, as the organization that is awarding the most amount of golden tickets in central Europe, will be awarding out 9 Golden Tickets during NRW for World Championships of Warhammer that will take place in Barcelona, Spain later this year.

Singles (3 Tickets)

- 1st Place
- 2nd Place
- Best Overall

Attending NRW 40K

Sending A Team

If you are interested in bringing a team to **NRW - AC** and have a question you should send a message to the [ALPINE CUP FACEBOOK PAGE](#) or the [DISCORD SERVER](#). One of the TO's will then get in touch to answer your questions.

A **NRW - AC** Team consists of a minimum of 5 playing members. A team can have any number of non-playing members to act as a coach or assistant or any other additional role the team can think of, but they all need to adhere to the same restrictions and rules that are put in place for non-playing team members. They are an integral part of the team, and their names and roles **MUST** be stated when registering. Each team must have one, and only one, nominated Captain (either playing or non-playing).

Team Captaincy

Throughout the event cycle, a Captain is the voice of his team and acts in their stead for all official communications and votes that are required. At **NRW - AC**, The Team Captain is ultimately responsible for the conduct of their Team and making sure all administration is taken care of each round (submitting results in a timely fashion,...). The Captain can be called in for a Captains Council in certain situations to discuss and resolve pertinent issues that arise during the event. The Captains are also responsible for checking all the rows and tables for any discrepancies in terrain density and placement before the start of the tournament/round (if issues arise, call a ref immediately), and for organizing their teams to check the final submitted rosters prior to the event and making sure all their team members are signed up in time for instance.

There are no official guidelines on how Team Captaincy should be decided. Anyone can lead a team as it's captain.

Teams (6 Tickets)

- 1st Place Team (All 5 Players)
- Best Painted



Additional Team Roles

A team may have any number of non-playing team members. They are allowed to:

- Be the Team Captain
- Do/assist with the Pairings
- Collate and submit Team Results
- Ask questions about how the game is going (only in English, see below)
- Tell their player how their team is doing and what kind of points they require from this game

A non-playing Team Member is **NOT** allowed to:

- Give Tactical advice (they may not tell their player 'how' to get that win/draw/loss!) or interject in any way on in-game situations like that their player forgot to consolidate. If they perceive situations like that, especially in the case where players must do something but forget to, they can call for the game to be stopped, and then get a referee to rectify the situation.
- Speak to their Team player in their native language. Speaking to their team members in the English Language is allowed as it is the tournaments official language (Not talking in English will be seen as interference with the game and is subject to an infringement type if reported/noticed).
- Any of the 6 or more team members may perform a player replacement: play a game with any of the 5 armies submitted by the team in replacement of another team member for the duration of a whole round. Replacement during rounds (ie when games have already started) will not be allowed except under extraordinary circumstances validated by a joint decision by the referees. A Captain must petition this change before the referees. Any breach of these rules is to be brought to the immediate attention of a Referee.

Once players are at their tables at the start of any given round, it is not allowed within a team to share info on matchups or tactics by means of cellphones or other devices. Any breach of this rule that gets noticed will see all offenders receive a penalty.

Registering

Registration for **NRW - AC** can be done via [The Alpine Cup Website](#). We will be using an online software to administrate our tournament. Teams need to purchase their ticket on the Alpine Store and be signed up, in full (this means including coaches and additional staff), before the registration deadline (see tournament scheduling below). In case the number of registering teams would be uneven, the tournament TO's will take it upon themselves to form team to make the numbers even.

Tournament Outline

Team Tournament

NRW - AC is a 2 day, 5 round event that takes place from Saturday to Sunday (September 19-20 2026). Teams will be matched using the [Teams Event Compendium](#). For first round, challenges are allowed and we will do our best to not pair two teams that can be considered from the nation/region.

Team Tournament winner would be determined by ranking of **Record (Wins, losses and draws)**, secondary ranking would be **# of individual wins** accumulated by the teams players. Tertiary ranking would be **Battle Points** accumulated by the teams players. Final tiebreaker would be a coin toss.

Singles Tournament

NRW - AC Singles is a 2 day, 5-6 round event that takes place from Thursday to Friday (September 17-18). First round pairings will be random except for challenges, for second round pairing will be done accordin to the [Event Compendium](#) as in Record, Win Path and Random in order. For second day we will be SWISS Pairing from the rankings table. We will do our best to not pair two player that are from the same nation or group for the first round.

Depending on the number of attendees, after 5 rounds there will be a top cut of at most 1 round for 5-0 players.

Singles Tournament winner would be determined by ranking of **Overall Record**, secondary ranking would be **Opponents' win records** accumulated by the individual players. Tertiary ranking would be **Victory Points**. Final tiebreaker would be a coin toss.

Tournament Rules

- 11th edition, 2026 [Event Compendium](#) + [Team Event Compendium](#) Rules
- 2000 points Strikeforce armies, WYSIWYG
- Preset missions and terrain, played on a 60" by 44" table.
- Only one of each faction per team.
- Each Player must have a different Force Disposition in a team.
- 3 hour rounds with 30 minutes pairing added for team tournament, for total round time of 3 - 3.5 hours
- Forgeworld units are allowed
- Units of Legend may not be used

Event Timeline

- Registration Deadline: **September 11th**
 - Document Deadline: **September 7th**
- (Note: If a codex has been released but hasn't received an FAQ it can not be used in The Alpine Cup without TO approval. This FAQ can be an Alpine Cup FAQ.)**
- Pairing System Registration: **September 11th**
 - Army List Submission: **September 11th**
 - Army List Corrections: **September 14th**
 - First Round Draw: **September 14th**

List Submission

List submission will be done via BCP. Registration Link will be forwarded to all players closer to the event date.

Terrain Outline

Official GW Maps and Armageddon Terrain sets will be used.

Team Challenges

Challenges can be sent to other teams for the first round, as long as the challenge is accepted by both captains, and this is formalized with a discord post that is plain to see for everyone on the server. Challenges need to be announced before the first round draw. See the [NRW - AC Event Timeline](#) in this document for precise dates.

WYSIWYG

NRW - AC armies have to be fully painted and based and be WYSIWYG (on most up to date bases, in case of doubt contact TO). Models that are not official, do not fit the WYSIWYG profile, or considerably deviate from the norm **MUST** be presented to the TO's (with pictures or links to pictures), at least a month **PRIOR** to the tournament and meet an approval from the **REFEREES** before they can be used at the tournament. Any models like this in use without prior consent will be up for an immediate penalty for each game, and models might be pulled from the table where this is applicable.

Tournament Schedule

For easier return journeys for our attendees, Sunday will be only 2 games.

Singles Event

Day 1 (September 17th):

- Opening: 08:00 - 09:00
- Round 1: 09:00 - 12:00 - Layout A
- Lunch: 12:00 - 13:00
- Round 2: 13:00 - 16:00 - Layout B
- Round 3: 16:30 - 19:30 - Layout C

Day 2 (September 18th):

- Round 4: 09:00 - 12:00 - Random
- Lunch: 12:00 - 13:00
- Round 5: 13:00 - 16:00 - Random
- Singles Prize Ceremony: 16:15
- Top Cut: 16:30 - 19:30 - Random (Only for 5-0 Players)

Team Event

- Layouts will be chosen according to the Teams Event Compendium.

Day 3 (September 19th):

- Opening: 07:30 - 08:30
- Captains Meeting: 08:15 - 08:30
- Round 1: 08:30 - 12:00
- Lunch: 12:00 - 13:00
- Round 2: 13:00 - 16:30
- Round 3: 17:00 - 20:30

Day 4 (September 20th):

- Captains Meeting: 08:45 - 09:00
- Round 4: : 09:00 - 12:30
- Lunch: 12:30 - 13:30
- Round 5: 13:30 - 17:00
- Team Prize Ceremony: 17:30

NRW : At the Event

Getting to the Venue

The event will be taking place in the city of Schmallingenberg, Germany.

Address:

“Stadthalle Schmallingenberg”

Paul-Falke-Platz 6, 57392 Schmallingenberg, Germany

Official Tournament Language

The official language of the tournament, and the ONLY language that should be spoken at the gaming tables, is English. Players must have their relevant rules available in English at **NRW - AC**. This includes gaming aids and gaming attributes like stratagem cards and such. It is perfectly acceptable to carry around a digital source for rules material. A printed/tablet version of the codex/FAQs is acceptable for instance. Players that do NOT have the English versions of their rules at hand when asked to provide source material will be given a **Reprimand**. Players, and non-players, that are caught not speaking English at a gametable while addressing one of the players at that table, will be given an immediate **Warning**.

Round Pairings

At the start of every round, teams get some time to work out the individual matchups that will occur within the round. Teams have 30 minutes to discuss with their team what the best strategy is for the round and to work out the pairings for the round. Rounds that start later than the allotted 30 minute mark should be reported immediately to the referees so they can evaluate if a certain round will be impacted on total game time, and to see if it's always the same teams who seem to be having this problem and need to be spurred on to go through the process quicker. The procedure for the pairing process will be followed as written on the Teams Event Compendium of "**Initial Skirmish + Main Engagement**".

Round Scoring

[Teams Event Compendium](#) (page 4) rules will be used.

To determine the round score, players from each team count their combined Game Points. The combined total of all game point scores from all the players on a given team will give the result for the Team as a whole.

Team result counted by total game points

Team Results

- 54-100 = Round Win
- 47-53 = Round Draw
- 0-46 = Round Loss

If a team is missing a player, the game points would be registered as 16-4 for the present player, with the secondary points being 100-65.

NOTE: A player conceding a game does not immediately end it. All games should be played to their full conclusion. If that cannot be done for some reason, contact a referee to intervene immediately.

Media & Streaming

1. Photography and Filming Consent

By participating in the event, all participants grant their irrevocable and royalty-free consent that the organizer, sponsors, as well as other authorized persons are entitled to create, reproduce, transmit, or publish audio and/or visual recordings of their person. This includes the right to use such material for commercial purposes.

2. Streaming

The event will be covered by a streaming team. If your team is part of a top match, you may be asked to play one of your games on stream. The choice of which match will be streamed can be discussed and agreed upon by both teams and the streaming crew. To ensure high-quality coverage and support the growth of our community, it is highly encouraged that top matchups are broadcast. Of course, every team retains a veto right. Nevertheless, each team is kindly asked to define at least one – ideally two – players in advance who are willing to play a potential stream match.

NRW - AC Conduct

Referees

The Tournament will be officiated by a group of referees that are vetted by **NRW - AC** T0's. A referee's word is final and a decision may not be escalated.

Official complaints after the round will be handled by request of either captain/players immediately after the round. Both relevant captains and referees will participate. Possible infractions and associated penalties are valid in the next round of **NRW - AC**.

If you are interested in joining the event as a referee, or know somebody who does, get in touch with us via the [NRW - AC Facebook page](#).

Teams/Players Forfeiting A Round

If a team/player gets to the point like they feel they want to concede a round at **NRW - AC**, due to an issue, or a complement of issues arises, the referees and **NRW - AC** T0's should be notified immediately.

Penalties

Pre-Event Penalties

List Submission & Checking

Players need to submit lists in the correct format without errors. Failure to do so will result in a player not receiving the 'bonus 10pts' per game for a legal list (this is instead of the 'bonus 10pts' for a battle ready army).

After the list submission deadline, each team will be assigned 3 other teams lists to check for errors. Teams have three days to complete said list checking and three more days to correct their lists. Not fulfilling list submission or checking duties might result at a -100 secondary point penalty.

The referee group will be in charge of overseeing this process. Glaring errors might result in a reduction in points, under the purview of the referees.

List format will be the WH40K App Export.

Formatting Errors

Any formatting errors will NOT incur a penalty as long as they get corrected IN TIME before the list correction deadline has passed. This penalty is for not properly listing the weapon options or wargear of models and units, not stating the Warlord, etc.

Illegal Lists

In the case of an illegal list, a penalty of -50 points might be handed if caught after corrections phase. Changes made to an illegal list to make it game legal will always have to be as minimal as possible and are subject to referee approval. If the substantial parts of, or the list in its entirety needs to be changed, additional penalties might be given out.

Any checks required as a result of incorrect or illegal lists, will be done by the referee corps to make sure it is done quickly and the corrected list are final and compliant.

Signing Up To Tournament Management Software

Any teams who have not signed up their full complement of players in the tournament management software by list submission deadline will have 25 game points deducted from their overall score at the end of the tournament.

Event Penalties

Individual Player Penalties

Depending on severity of a players conduct on or off the table, **NRW - AC** referees and T0's might issue the following penalties.

The list of infractions (see next page) include playing a rule incorrectly which ends in an advantage, on table cheating, unpermitted communication between team members during games, result fixing. The penalty list below will not be used as a step by step escalation for each player, any single action can result on any of the penalties below.

Penalty List

Warning

Declaration of an action which is not accepted and must not be repeated.

Reprimand

An official warning on either a serious enough action that must not be repeated or a repeated minor infraction

Sanction Minor

A penalty for the player of between 10-25 VP if they took an action during a game that resulted in an unfair advantage. Referees have discretion in this case to issue a Reprimand instead.

Sanction Major

A penalty of between 50-100 VP (for the player) for that match if they took an action during a game that was the result of overt negligence or misrepresentation of the facts. If referees / T0's believe this was done with intent and malice they might escalate to an Expulsion.

Expulsion

Removal from the event for the player. Only reserved in premeditated cases of cheating or overt conduct violations such as physical fights or verbal abuse. Referees / T0's have full discretion on this subject.

If a player receives an expulsion their team can petition a substitute player to take their place. The expelled player can not attend another **Alpine** event for another year.

List of Infractions

Excessive Rules Questions

If a player is determined to be repeatedly calling referees over for rules questions which are clearly answered in any of the relevant game literature, they will receive a **warning** or a **reprimand** as this is a form of time wasting.

Agreeing a Result

Agreeing a result is not allowed before the game reaches a conclusion. Depending on the severity both players might receive a **reprimand** or **sanction**.

Dice-, Movement- or Rules-Cheating

Any instances of the following, or anything else within similar confines, that is witnessed by a referee and/or an impartial bystander (i.e. a person not associated in any way with either player or team) and deemed as deliberate cheating will result in an immediate penalty:

- Rules cheating - forgetting core rules for your **OWN** army and models. will all result in an instant **Reprimand** or **Sanction**.
- Movement cheating - moving too far, pushing models outside of their regular movement allowance. **Reprimand**
- Dice cheating - loaded dice , incorrectly counting the number of passed or failed rolls, changing the value of dice rolled. (**Sanction Major** or **Expulsion**)

By default, if a dice is not on the game mat surface it will be count as cocked unless players agree otherwise before the game starts. Re-roll cocked or stacked dice when the event occurs, and re-roll any dice that land in terrain or on anything other than the flat table (mat) surface. This includes dice landing flat on objective markers. The use of dice-trays at Alpine Cup is authorised.

When using GW dice, or any batch of custom dice, players need to **ENSURE** their dice pips (essentially the number on the dice) can **EASILY** be distinguished from across the table by their opponent. Otherwise that dice will be removed from play for the entire tournament.

Time Management and Slowplay

Derived from WTC Clock Rules

Timekeeping Penalties

The event needs to run smoothly and adhere to its timetable. Players are expected to complete their games within the allotted round times. Sufficient time is provided for each round to allow games to reach their natural conclusion, so there should be no reason for delays.

To ensure this, penalties will be imposed on any player or team unable to finish their game within the allotted time. This is referred to as a Timekeeping Foul. Penalties will apply as follows:

- the Singles Tournament: Penalties are applied to the individual player.
- In the Team Tournament: Penalties are applied to the team as a whole. Multiple players on a team committing fouls in a single round can result in cumulative penalties for the team.

Penalty Structure

• First Offense

- Singles: A warning is issued to the player. No points are deducted, but the player is advised to be more mindful of time.
- Teams: A warning is issued to the team, and the captain is informed to address the issue with the team.

• Second Offense

- Singles: An official warning is issued to the player. No points are deducted, but further delays will result in penalties.
- Teams: An official warning is issued to the team, with the captain informed of the seriousness of further offenses.

• Third Offense

Singles: The player receives a penalty equivalent to a yellow card, and 25 points are deducted from their score for the round.

Teams: The team receives a yellow card penalty, resulting in a 25-point deduction from their round score. The captain is informed.

• Fourth and Subsequent Offenses

Singles: The player receives a penalty equivalent to a red card, and 50 points are deducted from their round score.

Teams: The team receives a red card penalty, resulting in a 50-point deduction from their round score. The captain is informed that further penalties could jeopardize their standing. Additional Notes

Timekeeping fouls will not stack with penalties from other rule violations unless deemed necessary by the judges in extreme circumstances. This ensures fairness while maintaining a smooth event flow.

Other Timekeeping Penalties

There are other ways that a player can commit a timekeeping foul not limited to the ones listed below. These will incur a penalty which can range from an official warning to a red card and everything in between. These penalties are mostly to do with the mismanagement of the clock in an unsportsmanlike way and will be treated as a sportsmanship foul, and can therefore stack with other penalties that the team has received.

- Failure to use the clock in a way that complies with our sportsmanship policies. Attempting to use the clock as a weapon, not switching the clock back to you or your opponent in a timely fashion, perceived malicious use of the clock and other situations can carry a penalty depending on the severity of the situation. This also covers any player that has run out of time, and is still not playing in a timely fashion.

- Players are not allowed to pause the clock at any time. Pausing the clock may only be done by a referee if they feel it is necessary during a game. If a player pauses the clock at any time this is a foul. As well as any penalty applied the referee may adjust the clock to establish what they feel is the correct game state.

- Nobody other than a referee can use the clock other than the players in that game without the explicit permission of BOTH players. If anyone other than the players at that table use the clock in any way, then this will incur a minimum penalty of a yellow card applied to their team and 25 points taken from that teams round score. Coaches, support staff and anyone that is not playing in the game should never touch the clock while it is running.

It is our aim to ensure that all games reach a natural conclusion, at the event, and that this document serves as a reference so our referees do not need to resort to assigning penalties to players and teams. For your team's sake, please ensure that every player knows these rules. Make sure you have shared these rules with your teammates and that they have read and understand them.

Poor Sportsmanship or Negative/Aggressive Attitude

Any player or team member deemed by a referee to be acting in any manner not in-line with the expectations of friendly but competitive gaming at **NRW - AC** will incur an immediate penalty (**Warning** or **Reprimand**).

A few examples to make it clear:

- A player forgets to bring in his reserves, and his opponent objects to this when the player remembers later in the turn during any given phase. It is BOTH players' responsibility to ensure mandatory things that happen in the game take place. It is customary to ask your opponent at the end of his movement phase if he is sure he does not want to bring any reserves on before moving on to the next phase.
- A player forgets to announce he will use a certain rule, ability, stratagem or wargear at the start of the turn or phase and remembers later in the turn or phase. It is OK as an opponent to disallow the use of said rule or item, but let it be known that we strongly discourage such behavior and encourage players to work together rather than against each other.

Illegal Alternative Models, Modelling for Advantage, Non-Battle Ready Models

Any alternative models that

- have not gained prior approval,
- deemed to gain an unfair advantage or
- aren't painted to a hobbying standard

by the referees will be removed from the board or receive a **Sanction** if an unfair in-game advantage is felt to have been gained for every match that model is used. The player will have the opportunity to replace them with the appropriate models. If no models are immediately available, referees might decide the player continue the event without the use of said models whatsoever. If a player subsequently is caught reusing said 'banned' models they will immediately receive an **Expulsion** penalty.

Illegal Communication between Team Members

Any communication between team members and/or spectators should always be in English wherever possible and have no relation to strategic or tactical advice regarding any games in progress. Players can seek the approval of their opponents to confer with a countryman in their native language prior to starting a conversation.

Failure to do so will result in penalties.

Obviously in some cases communication may not be possible in English, in such a case players should seek the assistance, where possible, of a referee or neutral third-party who understands their language so as to adjudicate. If such a person is not available then it is up to the discretion of the referees if it is felt illegal tactical or strategic advice has been given or not.

The use of cellphones or other devices to discuss tactics and game situations once the pairing process has finished and matches have been assigned is strictly prohibited. Players suspected of, or caught, doing this will be immediately handed out a penalty.

Team Cumulative Penalties

Any penalties occurred during **NRW - AC** as a result of player infraction also incur a **team cumulative penalty**. Team Cumulative Penalties do not affect a specific match's result. Such penalties will be applied to a team's total score and will take effect on the ranking after all the games conclude.

- 1st infraction - Official team warning
- 2nd infraction – **10 Game Points** per team
- 3rd infraction – **20 Game Points** per team
- 4th infraction – **30 Game Points** per team

etc... etc..

These penalties are applied incrementally and cumulatively over the course of the tournament. This means if player A on a team gets penalised, then subsequently player B on the same team gets penalised, the penalty against their Team escalates as the Team has then effectively committed 2 offenses.