



KIDSHAMMER – LEAN TO PLAY WARHAMMER 40,000

BIG PICTURE

Kidshammer: Warhammer 40,000 Learn to Play is an introduction to tabletop miniature gaming, set in Games Workshop's popular Warhammer 40,000 (40k) sci-fi setting. For 2025, Kidshammer will be using Combat Patrol for its Learn to Play event. [Combat Patrol](#) is a smaller version of the 40k game, featuring faster play, simpler rules, and less models than the regular game. Plus, there is no need to build a list for Combat Patrol, since each faction has its own definitive Spearhead list that can be purchased in a single box!

The Learn to Play event will provide open gaming and coaching for kids aged 8-16, who are either experienced in the game or completely new to the game. Coaches will be on-hand to teach the game or to improve gaming skills.

More information about Kidshammer in general can be found at www.kidshammer.org.

SCHEDULE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2025

Rounds	Start Time
Check-in	8:30 – 9:00 am
Learn to Play	9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Pick Up	No later than 12:15 pm

WHAT YOU NEED TO PARTICIPATE

Everyone

Boards and terrain will be provided by the event organizers. Participants should come with a retractable measuring tape of at least 48 inches and at least 12 six-sided dice. Kidshammer will provide extra measuring tapes and dice as well if a participant does not have their own.

Participants Bringing Their Own Models

Participants are encouraged to bring their own models to play if they have them. Painted models are highly appreciated, but there is no painting requirement for this event. Models should be based using the bases that come in the Combat Patrol box for the army. All models should be made by Games Workshop to avoid confusion about what unit a model represents and to respect the IP of Games Workshop, which will be at the NOVA Open. We never want to say no to kids playing games, however, so we will not disallow proxy models, but we ask that participants keep the concerns about confusion and GW IP rights in mind.

Participants bringing their own models should also bring a physical copy of the [Core Rules](#) and [Combat Patrol](#) rules found on the [Warhammer Community](#) website and their army's datasheets and rules, because Internet connectivity cannot be guaranteed. Participants are also encouraged to bring accessories, such as wound tokens or tokens to show effects particular to their armies, that help speed up play of the game.

Participants Not Bringing Their Own Models

The Learn to Play event will have loaner models to borrow for participants who don't have their own models. To borrow a loaner army for the event, please make a request via email customerservice@novaopen.com before the event. Loaner armies will be painted and will be provided with the Combat Patrol rules and datasheets and rules for the army.

PARENTS' GUIDE

Parents are encouraged to accompany their child during the event but must not provide guidance or strategy advice without the consent of both players.

Please keep in mind that Kidshammer is a gaming event, so if you are aware that your child has difficulty focusing or controlling impulses, it would be great to have a parent or caregiver on hand to help direct the child. If a child is highly disruptive, they may be asked to sit out until the disruptive behavior can be controlled.

Regardless, parents or adult caregivers must be present to pick up their child at the end of the event. We cannot let a child leave the gaming area without a parent or adult caregiver accompanying the child. Parents' assistance is also requested to help kids keep to the schedule of the event and to be ready to check in and play on time.

Please be aware that Saturday morning is a very busy time for the convention registration desk, so please pick up your convention badge at the registration desk before Saturday or give yourself extra time on Saturday morning to do so before coming to check in to the Kidshammer event.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is the minimum and maximum ages allowed for Kidshammer – Warhammer 40,000 Learn to Play?

A: Kidshammer – Learn to Play: Warhammer 40,000 is open to kids as young as 8-years old and as old as 16-years old. Kids older than 16 cannot participate in the event but contact customerservice@novaopen.com if they are interested in volunteering to help run the event. Kids younger than 8 are welcome to participate but we ask for an adult guardian to stay with them during the event. [Note that the maximum age for Kidshammer events was raised from 15 to 16 in 2025.]

Q: Do I need to pre-register for Kidshammer events, or can participants just sign up on the day?

A: We much, much prefer people to pre-register for Kidshammer events. Unlike other events, Kidshammer events are small and very much tailored to the participants. Knowing the number of participants as far in advance as possible allows the organizer to create an event that is really special. In addition, space is limited at the NOVA Open, and if it appears that Kidshammer will not sell out its allotted spaces, the decision may be made to reduce the size of the Kidshammer event in order to make room for other events that have waiting lists for additional players. That said, if you see this last minute and want to join the fun, please sign up whenever you can, even on the day of the event (if space is available).

Q: Can older Combat Patrol boxsets be used if Games Workshop replaces them with a different box set before the NOVA Open?

A: Yes.

Q: Can new Combat Patrol boxsets be used if Games Workshop introduces them before the NOVA Open?

A: Yes.

Q: Can the White Dwarf Combat Patrol lists be used for Kidshammer?

A: Yes.