

## Rules Sheet (as of March 26, 2021)

## WHAT IS "WEIß SCHWARZ"?

"Weiß Schwarz" is a competitive trading card game that brings a myriad of characters from all sorts of video games, anime and manga together to battle it out on a card game stage!

## WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE GAME?

Two players face off against one another with their own Deck. The aim of the game is to deal 7 damage to your opponent to make them Level Up. Whoever first sends their opponent all the way up to Level 4 wins the game!

### WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE GAME?

This rule sheet contains all the information required to start a game of "Weiß Schwarz". For more advanced rules or exciting news about "Weiß Schwarz' tournaments and products, please visit our official website at en.ws-tcg.com

## CHARACTER CARDS



**EVENT CARDS** 



## CLIMAX CARDS



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Card Name ..... The name of the card. Use this name when referring to a card name by attribute.

2 English Name · · · · The English translation of the card's name.

3 Level ····· In order to play this card, your level must be equal to or greater than this number.

■ Cost ····· In order to play this card, you must send this number of cards from your Stock into your Waiting Room. ※ "To play a card" refers to the action of using a card from your hand. Refer to "2. Conditions for playing a card" on the reverse side of this manual.

ᠪ Counter-Attack Icon 🖫 · · If a card or ability is marked with this icon, it has an ability that can be used when your character is frontal attacked. Clock Icon 💠 ------ If a card is marked with this icon, it has an ability that can be used when it is in your clock.

3 Trigger Icon · · · · · · When this card is revealed as part of a Trigger Check, the effect represented by this icon will be unleashed.

Card Text ..... Describes the card's abilities.

3 Power ······ Indicates the character's strength in battle. The higher the value, the more of an advantage you have fighting your opponent's characters.

9 Soul Points · · · · · Represents the character's willpower. The damage dealt to your opponent depends on the number of icons present.

1 Trait ----- Special attributes the card possesses. These are often referred to in various card texts.

🚯 Color ······ The color of the card. Putting a lot of cards of the same color in your Deck will help you progress through the game smoothly. There are four colors in all: yellow (speed), green (power), red (technique), and blue (advantage).

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### PLAYING MAT

Use the Playmat so that you can easily recognize the areas where cards must be placed. After you have gotten used to playing the game, however, you may also choose not to use this mat.

Your Deck should be placed here face down. You are not allowed to change the order of these cards in any way. Even if your Deck runs out of cards, you will not lose the game. However, you will have to refresh your Deck to continue playing. For more information, please refer to the section 2 Level Cards representing what Level you are should be placed here

face up. When a fourth card is placed here you lose the game.

3 Clock Cards representing your Clock should be placed here face up. A maximum of six cards can be set down here. For the most part, the number of cards in this area increase as you take damage from your opponent's attacks. The order of these cards cannot be changed in any way. When a seventh card is placed here, you will be forced to go up a level. For more information, please refer to the section "1

Stock Cards representing how many cards you have in your Stock should be placed here face down. You are not allowed to check

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Cards which are placed face up on the Playmat can be checked by either player at any time

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what cards there are in any way. One card should be stacked on top of another, so when using cards in your Stock, you will always take the top card of your Stock. The order of these cards cannot be changed in any way. There is also no limit to how many cards you can have in your Stock. For the most part, the number of cards in your Stock increases as your characters attack. For more information, please refer to "@Trigger Step" in the section "Mattack Phase".

(5) Climax Area A maximum of one Climax can be placed here face up. If a card is in this area during the End Phase, it is then put into the Waiting Room.

Stage Positions Your Characters can be placed here face up. There is a total of five different stage positions. STAGE The area containing all five stage positions is called the "Stage".

CENTER STAGE The three foremost stage positions are collectively known as the "center stage". Characters on the center stage can battle against

the enemy character directly in front of them. Be sure to put characters with a lot of Power in these stage positions.

BACK STAGE The two stage positions at the rear are known as the "back stage". Characters on the back stage cannot battle directly against the enemy, but can lend support to their allies on the center stage. Put characters with various special or assist abilities in these stage positions.

Waiting Room Cards whose time in the spotlight has come to a close should be stacked here face up. 8 Memory

Cards which have been removed from the game should be stacked here face up.

Before starting a game, both players must each prepare their own Deck If this is your first time playing and you are unsure about how to build a Deck, a pre-constructed Trial Deck+ is recommended. Then, after you get the hang of things, try to forge your own Deck by adding in cards from Booster Packs. When putting together a new Deck, be sure to follow the rules listed below.

- Each deck must have exactly 50 cards.

No more than four cards with the same card name can be placed in one Deck. If two cards feature the same character but have differ you can have four of each type in a single Deck

A maximum of eight Climax Cards can be used in the same Deck.

Both players shuffle their Decks, then put their cards face down in the Deck area. Randomly determine which side is allowed to take the first turn.

For example, the winner of a round of rock-paper-scissors gets to start.

Both players draw five cards from their Decks. The player who takes the first turn bout players draw live calculation trief becas. The player with cases the list turn can perform a mulligan, followed by the other player. A mulligan is putting cards you do not need into your Waiting Room, and then drawing the same amount of cards from your Deck in return. You may want to change all of your cards except for any Level 0 Character Cards until you are more familiar with the game.

You're ready to start playing! The first turn player begins, and the game continues with each player alternating turns. (Proceed to "L Stand Phase" on the reverse side!)

**Character Status** 

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## PROGRESSING THROUGH A TURN

I Stand Phase

Get the characters on your Stage ready for their next move by turning them upwards! This applies to any character that was turned sideways after performing an action in the previous turn. Pointing a card upwards is called "Stand", while turning a card sideways is called "Rest".





1. Going up a level!

When there are 7 or more cards in your Clock, your level will increase by 1! Select 1 of the 7 bottommost cards and put it in your Level. Then, put the other 6 cards in your Waiting Room. (The 8th card and above will remain in your Clock.) If a 4th card is put into your Level, you lose the game!

When a card is at Stand, this means the character hasn't m a move yet. After some kind dation is performed, its status change to Rest. When that character loses in battle or surious other types of setback however, it will become Reverting the character in the character in the character loses in battle or surious other types of setback however, it will become Reverting the character in the chara

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## II Draw Phase Draw one card from your Deck. (This applies from the very first turn.)







2. Conditions for playing a card

LEVEL



se a Character Card from your hand and place it on a Stage position of your choice in Stand, When ere is another character already in that stage position, the existing card will then be placed in the alting Room. There's no limit to how many Character Cards you can use as long as they are playabl Play a Character Care Freely change which stage position your characters on Stage are at. You can also swap chara between two different stage positions. However, you cannot change the characters' status. 3 Move a character

Use a character' You can activate the ability of one of your characters on Stage if it is marked with an " 🌉 " icon. As long as you can pay the cost, you can use an Activated Ability as many times as you like.

Only the player whose turn it is can perform these actions!
But after you advance to the Climax Phase and beyond, you can no longer conduct these Main Phase actions, so make sure you don't Before you can use a Character, Event, or Climax Card, the following requirements must be met.

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# Your level must be equal to or greater than the level of the card. (Character and Event Cards only) COST

You must take a number of cards, equal to cost written on the card, from your Stock and place them in your Waiting Room. (Character and Event Cards only)

COLOR



There must be a card in either your Clock or Level with the same color as the card you want to play. If the level of a Character or Event Card is "0", however, you can play that card no matter what color it is.

# **VI** Attack Phase

V Climax Phase

Inflict damage on your opponent! The number of characters standing up in your center stage determines how many attacks you can make. For more information, see the separate "Attack Phase" section below.

Play a Climax Card from your hand and place it in the Climax Area. Things will really heat up during that turn - just like a famous scene straight out of anime, manga or video games! The Climax Card unleashes a powerful effect that lasts for the rest of the that turn, giving you an advantage.

# When your deck runs out of cards, immediately turn all of the cards in your Waiting Room face

3. Shuffling your Deck

# **VII** End Phase

If you have a card in the Climax Area, put it into the Waiting Room. If you have eight or more cards in your hand, discard cards from your hand into your Waiting Room until you have seven or less cards remaini All effects activated with the phrase "until end of turn" in their text will er at this point. ATTACK PHASE

2 TRIGGER STEP

The enemy can fight back against a frontal attack! After you launch a frontal attack on an enemy, your opponent can use a special card marked

with the icon "@" ("BACKUP") ability

If you are the attacking player, flip over the top card of your Deck and unleash the effect of the Trigger con the card's to pright Put the card face down in your Stock afterwards. This is called a "Trigger Check."

By You may select 1 enemy character and return them to your opponent's hand

You may draw 1 card

If damage dealt by the character that triggered this is a deal 1 damage to your opponent



## while you were in the middle of taking damage or drawing cards, first rebuild your Deck, complete the interrupted action, then finally put the top card of your Deck into your Clock.

As long as you have a character standing up, you can attack as many times as you want! This allows you to build up Stock and play even more powerful cards!

# **VI** Attack Phase

and declare an attack! Then choose one of the following three

attack types!
Only one attack can be made during
the very first turn of the game. If a FRONTAL ATTACK

SIDE ATTACK DIRECT ATTACK

Inflict damage on your opponent! The number of characters standing up in your center stage determines how many attacks you can make. Steps 1-5 below must be repeated for each attack. Finally, when it's time to end your Attack phase, conduct Step 6 once. **A** DAMAGE STEP

A player who is attacked takes damage equal to the Soul Points of the attacking character. **5** BATTLE STEP When frontal attack is s

6 ENCORE STEP attacking player must send each of their reversed characters s Waiting Room, When that player finishes, the defending or must also do the same. FOLLOW THESE STEPS WHEN YOU HAVE TAKEN DAMAGE rom the top of your Deck equal to the amount of damage that you be each card in your Clock. You cannot go up a level while you because that would negate some of the damage. up cards because that would negate reaches Level 4 loses the game!)



Attack Phase at a Glance TRIGGER STEP **COUNTER-ATTACK STEP** 

Regardless of whether you make a frontal, side, or direct attack, the Trigger Step must be conducted for all attack types. Regardless of whether you make a frontal, side, or direct attack, the Damage Step must be conducted for all attack types. Only the player receiving the attack can play a card which has a Counter-Attack Icon ("") on it.

A maximum of 1 card can be played. Resolve effects containing the phrase "when

picks up the number of cards from the top of their Deck the attacking character.

The Battle Step is not conducted during a side attack.

**BATTLE STEP** 

ATTACK DECLARATION STEP

Select your attack type.

FRONTAL ATTACK

SIDE ATTACK DIRECT Attack

The Counter-Attack Step is not conducted during a side attack.

The player who is attacked

DAMAGE STEP

equal to the Soul Points of If a Climax Card is not picked up, place each

0 The Counter-Attack Step is not conducted during a direct attack. After performing this Trigge Check, place the card face down in your Stock

The Battle Step is not conducted during a direct attack.

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If a Climax
Card is
picked up,
take all of the
cards which
have already
been drawn
from the Deck
and put them
into the
Waiting
Room.

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