

# BOX WARS

## HOW TO PLAY / RULES OF THE GAME\*

### What you need:

Before you are allowed to play the game, you have to build yourself a cardboard suit of armor and a cardboard weapon. At the very least your armor must cover your entire upper body / torso. If you want to make yourself stand out more, then you should expand your armor to your legs, arms and head. Your weapon should be sturdy, but not hard or sharp.

All construction must use only recycled cardboard. The use of minimal tape or glue for any joins (between any elements of your costume or weaponry) is allowed, provided it does not significantly add to the structural integrity of your ensemble, so as to provide an unfair advantage.

### When you arrive:

When you arrive on location you must first check-in, finalizing any incomplete registration requirements. After you have signed in, event officials must review and approve your armor and weapons, to ensure compliance with the guidelines, before you are allowed to play. Once approved you will suit up and be assigned to a team for battle. If you arrive with your own team we will allow you to join forces with another team, if numbers allow. Before we start the game, we recite our rules and regulations to make sure everyone follows them. Then the battle commences.

### Object of the battle performance:

The purpose in battle is to destroy your opponents' upper body / torso armor. If a bit of your upper body armor still remains intact, then you are still in the game. You attack your opponents with your cardboard weapon, but, if you drop your weapon then you are allowed to pick something up from the ground to use, or you can battle with your hands. When all of your upper armor is ripped off then you leave the battle field and you are out of the game. The battle continues until one team is left standing with their armor intact, or officials signal that the battle time has been exceeded. Battles are fast and furious. You could find yourself battling anywhere from one to multiple opponents at a time! The game and how we play is all about extreme fun and unleashing one's creativity. Everyone plays fair with control and safety. We battle with honor for the glory of victory. No one is out to hurt anyone and we enforce our rules very strictly.

Upon completion of the battle, all Box Warriors, and any individuals assisting them, must help with cleaning up and disposing of the cardboard used during the battle. Any remaining armor or weaponry must be gifted to any children, present at the event, upon request.

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## Rules of the battle performance:

The following rules of battle are meant for your safety and are designed to allow all participants to have fun and be mindful of others. We enforce these rules strictly and you will be taken out of battle should you break any rules. If a warning is not sufficient, we will disqualify you and you may never be allowed to battle again. All players are responsible and accountable to themselves. We are not liable for personal injury. If you break a rule, you are subject to removal from the game.

1. **Nobody is a winner at Box Wars.** The most you can hope for is that you survive your battle.
2. **Fight with honor and respect.** NO OVERLY AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR, INCLUDING NO KICKING, NO PUNCHING, AND NO CHOKE HOLDS. You attack with your cardboard weapon. If you lose your weapon, you can begin to rip costumes with your hands. Body checking and pushing is ok, as long as it's not too rough.
3. **Only the upper body / torso parts covered with cardboard can be attacked.** Absolutely NO hitting to the head, face, any area below the waist, or from behind is permitted. Even if the Box Warrior is wearing a helmet, that doesn't mean you can hit their head.
4. **If a box warrior falls down, they must be allowed to get up.** You cannot attack a fallen box warrior.
5. **No stealing other people's weapons.** Extra weapons are allowed but must remain outside the battlefield area and can only be used by the owner. If you have a squire (battle support staff), they may hold on to your extra weapons and pass them to you; however, they are not permitted to enter the battle area. If any box warrior drops and abandons their weapon on the battlefield you are permitted to pick it up and use it.
6. Box Warriors are considered to be eliminated when any of the following conditions are met:
  - a. **Their costume is destroyed.** Costumes are considered destroyed when the upper body armor is ripped off, regardless of if other parts of the costume remains intact.
  - b. **They leave the battlefield area.** Any warriors' extra weapons must therefore be within arm's reach of the battlefield.
  - c. **By announcing their retirement from the battle.** Yelling "OUT", signals other warriors that you are retiring from the battle and must not be attacked further, allowing you to exit the battlefield area quickly and safely.
  - d. **Is eliminated by an official.**
7. **The final rule is be as safe as you can, have fun and battle with honor.** Battles may be paused or ended if officials deem it appropriate, using an audible and visual signal. At the end of the battle every box warrior takes away their own cardboard or an equal amount to be recycled.

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