

# GUIDEBOOK

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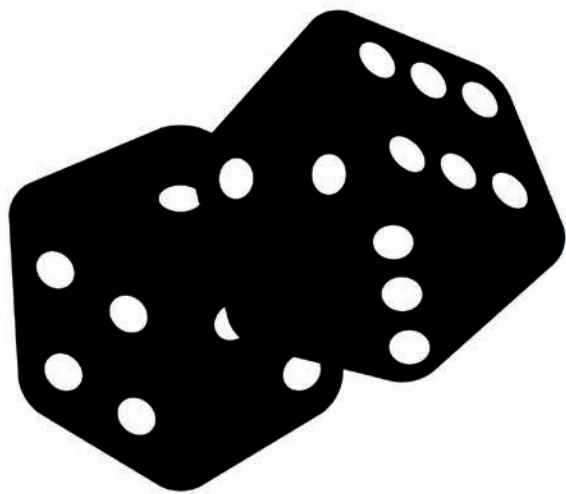
**Nova**  
2023  
**OPEN**

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# POLICIES

## GENERAL POLICIES

The primary mission of the NOVA Open is for attendees to have fun. To ensure that this happens, the NOVA Open has enacted a set of policies that govern conduct at the NOVA Open and interactions with the NOVA Open, its staff, sponsors, affiliates, and all attendees of the NOVA Open. Our policies are designed to ensure smooth and fair operation of the convention, making it the best possible experience for all attendees. While all are welcome, the NOVA Open reserves the right to deny or revoke attendance of any individual, at any time, for any reason without refund. The NOVA Open reserves the right to amend these policies at any time without prior or posted notice.

Anyone who accepts a NOVA Open access pass agrees to indemnify and hold harmless NOVA Open and the NOVA Open LLC, from any claim for personal injuries or other damages or equity arising out of any individual's activities at the NOVA Open. Further, NOVA Open reserves the right to alter, change, or modify these policies without publication or notice.

For all the latest please visit <https://www.NOVAopen.com/policies>

## SPORTING SPIRIT

The NOVA Open prides itself on an inclusive, comfortable atmosphere for attendees of all ages and lifestyles; as such, NOVA Open attendees are expected to act accordingly. Attendees are expected to treat other attendees and staff with respect and courtesy and to respect the property of others. If an attendee feels unsafe or has issues or concerns, they should reach out to any NOVA Open staff member who will be happy to assist.

Each attendee is solely responsible for his/her own personal property. Please be respectful of the property of others. If an attendee comes across lost or abandoned property, we ask that they turn it into to any NOVA Open staff member or hotel personnel.



# The job might change, but the right tools won't.



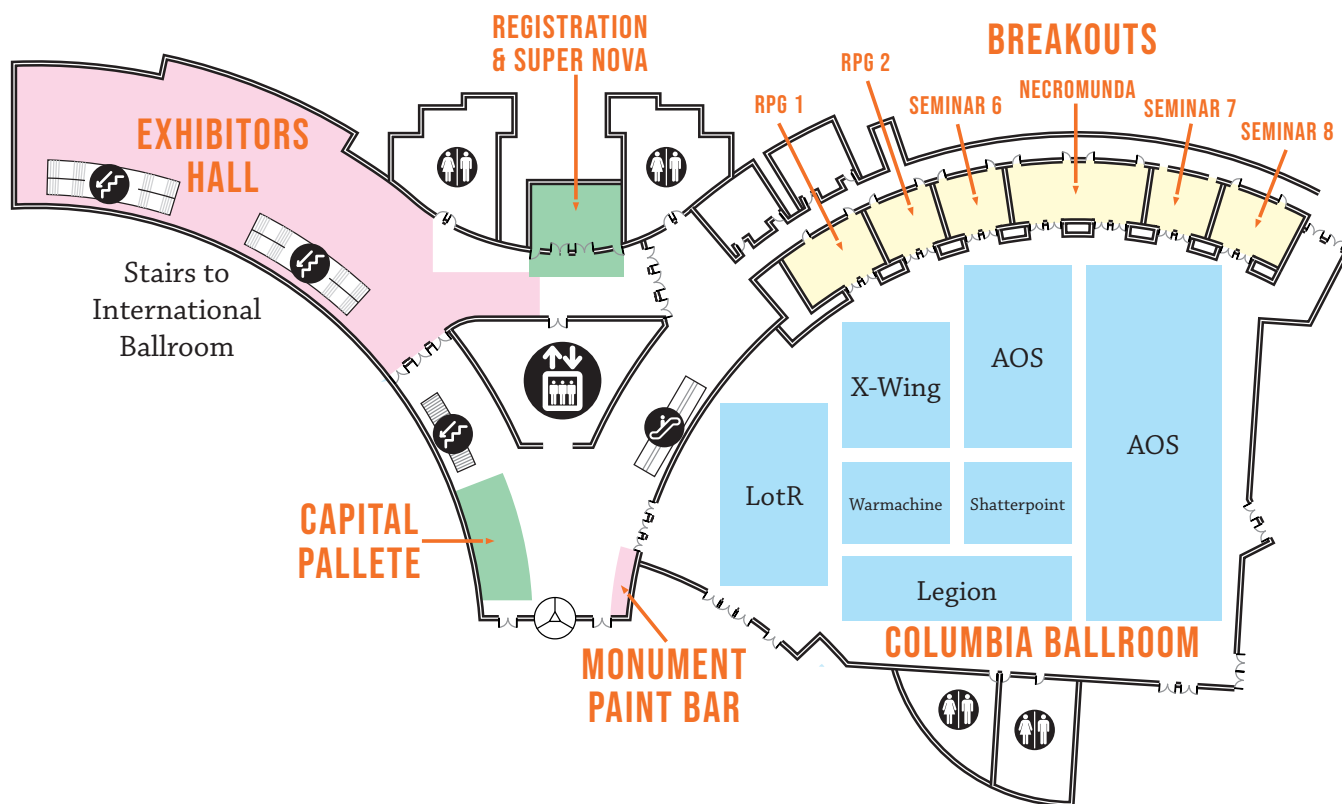
Just what you need to achieve victory. Handcrafted with care and precision, we've got you covered from the palette to the playing field. Kick back and indulge in a painting session with our premium brushes, before rolling onto the tabletop.

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## CHRONICLE RPGS

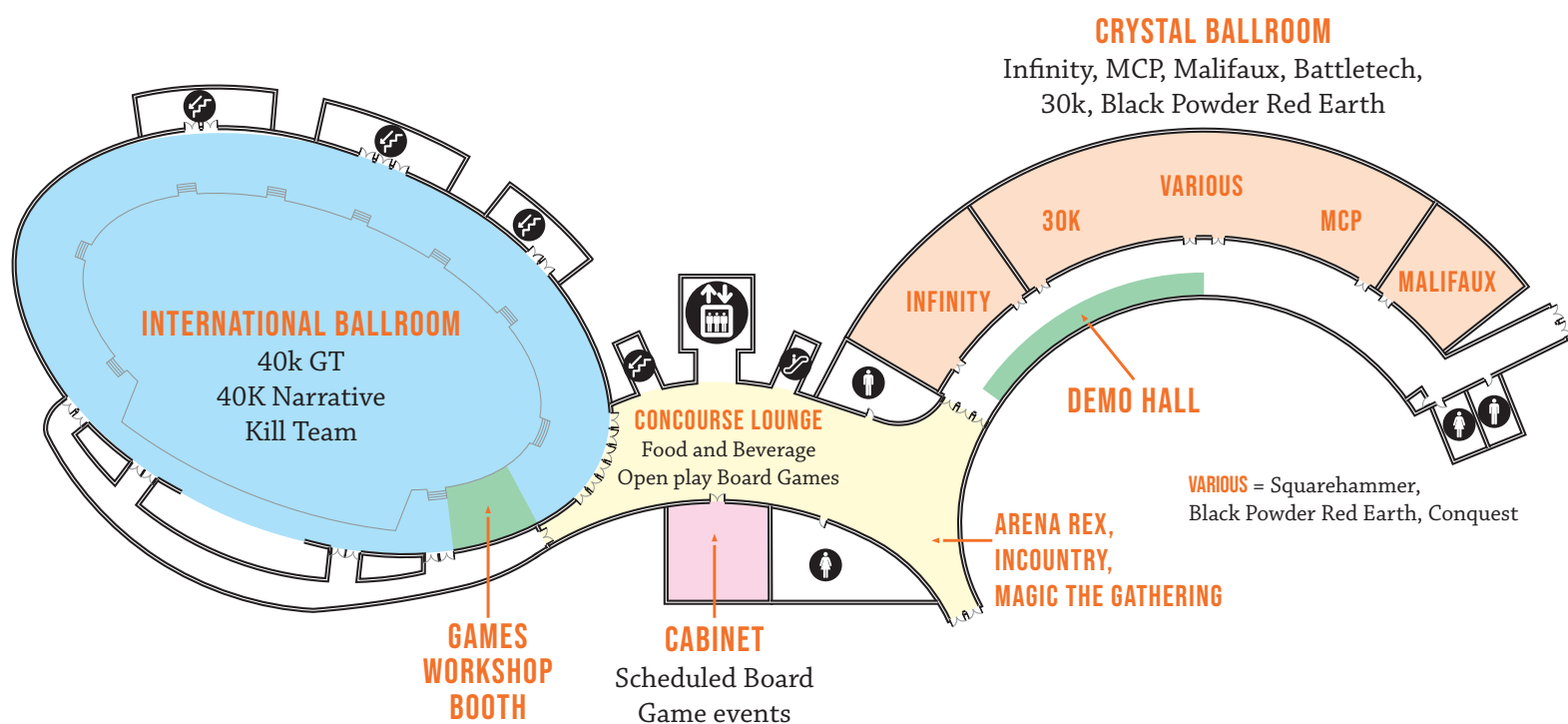


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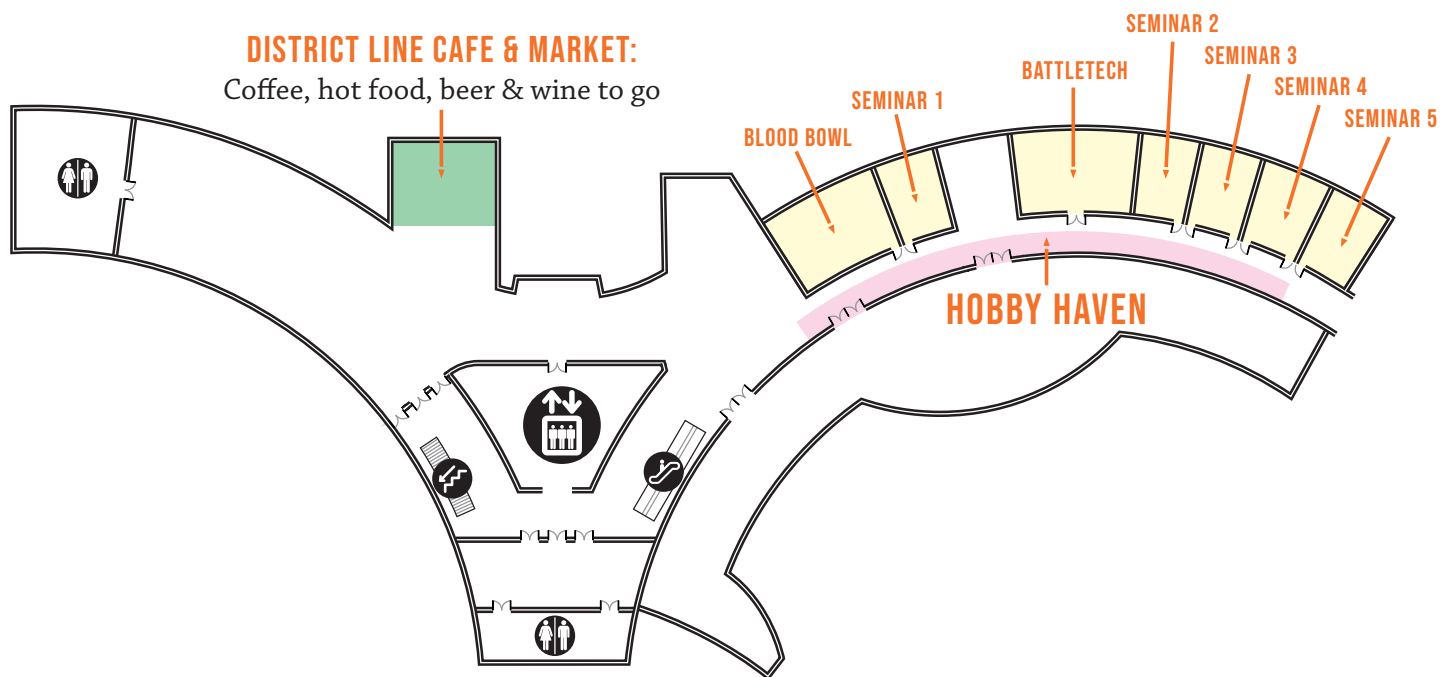


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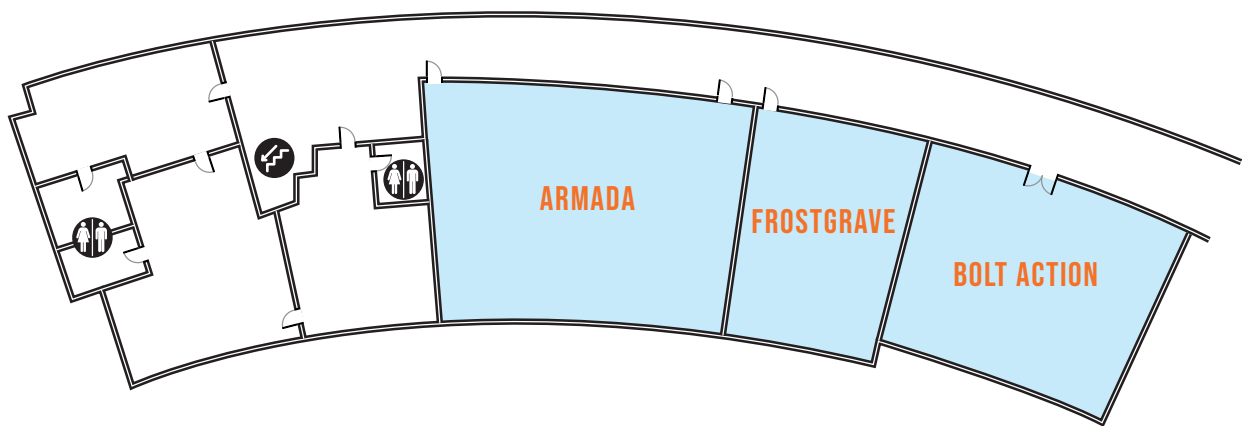




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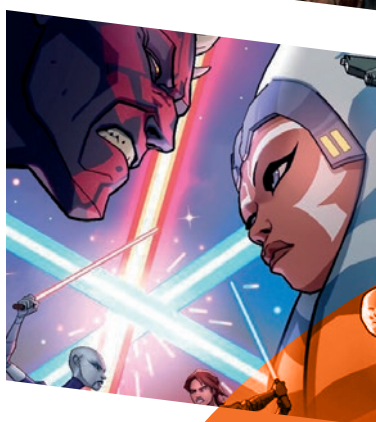


# FIRST FLOOR





# CONVENTION SCHEDULE



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2023 SCHEDULE?**



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# DON'T MISS

NOVA Open is a convention chock full of amazing experiences you can't get outside of a convention. As you plan your visit, be sure to check out all of these can't miss experiences! How many of these can you check off during your time at the convention? As you plan your visit be sure to check out all of these can't miss experiences! How many of these can you check off during your time at the convention?

## CONCOURSE LOUNGE

At the nexus of the Concourse level is the Board Game Library, open play, and socialization zone. Grab a drink, catch up with your friends, and join in the nightly programming.

## GIANT SCALE EVENT

Swing by the International Ballroom every night for epic battles fought on a 20x20 foot "table".

## RPGS

Journey to the Cardoza Room on the Terrace Level to experience one of the dozens of Role-Playing Games on offer, including a very special first look at the Dreams and Machines universe!

## MUSIC - SATURDAY NIGHT @ 9:30PM

A NOVA Open tradition! Join No Tie Affair as they rock out with live music on Friday around the corner from the Concourse Lounge.

## CAPITAL PALETTE - VOTE FOR FAN FAVORITE

Find Capital Palette on the Terrace Level and take in the beautiful miniatures on display in NOVA Open's famous art show. Vote for your choice in the fan favorite competition.

## TAKE A CLASS (SEMINARS)

There are classes for everyone from never painted to master level. Be sure to jump into the more than one hundred available hobby seminars. There are classes for all levels: from never painted before, all the way up to master level.

## CHECK OUT AWESOME TERRAIN

Amazing terrain abounds! Check out Lord of the Rings and Star Wars Legion in Columbia, Horus Heresy in Jefferson on the Concourse level, and 40k Narrative in the International Ballroom.

## LEARN A NEW GAME!

Be it one of the many Be it one of the many games in our Board Game Library or joining a demo in the Demo Hall on the Concourse Level, NOVA Open is a great time to try something new.

## PLAY TO WIN

Want to win a free board game? Check out any of the Play to Win games in the Concourse Lounge and be entered into a chance to take the game home!



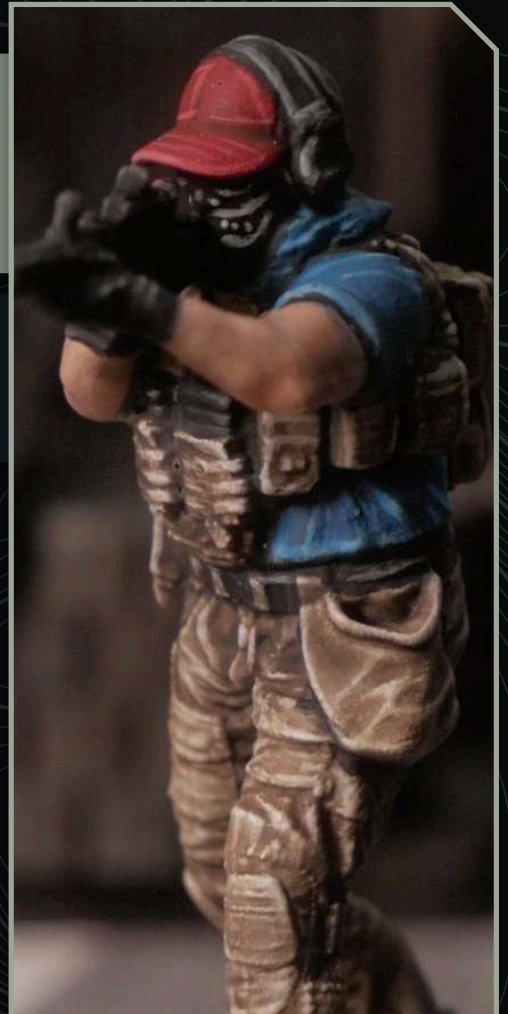


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# SEMINARS



Whether you are brand new to painting or are trying to hone your master-level skills, we have a class for you. Learn new techniques from professional artists from all over the world. Many of the classes include a miniature or bust that you can take home with you.

## WANT TO SEE THE FULL NOVA OPEN 2023 SEMINAR SCHEDULE?



## SCAN ABOVE!





# STEEL RIFT

## JOIN THE FIGHT!

Come see what's new in Steel Rift.

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Check it out at the  
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BOOTH 5 [ DEMO HALLWAY ]

ULTRA-MODERN 28MM MINIATURES WARGAME



# BLACK POWDER RED EARTH 28<sup>MM</sup>

UNFORGIVING CLOSE COMBAT IN A FAILED STATE AT WAR



# EXHIBITORS

## EXHIBITOR HALL

LOCATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL TERRACE

### EXHIBITOR HALL HOURS

THURSDAY - SUNDAY 9:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

A CRITICAL HIT

ARENA REX

ARMOR CLASS 10

ARTIS OPUS

ATLANTIS GAMES

BARON OF DICE

BEST HOBBIES\*

BLACK POWDER, RED EARTH\*

BRA FULL OF SAWDUST

CHRONICLE CARDS

DEATH RAY DESIGNS

ENEMY SPOTTED STUDIOS

FAE‡

FYRE AND ASHE

GAME ENVY

GAMES WORKSHOP†

MAGNET BARON

MINIWARGAMING

MONUMENT HOBBIES

NATIONS AND CANNONS

PARA BELLUM\*

TABLETOP TERRAIN†

THE GRIFFON'S LAIR

TNT LASERWORKS

TOLEDO

VOX LINK

WARSENAL\*

WORLD OF GAME DESIGN

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YOUR HOBBY PLACE

\* Demo Booth crystal hallway, concourse level

† International Ballroom

‡ RPG Room





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# CHARITY PARTNERS

The NOVA Open started as a charity fundraiser and as the convention has grown over its last 12 years it has always maintained a commitment to supporting charity as a core mission. The 2023 NOVA Open is proud to support several great partners. We hope that you will patronize their offerings and help support their missions through purchases or direct donations.

## TABLEWAR CHARITIES

Tablewar Charities is a charitable organization whose primary focus is on improving the lives of children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). They fund advocacy services for families that would otherwise not be able to afford support. The organization has a specific goal to fund and/or provide educational advocacy with ASD. You can find Tablewar in the Concourse Lounge.

## MENTAL HEALTH CHARITY PAINTERS

Founded by veterans, Mental Health Charity Painters (MHCP) strives to promote mental health and improved quality of life through appreciation and participation in miniature painting and related hobbies. Through this lens MHCP both helps promote positive hobby experiences and funds mental health services for veterans. Check them out in the Hobby Haven on the lobby level and take a painting class or speed painting session. Proceeds support MHCP.

## NOVA OPEN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

NOVA Open's first charitable partner, the NOCF has been raising money for a decade in support of numerous causes including Breast Cancer Research, Doctor's Without Borders, and Ukrainian relief. To support them check them out at <https://www.NOVAopenfoundation.org/> or buy a NOVA Open Heresy 2023 T-Shirt at the NOVA Open Store.

## SO WHAT ELSE

So What Else's mission is to improve the lives of children and families living in the underserved communities in the Baltimore-Washington Metro Area by providing food security, access to basic necessities, and high quality out-of-school time programs in literacy, athletics, and visual and performing arts while inspiring young people to give back to the community by creating volunteer opportunities for citizens of all ages. Check them out at <https://www.sowhatelse.org/> or talk with any So What Else volunteers at the convention.



# ARENA REX

GLADIATOR COMBAT IN A MYTHIC AGE

## COME VISIT OUR BOOTH

Pick up a new rulebook, fresh cards, or some great miniatures.

Check out a demo with the new rules, or just hang out and say hi.

If you have the time, squeeze into one of our events running all weekend for some great fun and great prizes!

## SHOW SPECIAL - 15% OFF

As a special thank you to everyone who comes out and makes events like this great, we will also be discounting all items at the booth by 15%.





# CONCOURSE LOUNGE

## COME JOIN EVERYONE IN THE CONCOURSE LOUNGE!

Take the elevator or escalator to the bottom level. The Concourse Lounge is your hub for food, drink, socializing, free play, board games, and socializing!

Enjoy tasty food, and drink specials like DC Brau beer buckets while socializing with your friends, playing a board game from our extensive library, braving the Kill Team dungeon crawl, and so much more!

### NIGHTLY ACTIVITIES:

Every night! Magic Meetups, Late-night board game events, free play

**WED:** Games Workshop post-Reveal gathering 9pm

**FRI:** Tablewar Charity's Liar's Dice event 6-8pm

**SAT:** Live Music! 9-11pm - Suggested charity donation

OPEN UNTIL  
2:00 AM







# DON'T EAT THE PAINT!

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Come check us out in the Capital Palette area!

# DEMOS

## YOUR HOBBY PLACE

Your Hobby Place, a great local FLG, will be demoing a mixture of Warlord Games, Star Wars Shatterpoint, and more!

## WARSENAL

Warsenal will be showing demos of Infinity by Corvus Belli. Stop by and you might meet Gutier Lusquiños, the mastermind behind Infinity!

## BEST HOBBIES (ZEO GENESIS)

Best Hobby is running early Beta demos of its new game Zeo Genesis. Zeo Genesis is a fast play skirmish game featuring big armor suits, designed by Andy Chambers. Zeo Genesis releases later this year.

## BLACK POWDER RED EARTH

Black Powder Red Earth 28mm is a game of infantry close combat in a failed state at war. Ruthless private military contractors, hired guns for rival dictatorships, fight to stabilize the war-torn region just enough to harvest its valuable natural resources.

Each game of Black Powder Red Earth 28mm captures the callousness and extreme violence of light infantry battles between disciplined mercenaries, hyper-violent extremists and elite commando forces! Fast and fluid tactical decision making driving fire and maneuver actions, punctuated by laser guided drones spearing directly into their targets.

Played in a campaign, each game is a skirmish in a larger fight. Each area of operations, worth capability points in the next battle. Terrain is ground down into rubble as both sides push the frontline forward and back until there is nothing left to control.

Select a mission, position terrain features on the tabletop, hand-pick your kill team, and start the game. Conduct a raid, phase line assault, or a spearhead mission - pushing forward to seize or destroy the objective.

Fix. Finish. Play.

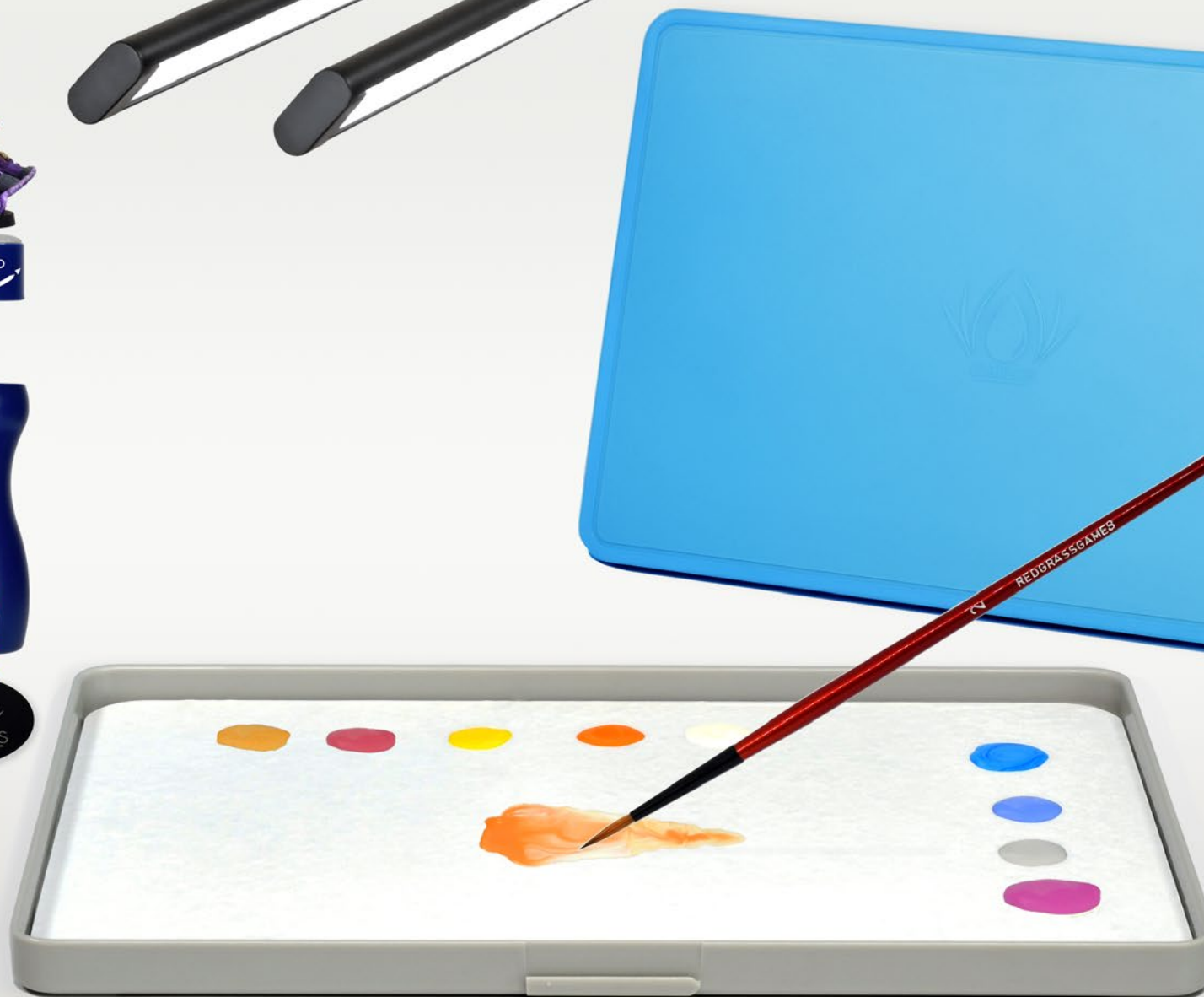
## PARA BELLUM

Welcome to the world of Conquest! Immerse yourself in epic battles and strategic warfare with our two thrilling tabletop games: Conquest: The Last Argument of Kings, a rank and flank wargame, and Conquest: First Blood, a skirmish game. What makes these games even more exciting is that you can use the same miniatures to play both of them!

## FREEBLADES

Freeblades is a fantasy skirmish game set in the exciting World of Faelon. Come by to experience a full learn to play game of Freeblades or a quick 15min demo of the same!





Wet palette - Desk Lamp - painting handle - Brush - Nippers

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## NOVA OPEN ART SHOW

The NOVA Open Art Show celebrates the creativity of our community across the many games and models featured at the convention. Art and gaming are entwined from the most titanic model to the evocative art on a box of a board game. The Art Show has grown to include the following fun events and contests:

### HOBBY HAVEN

Located on the Lobby Level, the Hobby Haven is a spacious, well-lit place to hang out and paint miniatures with friends. Sponsored by The Army Painter, the Hobby Haven has tools, paints, and supplies on hand for your hobby needs. Try out the technique you just learned in a seminar or speed paint the last miniature for your event. All are welcome at the Hobby Haven.

### CAPITAL PALETTE

The NOVA Open Capital Palette is an open-forum juried Art Show and Competition organized to celebrate the art and hobby of tabletop miniatures. We invite all artists to share their work with others and build support for our hobby community. The Capital Palette is divided into divisions to accommodate all skill levels. For those that are more experienced and competitive, Capital Palette offers rewards for those painting and hobbying hours. If you're just starting or just enjoy the art of painting, stop by and share stories with other artists.

### MENTAL HEALTH CHARITY PAINTERS SPEED PAINTING AND LEARN-TO-PAINT EVENTS

Join the contest! Paint with models and materials provided to win a prize. Models judged by and proceeds benefit Mental Health Charity Painters.

Come choose a model to paint and raise money for the Mental Health Charity Painters mission to support veterans. The entry includes all materials, including a choice of model. Sessions start every hour on the hour. Join as space available.

### PAINT & TAKE

This year Mental Health Charity Partners is partnering with the Nova Open to host the paint and take and speed paint challenge in this year's Hobby Haven. All supplies will be supplied by Nova Open and Army Painter. Mental Health Charity Partners currently has 400 models for the paint and take with 83% of the ticket profits going towards MHCP you can buy tickets for both events on Tabletop Events.





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- Novelties like Gundams and Legos
- Magic the Gathering
- Role Playing Games
- Used Miniatures and Models



**Our Website!**

**SAVE THE DATE**

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