



Welcome to the Halo: Fleet Battles community!

We are so glad you joined and hope you enjoy your time here. This document is an all-encompassing introduction to bring any new members up to speed on both the ground rules of the group as well as outline resources and information at your disposal. This group exists for fans, players, event organizers, and hobbyists to cultivate, develop and grow the exciting and awesome tabletop game of Halo Fleet Battles and the community at large. Members of this group regularly organize, participate in and conduct casual and competitive games, and events such as game demos, tournaments, and social play events. Please do not be afraid to ask any questions to the group and be sure to participate, make yourself heard!

- **Group Rules-** We have a couple rules in this group, and we ask that you follow them. Admins are active and will Ban/Mute as needed
 1. No content unrelated to the Halo tabletop games. We are **NOT** interested in seeing your Halo game play channel. This rule is non-negotiable.
 2. Under no circumstances can models using ripped assets be sold, shown, or traded here. Personal use is not explicitly forbidden. But selling/giving them away is. Please keep pirated materials to yourself. If you aren't sure if something is a ripped asset, ask the group.
 3. Organic and original models are absolutely welcomed here. As are 3rd party links to file sharing sites, so long as the content shared is in compliance with rule 2.
 4. No posts regarding general 3D printing questions are allowed. Example: "What printer should I buy?" "My printer did this what should I do?" or "What printer is best for the money?" Please direct these questions to a dedicated printing forum. Specific modeling questions related to designing HFB assets are permitted.
 5. Advertising your own auctions on Ebay or elsewhere is not allowed. Don't fish for bids.
 6. Selling is allowed on the page but we do have a buy/sell page you should use. Any for sale post must have a starting price and location.
 7. Blocking Admins will result in a ban.
 8. Do not talk about fight club
 9. ~~You are required to ask Vincent Gregory his opinions on Hotel curtains.~~

- **Are there any players near me?** - Halo players are scattered all throughout the world. And everyone wants to know if there is someone close by. We made a Google map to locate as many players as possible. Add your pin marker with your full name here: https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1n_obPAB85UB1NyY_Ryjc_z2gLTk&ll=39.10280763622719%2C-48.17406476991653&z=4
- **Where can I find rules to get started?** - Before this question is answered directly it is highly advised you locate and acquire a starter set first. It contains a rulebook and all the information you need to play the game in its original format. How to find such sets are answered further down.

To answer the question, we have constructed a full PDF of the rulebook and have made it available for download in the Files section. While this has all the rules for the official game, there have been changes and updates since the books were printed. Both official Spartan Games and other changes are found in this Google drive: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1m2-61lufETjMpgB84sNn3FcO2xhopWqo?usp=sharing>

The community has made rules changes to the game as well. Seeing faults in the original game format and guided by the community at large, the most experienced and knowledgeable members of the community banded together into a rules commission to find solutions to game issues and produce new balanced content. The resulting product is also available in the previously mentioned drive. While the community updates are not necessary for you to play, we advise you use them as they correct several shortcomings in the game and could improve your experience playing Halo: Fleet Battles.
- **How can I get ships for this game?** - The first thing you need to do is join a Buy/Sell group recommended in the "[About](#)" Section of this group. This group is used for all advertisements and posts relating to sales of game pieces and sets. Once you're in you can post a looking for ad looking for a starter set. They do come up for sale relatively frequently. Patience is a virtue at this point in the game's life cycle. Just stick with it, post adverts, and you'll find what you need.

To combat the shortage of game pieces, the some members of the group have stepped up and worked super hard to offer 3D prints and recast parts for sale. At the current moment we have a few proven and vetted outlets that offer almost all ships in the game that we hope to grow in the coming years.

 - [Halo Fleet Battles Ship Architects](#) now operating under the name "Paradigm Productions" offers a wide array of 3D prints for both factions and is the sponsor of most of the community update ships going forward.
 - Trevor Liv Has a fantastic lineup of quality recast models for most pieces in the game. For service, contact him at (monacshipyards@gmail.com) or view his sales brochure in the community drive.

- [John Fitz](#) offers an almost complete range of recast pieces for the game with new stock coming in frequently. His quality is exceptional and very fair rates.

There are other 3rd party outlets such as Thingiverse, Shapeways, etc. with halo files available. Please watch out for pirated files so you comply with rule #2

- **What about free .STL files?** - In a recent change of policy, a community Google drive has been established as a universal resource for all things needed to play the game. There you will find a library of STL files from a few vetted contributors as well as a curated list of assorted files found on the internet. These will be fully detailed, scaled correctly, and ready to print. For those artists who have works posted, please consider donating to their Patreon or linked support method so we can continue to have such talented artists help our cause. In the Facebook group files section you can also find a range of files and assorted work. However as of 2022 they cannot be verified to be in neither scale nor comparable to the detail level generally expected of the game.
- **What about the stands and pegs?** - You will find them in the aforementioned community drive library.
- **What if I don't have a printer?** - There are a couple options you have. One being you can purchase from the previously mentioned vendors who sell their designs by the print or by the cast. Your second option is to post to the group that you're in need of someone to print for you. Someone here will be more than happy to help you out. If you're drawing files from the library, ask the designing artist (so long as their name is listed) if they would be willing to print their own files for you. Please try to avoid 3rd party "printing services" as many feature pirated materials. If you must use them and have doubts of legitimacy of any such service, ask the group.
- **What about dice?** - This is currently the biggest barrier to having a complete reproduction game. As the dice are still active patented and not deemed "Dead" with the game IP. This problem is being worked on and will be rectified as soon as possible. Watch the Facebook group for any updates and this document will be updated when a solution is found. In the meantime you can use the standard D6 die and convert the results on the chart found in the rulebook. A simple chart can be drawn up as follows:
1 = skull
2 = null
3 = 1
4 = 1
5 = null
6 = 2
Activation dice and tokens will be available in the library as well.

- **Is there a way to play virtually?** - Yes there are a couple downloads on Table Top Simulator. Just search Halo Fleet Battles and you'll find it. Mods and updates can best be found on the discord.
- **Are there any other community outlets?** - We have a Discord you can join here: <https://discord.gg/M3TXkjc>
- **Are there any big Halo games events?** - Yes! Every year we sponsor and run a Halo Games event at [Adepticon](#). This event is held every year in the Chicago, Illinois (USA) area usually on the last week of March. It's about 3-4 days of Halo action! A tournament, casual games, scenarios, and demos are all in the plan. Watch this group for info as we get closer to the event. We really hope you'll come and roll some dice with us! As of 2021 the community has begun to host a series of events we call "Halo Tabletop Meetups" These events are organized for us, by us. Using local game shops and even private residences, the aim of these events is to gather as many Halo games players as possible for a fun and casual weekend of playing games and socializing! So if you're a veteran player, or a fresh player looking to link up with us and learn, or a Spartan who wants to grill some burgers amongst friends, please consider joining us! Information on these events appears on the Facebook groups as it becomes available. The aim is to do 2 per year eventually, so stay tuned for that!