

Player's Council

Current Rulings

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Section One: Introduction

The Player's Council (PC) is an unauthorized, unofficial group dedicated to maintaining the Lord of the Rings Trading Card Game by Decipher. In this digital era of the game, this is done primarily through changes to the GEMP platform, including errata, rules changes, and issuing of brand new virtual cards.

In the future, the PC will release updated Comprehensive Rules documents that will combine the last official Decipher rulings with the content of all PC Current Rulings Documents (CRDs). Until then, this document is an unofficial supplement to the **Comprehensive Rules 4.0** and the **11 CRDs** released between October 2004 and August 2007.

The PC commits to preserving the official Decipher formats as they were before the PC was formed in mid-2020. As such, the rulings in this document apply only to formats that are operated by the PC.

Section Two: Formats

The PC maintains three primary formats:

- PC-Fellowship
- PC-Movie
- PC-Expanded

Each of these are largely similar to the Fellowship, Movie, and Expanded formats that they are based on. Their official definitions are as follows:

PC-Fellowship

- Legal sets:
 - 1 - Fellowship of the Ring
 - 2 - Mines of Moria
 - 3 - Realms of the Elf-lords
 - Any set 0 cards that are reprints of cards from the above sets
- The Ring-bearer **can** cancel skirmishes
- Site path: Fellowship block
- All official Decipher errata are applied
- All unofficial PC errata are applied
- No X- or R- lists are applied.

PC-Movie

- Legal sets:
 - 1 - Fellowship of the Ring
 - 2 - Mines of Moria
 - 3 - Realms of the Elf-lords
 - 4 - The Two Towers
 - 5 - Battle of Helm's Deep
 - 6 - Ents of Fangorn
 - 7 - The Return of the King
 - 8 - Siege of Gondor
 - 9 - Reflections
 - 10 - Mount Doom
 - Any set 0 cards that are reprints of cards from the above sets
- The Ring-bearer **cannot** cancel skirmishes
- Site path: King block
- All official Decipher errata are applied
- All unofficial PC errata are applied
- The Decipher X-list is applied, except for the 5 PC errata cards listed in Section Three

PC-Expanded

- Legal sets:
 - All official Decipher sets 0-19
- The Ring-bearer **cannot** cancel skirmishes
- Site path: Shadows
- All official Decipher errata are applied
- All unofficial PC errata are applied
- The Decipher X- and R-lists are applied, except for the 5 PC errata cards listed in Section Three

Section Three: Individual Card Rulings

The following are **errata** for the listed cards and apply to all PC formats.

•Elrond, Lord of Rivendell 1 R 40

To play, spot Gandalf or an Elf.

At the start of each of your turns, **heal up to 3 allies** whose home is site 3.

Fellowship: Exert Elrond **twice (or once if you can spot 2 other [Elven] allies)** to draw a card.

•Sam, Son of Hamfast 1 C 311

Fellowship: Exert Sam **and another companion** to remove a burden.

Response: If Frodo dies, make Sam the **Ring-bearer (resistance 5)**.

Flaming Brand 2 R 32

Twilight Cost: 1

Bearer must be a **ranger**.

This weapon may be borne in addition to 1 other hand weapon.

Skirmish: If bearer is skirmishing a Nazgul, discard this possession to make bearer strength +3 and damage +1.

•Horn of Boromir 3 R 42

Bearer must be Boromir.

Maneuver: Exert Boromir **and discard this possession** to spot an ally. Until the regroup phase, that ally is strength +3 and participates in archery fire and skirmishes.

•Saruman, Keeper of Isengard 3 R 68

Saruman may not take wounds during the archery phase and may not be assigned to a skirmish.

Maneuver: Exert Saruman to make an Uruk-hai fierce until the regroup phase.

Response: If an Uruk-hai is about to take a wound, exert Saruman to prevent that wound.

Section Four: Resources and Links

The latest version of this and other PC documents can be found at <https://lotrtcgpc.net/resources.html>

Play the LotR-TCG online at <https://play.lotrtcgpc.net>

You may contact the Player's Council by joining the PC Discord server at <https://lotrtcgpc.net/discord> or sending an email to playerscouncil@lotrtcgpc.net