



# D&D® ADVENTURERS LEAGUE

## PLAYER'S GUIDE

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## WHAT IS THIS?

This document provides you with the rules for creating and advancing characters within the D&D Adventurers League, an official organized play program for Dungeons & Dragons.

Companions to this document include the **D&D Adventurers League Dungeon Master's Guide**.

This document covers participation in D&D Adventurers League adventures in the following campaign worlds: the Forgotten Realms, Eberron, Ravenloft, and Dragonlance.

## CREATING A CHARACTER

Use the character creation rules as presented in the *Player's Handbook (PH)*, with the following notes. You begin play at 1st level.

**Step 0: Choose Your Campaign.** You may choose to attach your character to the Forgotten Realms, Eberron, Ravenloft, or Dragonlance campaign. Your choice affects a few rulebook options available to you and limits your adventures to those attached to a specific campaign or available to more than one campaign. Once your choice is made, you cannot change it for that character after you've played your first adventure.

**Step 1: Choose a Race or Lineage.** See the sidebar for available rules choices. Custom lineages found in *Tasha's Cauldron of Everything* are available.

**Step 2: Choose a Class.** See the sidebar for available rules choices.

**Step 3: Determine Ability Scores.** Your ability scores are generated using one of the following methods.

- Standard set (15, 14, 13, 12, 10, 8).
- Variant: Customizing Ability Scores (*PH*).

**Step 4: Describe Your Character.** See the sidebar for available rules choices.

- **Alignment:** Choose a non-evil alignment.
- **Background:** You can create a custom background or use any available background as presented. If you choose a background that does not grant a feat, you may choose one of the following feats for your character: Skilled or Tough.
- **Deity:** You may choose any deity to worship from official rulebooks that is unique to your campaign world or is not unique to another world. Clerics must choose a deity.
- **Faction:** You may choose one faction at character creation or anytime the opportunity arises during play. Benefits for faction membership are detailed within adventures where relevant. The starting factions are listed in appendix C in the *Basic Rules*. You may only have membership in one faction at a time and may switch whenever you'd like.

**Step 5: Choosing Equipment.** Your starting equipment and gold are determined by your class and background; you don't roll for gold. You may start with a trinket of your choice from available rules choices. You can sell starting equipment using the rules in the *PH* and can buy equipment and spell components found in the *PH* or available rules choices.

## STARTING PLAY AT 5TH LEVEL

You may choose to create a 5th level character instead of starting at 1st level. As a 5th level character, you may choose one of the following magic items to possess. You also receive your standard gear from your class and background, plus 500 gold pieces and 40 downtime days.

- +1 weapon
- +1 shield
- +1 rod of the pact keeper
- +1 wand of the war mage
- +1 all-purpose tool (*TCE*)
- +1 amulet of the devout (*TCE*)
- +1 arcane grimoire (*TCE*)
- +1 bloodwell vial (*TCE*)
- +1 dragonhide belt (*FTD*)
- +1 moon sickle (*TCE*)
- +1 rhythm-maker's drum (*TCE*)
- Bag of holding

## WHAT RULEBOOKS SHOULD I USE?

You can use non-optional rules found in the *Player's Handbook*, the *Basic Rules*, and all the books listed below. If a rule has been reprinted in a newer resource, you must always use the latest printing.

- *Book of Many Things (BMT)*
- *Bigby Presents: Glory of Giants (BPGG)*
- *Fizban's Treasury of Dragons (FTD)*
- *Mordenkainen Presents: Monsters of the Multiverse (MPMM)*
- *Tasha's Cauldron of Everything (TCE)*
- *Xanathar's Guide to Everything (XGE)*
- Additional rulebooks for your campaign as presented later in this document
- Additional options as presented in the FAQ

You may also use the rules found in the following digital publications, available on DMsGuild:

- *Elemental Evil Player's Companion (EEPC)*
- *Locathah Rising (LR)*

Additionally, the following variant or optional rules are available:

- Chapter 6: Customization Options (*PH*)
- Customizing Your Origin (*TCE*)
- Optional Class Features (*TCE*)
- Variant Human Traits (*PH*)

# PLAYING ADVENTURES

You can play any adventures you'd like that are available as a part of the D&D Adventurers League, provided you meet the level requirement for play. Each adventure has a tier associated with it, which tells you what level characters can participate in it. Each adventure is attached to one or more campaigns; check the adventure specifics to determine if your character can play that adventure.

## TIER BY CHARACTER LEVEL

Character Level	Tier
1 – 4	1
5 – 10	2
11 – 16	3
17 – 20	4

## PLAYING OFFICIAL D&D ADVENTURES

Long adventures such as *Icwind Dale: Rime of the Frostmaiden* and *The Wild Beyond the Witchlight* have different rules for leveling. You may "leave" those adventures at specified points to play other adventures but you may be ineligible to return if you level your character outside of the adventure you left. Consult with your Dungeon Master if you're going to play those adventures.

## LOGGING PLAY

You should use a character log to track rewards and note any other important information from play of an adventure. See "Adventurers League Resources & Links" on the D&D Beyond Adventurers League Forum for more information.

## LEVELING UP

You gain a level at the end of each play session that completes an Adventurers League adventure or a part of an official D&D adventure, at your discretion. If you'd like to continue playing at your current level, you can decline to gain a level. You keep any rewards earned.

You gain hit points listed as the fixed value for your class (plus any modifiers) when you level up.

Once you achieve 5th level, you may choose a magic item as presented in "Starting Play at 5th Level" above.

## REBUILDING YOUR CHARACTER

You may rebuild any aspect of your character between sessions. However, you only retain equipment and magic items earned from play and lose any class feature items from a class your character no longer possesses, gaining any class feature items from your new class(es).

## REWARDS

Whenever you have the option to level up and at other times during play, you'll earn rewards. These may include the following:

- Magic items
- Coins and other treasure
- Story awards
- Event awards

## MAGIC ITEMS

Whenever your party finds a magic item during play, the party determines who has it for the remainder of the adventure. At the end of play, any number of characters may keep the magic item if it wasn't consumed or destroyed during play. You may keep as many magic items as you are awarded but must limit the number of magic items you bring to play sessions based on the table below.

## CARRIED MAGIC ITEMS BY TIER

Tier	Uncommon+	Common	Consumable
1	1	5	5
2	3	5	10
3	6	5	10
4	10	5	15

Uncommon, rare, very rare, legendary, and unique permanent magic items are included in the "Uncommon+" column. Common permanent magic items are included in the "Common" column. Consumable items include any magic item that is consumed if used (potions, scrolls, etc.); this includes single-use items (*elemental gem*, etc.) and charms. Multi-use consumables (*Keoghtom's ointment*, etc.) count as one consumable each. *Smokepowder* and magical ammunition count as one consumable per 5 shots, rounded up.

If an item is destroyed, consumed, or lost during play, it is removed from your character and cannot be reacquired unless rewarded again through play.

Blessings and boons count as a magic item of the appropriate rarity for determining how many magic items you bring to a play session for that character. You may choose to have your character give up a blessing or boon at any time; if you do so, it is removed from your character and cannot be reacquired unless rewarded again through play.

Legendary magic items may only be used in tier 4 play. Characters of lower tiers that encounter a legendary magic item as a reward may possess it, but it remains unavailable for use until 17th level.

Additional magic items may be available through events, such as a trading post or a special play opportunity. These items are subject to the magic item limits presented above.

## COINS AND OTHER TREASURE

Whenever your party finds treasure of a monetary value, they can keep it with them to use during play. Any remaining treasure unused at the end of the adventure is converted to gold pieces and divided evenly between all the characters. The Dungeon Master can assist in this process.

Mundane items, such as found equipment, are divided however the party chooses at the end of the play session.

## STORY AWARDS

Sometimes you and others in the party may earn a story award. This is a special award or item, sometimes presented as a certificate, that may have significance in future adventures in the same storyline.

Whenever applicable, the Dungeon Master may ask if any of the characters in the party possess a story award. In certain circumstances, such as the case of story items, the party may have to determine who has it for the purposes of that adventure.

## EVENT AWARDS

You may attend an event and receive a certificate, such as a pet or interesting trinket, as a reward for participation or engaging in a specific activity. These rewards are attached to the player, not a specific character. At the beginning of each play session, you may select one event award you possess to use. You may only have one event award active at any time.

## DEATH, DISEASE, AND CURSES

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During sessions of play, if you die, are subject to a lingering effect such as a disease or curse, or removed from the adventure, you deal with the consequences for the duration of the session of play. At that session's conclusion, you may choose the following fate:

- You return your character to life or remove the negative effect. If you were removed from the adventure, you gain rewards earned until removed. You may gain a level.
- You retire the character, succumbing to your fate.

If you are returned to the adventure before the conclusion of the session of play, you may earn all the rewards offered to the party, including during your absence.

## DUNGEON MASTERS AND REWARDS

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Your Dungeon Master may have additional guidance through documentation on adjudicating specific rewards. If you have questions using a particular reward during play, ask your Dungeon Master.

## BETWEEN PLAY SESSIONS

### BUYING AND TRADING GEAR

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You can sell and buy equipment and spell components using the rules in the *Player's Handbook*. *Spell scrolls* and *potions* can be purchased for prices listed under Appendix A: Shared Campaigns in *Xanathar's Guide to Everything* in addition to any component costs.

- Equipment and consumable items can be lent to other characters during play but must return at the end of the session (unless it's been consumed or lost).
- Permanent magic items can be traded (see below). Unique magic items may not be traded.

Trading permanent magic items with other characters in your character's campaign is on a one-for-one basis of equivalent rarity. Certificates (if present) must also be traded or destroyed. You cannot trade with characters attached to a campaign world other than the one you've chosen for your character.

## DOWNTIME

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You earn 10 downtime days between each session of play. Your character can participate in downtime activities between sessions as listed under "Downtime Activities" in the *Player's Handbook*. The following additional downtime activities are available; all others are unavailable unless offered in an adventure.

**Catching Up.** Spend 10 downtime days to gain a level.

**Copying Spells.** If you can copy spells, you may use the rules presented in the "Your Spellbook" sidebar in the *Player's Handbook* to copy spells found in adventures, except it costs 1 downtime day for each spell up to 4th level and 2 downtime days for each spell 5th level and above. If you are copying spells from another character's spellbook, you may do so immediately after a session of play in which both characters were present. You are always successful at copying spells from scrolls.

**Brewing Potions.** You may brew *potions of healing* as presented under "Crafting an Item" in *Xanathar's Guide to Everything*. A "workweek" is defined as 5 downtime days for the purposes of this campaign. You do not suffer a complication when engaging in this activity. Potions brewed count towards your consumable item limit.

**Scribing Scrolls.** You may scribe *spell scrolls* as presented under "Scribing a Spell Scroll" in *Xanathar's Guide to Everything*. A "workweek" is defined as 5 downtime days for the purposes of this campaign. You do not suffer a complication when engaging in this activity. Scrolls scribed count towards your consumable item limit.

**Trading Magic Items.** Whenever you trade a magic item, you spend 5 downtime days.

## QUESTIONS AND MORE INFO

The following resources are available to you to keep up with all the latest Adventurers League news and discussion!

- [D&D Beyond Adventurers League Article Hub](#). Your source for news and regular updates about what's going on with Adventurers League.
- [D&D Beyond Adventurers League Forum](#). Containing the pinned "Adventurers League Resources & Links," which serves as the file repository for everything you need!
- [Official D&D Adventurers League Discord](#). Join in the lively discussion with channels devoted to all sorts of topics! All the latest news gets pushed here too.

# APPENDIX: CAMPAIGN WORLDS

## FORGOTTEN REALMS

The Forgotten Realms campaign comprises most past and current adventures for D&D Adventurers League. The following changes to the rules presented above are in effect for characters attached to the Forgotten Realms campaign.

**Default Setting.** If it is not clear what campaign world an adventure is attached to, it defaults to the Forgotten Realms.

**Spelljammer Adventures.** Spelljammer adventures are considered part of the Forgotten Realms campaign.

**Planescape Adventures.** Planescape adventures are considered part of the Forgotten Realms campaign.

**Background Feats.** Characters selecting backgrounds without a feat option have an additional choice of a starting feat: Magic Initiate.

**Additional Rules Sources.** Characters attached to the Forgotten Realms campaign may select additional rules options from the following products: *Sword Coast Adventurer's Guide (SCAG)*, *Spelljammer: Adventures in Space (SAS)*, and *Planescape: Adventures in the Multiverse (PAM)*. The optional rules Half-Elf and Tiefling Variants and Option: Human Languages from *SCAG* are available for Forgotten Realms characters.

## EBERRON

The following changes to the rules presented above are in effect for characters attached to the Eberron campaign.

**Older Adventurers League Adventures.** The *Eberron: Oracle of War* storyline adventures and associated Salvage Missions are considered part of the Eberron campaign. They do not need to be played in a specific order, and characters can freely move between those adventures and newer Eberron Adventurers League adventures, provided they meet the level requirements for specific adventures.

**Adventures in Official Products.** The *Eberron: Rising from the Last War* adventure "Forgotten Relics" is available for play. In addition, adventures presented in *Journeys through the Radiant Citadel* are available for play.

**Background Feats.** Characters selecting backgrounds without a feat option have an additional choice of a starting feat: Magic Initiate.

**Additional Rules Sources.** Characters attached to the Eberron campaign may select additional rules options from the following products: *Eberron: Rising from the Last War (EBR)*. Note that where applicable, the artificer class and subclass rules use the most recently published source (*Tasha's Cauldron of Everything*) in the case of rules changes. *Wayfinder's Guide to Eberron* is not an approved Adventurers League source for rules options.

## RAVENLOFT

The following changes to the rules presented above are in effect for characters attached to the Ravenloft campaign.

**Character Origins.** You may choose to be a Ravenloft native from a Domain of Dread or a traveler entering the mists from another world. However, your character must choose options available only within the Ravenloft campaign no matter your origin.

**Older Adventurers League Adventures.** The *Ravenloft: Mist Hunters* storyline adventures are considered part of the Ravenloft campaign. They do not need to be played in a specific order, and characters can freely move between those adventures and newer Ravenloft Adventurers League adventures. The season 4 Adventurers League season (attached to *Curse of Strahd*, set in Barovia) is available for play for Ravenloft characters, and characters may freely leave and return to play the adventures in any order they choose provided they meet the level requirements.

**Adventures in Official Products.** *Curse of Strahd* and the adventure "House of Lament" in *Van Richten's Guide to Ravenloft* are available for play.

**Background Feats.** Characters selecting backgrounds without a feat option have an additional choice of a starting feat: Magic Initiate.

**Additional Rules Sources.** Characters attached to the Ravenloft campaign may select additional rules options from the following products: *Van Richten's Guide to Ravenloft (VRG)*.

## DRAGONLANCE

The following changes to the rules presented above are in effect for characters attached to the Dragonlance campaign.

**Adventures in Official Products.** The adventure *Shadow of the Dragon Queen* is available for play.

**Additional Rules Sources.** Characters attached to the Dragonlance campaign may select additional rules options from the following products: *Dragonlance: Shadow of the Dragon Queen (DLS)*.

## PLANESCAPE

The following changes to the rules presented above are in effect for characters attached to the Planescape campaign.

**Adventures in Official Products.** The adventure "Turn of Fortune's Wheel" from *Planescape: Adventures in the Multiverse* is available for play.

**Background Feats.** Characters selecting backgrounds without a feat option have an additional choice of a starting feat: Magic Initiate.

**Additional Rules Sources.** Characters attached to the Dragonlance campaign may select additional rules options from the following products: *Planescape: Adventures in the Multiverse (PAM)*.

# CRITICAL ROLE

The following changes to the rules presented above are in effect for characters attached to the Critical Role campaign.

**No Community Content.** The Critical Role campaign does not use any community created content.

**Adventures in Partnered Products.** Adventures that are playable in the Critical Role campaign include adventures in *Explorer's Guide to Wildemount*, "Frozen Sick," and *Critical Role: Call of the Netherdeep*.

**Additional Rules Sources.** Characters attached to the Critical Role campaign may select additional rules options from the following products: *Explorer's Guide to Wildemount*, *Tal'Dorei Reborn*.