In the *Pathfinder Roleplaying Game*, your heroes fight on behalf of the oppressed, slaying monsters most foul and facing terrors that turn their limbs to ice.

And then they take their stuff and level up. Sound familiar? We thought so, too.

This game includes 97 Door cards, 71 Treasure cards, 12 player standies (six male, six female), one gameboard, one six-sided die, and these rules.

**Setup**

Three to six can play. Each player takes two standies in the same color and places the one of the appropriate sex on the space marked “I” on the gameboard. The other goes in front of the player.

Divide the cards into the Door deck and the Treasure deck. Shuffle each deck. Deal four cards from each deck to each player. Place the rest of the cards in the appropriate spaces on the gameboard.

The numbered spaces on the board represent your Level (see p. 2). When your character goes up (or, ugh, down) in Level, move your colored standie accordingly. You can never go below Level 1, and once you kill a monster to reach Level 10, you win! It’s perfectly fine for more than one player to be at the same Level.

**Card Management**

Keep discs for each deck in the matching “Discard” space on the gameboard. You may not look through the discs unless you play a card that allows you to!

When a deck runs out, reshuffle its discs. If a deck runs out and there are no discs, nobody can draw any of that kind of card!

**In Play:** These are the cards on the table in front of you, showing your Faction and Class (if any) and the Items you are carrying. Continuing Curses and some other cards also stay on the table after you play them. Cards in play are public information and must be visible to the other players.

**Your Hand:** Cards in your hand are not in play. They don’t help you, but they can’t be taken away except by cards that specifically affect “your hand.” At the end of your turn, you may have no more than five cards in your hand (see Charity, p. 2).

Cards in play may not be returned to your hand – they must be discarded or traded if you want to get rid of them.

**Character Creation**

Everyone starts as a Level 1 character with no class. (This joke is included pursuant to the requirements of the Munchkin System Reference Document, v2.3.) Munchkin characters are exclusively male or female, and your character’s sex is the same as your own unless you declare otherwise. Your character’s sex matches the sex of the standie on the board. If you change sex, swap standies.

Look at your initial eight cards. If you have any Faction or Class cards, you may (if you like) play one of each type by placing it in front of you. If you have any usable Items (p. 3), you may play them by placing them in front of you. If you have any doubt about whether you should play a card, you could read below, or you could just charge ahead and do it.

**Starting and Finishing the Game**

Decide who goes first by any method that will not lead to excessive bloodshed. (We suggest a rousing game of *Zombie Dice* . . .)

Play proceeds in turns, each with several phases (see p. 2). When the first player finishes his turn, the player to his left takes a turn, and so on.

The first player to reach Level 10 wins . . . but you must reach Level 10 by killing a monster, unless a card specifically allows you to win another way.

**Conflicts Between Cards and Rules**

This rulesheet gives the general rules. Many cards add special rules, so in most cases when the rulesheet disagrees with a card, follow the card. However, ignore any card effect that might seem to contradict one of the rules listed below unless the card explicitly says it supersedes that rule!

1. Nothing can reduce a player below Level 1, although card effects might reduce a player’s or a monster’s combat strength (p. 3) below 1.
2. You go up a level after combat only if you kill a monster.
3. You cannot collect rewards for defeating a monster (e.g., Treasure, levels) in the middle of a combat. You must finish the light before gaining any rewards.
4. You must kill a monster to reach Level 10.

Any other disputes should be settled by loud arguments, with the owner of the game having the last word. You could also read the Munchkin FAQ and errata pages at munchkin.sjgames.com, or start a discussion at forums.sjgames.com . . . unless it’s more fun to argue.
**TURN PHASES**

Your turn begins as soon as the previous player's turn ends. At the start of your turn, you may play cards, switch items from equipped to unequipped or vice versa, trade items with other players, and sell items for levels. When your cards are arranged the way you want, go to phase 1.

(1) **Kick Open The Door:** Draw one card from the Door deck and turn it face up.

If it’s a monster, you must fight it. See **Combat**, p. 3. If the card is a curse — see **Curses**, p. 5 — it applies to you immediately (if it can) and is discarded (unless it has a persistent effect or you keep the card as a reminder of an upcoming effect).

If you draw any other card, you may either put it in your hand or play it immediately.

(2) **Look For Trouble/Loot The Room:** If you fought a monster in phase 1, skip this phase and go to phase 3.

If you did NOT draw a monster when you first opened the door, you have two choices: either **Look For Trouble** or **Loot The Room**.

**Look For Trouble:** Play a monster from your hand and fight it, just as if you had found it when you kicked open the door. Don’t play a monster you can’t handle, unless you’re sure you can count on getting help (see p. 4)!

**Loot The Room:** Draw a second card from the Door deck, face down, and place it in your hand.

(3) **Charity:** If you have more than five cards in your hand, you must play enough cards to get you to five or below. If you cannot, or do not want to, you must give the excess cards to the player with the lowest Level. If players are tied for lowest, divide the cards as evenly as possible, but it’s up to you who gets the bigger set(s) of leftovers. If YOU are the lowest or tied for lowest, just discard the excess.

As soon as you are finished with Charity, the next player’s turn begins.
disadvantages (you can equip Items forbidden to that Class, and monsters do not get bonuses because of your Class). If the Class has an ability that has a cost, however, you must still pay it — you aren’t that Super! (All of the above is also true for Double Life, just for Factions.)

**Treasures**

Treasure cards include permanent and “one-shot” cards. Any Treasure card may be played to the table as soon as you get it, or at any time on your own turn *except* during combat (unless the rules below or the card itself says otherwise).

**Items**

Most Treasures are Items. Items have a Gold Piece value. (“No Value” is equivalent to zero Gold Pieces, and these cards are also Items.)

All Items you have in play are considered “carried.” Items that are actually giving you a bonus are “equipped.” You should indicate Items that are not equipped by turning the cards sideways. You may not alter the status of your Items during a combat or while running away.

Anyone can *carry* any Item (except for extra Big items; see below) but you may *equip* only one Headgear, one suit of Armor, one pair of Footgear, and two “1 Hands” Items (or one “2 Hands” Item) — unless you have a card that lets you ignore these limits, such as *Hireling* or *Cheat!,* or unless one of the cards says otherwise. If you are carrying two Headgear cards, for instance, you can equip only one of them at a time.

Likewise, some Items have restrictions: for instance, the Pumps can only be worn by an Alchemist. Their bonus only counts for someone who is, at the moment, an Alchemist.

You cannot discard Item cards “just because.” You may *sell* Items for a level, *trade* Items with other players, or *give* an Item to another player who wants it (see below). You may discard Items to power certain Class and Faction abilities. And a Curse or a monster’s Bad Stuff (see p. 5) may force you to get rid of something!

**Big Items**: You may carry any number of Small items, but only one Big one. (Any item not marked Big is considered Small.) You may not discard one Big item to play another; you must sell the first Item, trade it, lose it to a Curse or Bad Stuff, or discard it to power a Class or Faction ability.

If something lets you have more than one Big item (for instance, the Cheat! card) and you lose that ability, you must either correct the problem immediately or get rid of all but one Big item. If it’s your turn and you’re not in combat, you can sell the excess Big items (as long as you have at least 1,000 Gold Pieces of Items to sell). Otherwise, you must give them to the lowest-Level player(s) who can carry them. If any Big items are still left over, discard them.

**Trading**: You may trade Items (but no other cards) with other players. You may only trade Items from the table — not from your hand. You may trade at any time except when you or your trading partner are in combat — in fact, the best time to trade is when it’s not your turn. Any Item you receive in a trade must remain in play.

You may also give Items away without a trade, to bribe other players — “I’ll give you my Starstone if you won’t help Bob fight the Whispering Tyrant!” You may show your hand to others. Like we could stop you.

**Selling Items for Levels**: At any point during your turn except during combat or Running Away, you may discard Items worth a total of at least 1,000 Gold Pieces and immediately go up one level. (“No Value” cards are the same as zero Gold Pieces.) If you discard (for instance) 1,100 Gold Pieces worth, you don’t get change. But if you can manage 2,000 worth, you can go up two levels at once, and so on. You may sell Items from your hand as well as those you are carrying. You may not sell Items to go to Level 10.

**“One-Shot” Treasures**

A Treasure card that says “Usable once only” is often called a “one-shot” Treasure. Most of these are used during combat to strengthen the munchkins or the monsters, and may be played from your hand or from the table. Some have other effects, however, so read the card carefully! Discard these cards as soon as the combat is over or their effect is resolved.

**Other Treasures**

Other Treasure cards (like Go Up a Level cards) are not Items. Most of these cards say when they can be played, and whether they stay in play or are discarded. A couple of specific examples:

**Go Up a Level** cards may be played on yourself or any other player at any time, even during combat. Discard them once they are played. **Exception**: You cannot play a Go Up a Level card to give a player the winning level! **Hireling** may be played at any time, on any turn. You cannot give a Hireling an Item to carry while you are in combat, however.

**Combat**

To fight a monster, compare its *combat strength* to yours. Combat strength is the total of Level plus all modifiers — positive or negative — given by Items and other cards. If the monster’s combat strength is equal to yours, or greater, you lose the combat and must Run Away — see below. If your combat strength totals more than the monster’s — note that monsters win! — you kill it and go up a level (two levels for some big monsters). You’ll also get the number of Treasures shown on its card.

Sometimes a card will let you get rid of the monster without killing it. This is still “winning,” but you don’t get a level. Unless the card says otherwise, you don’t get the Treasures, either.

Some monster cards have special powers that affect combat — a bonus against a Faction or Class, for instance. Be sure to check these!

**Level Counters: It’s Not Cheating, It’s Using the Rules!**

If you have an iPhone, iPod touch, iPad, or Android phone, you’ll like our Level Counter smartphone app. Just search for “Munchkin level counter” or click the link at levelcounter.sjgames.com. Even better, it gives you personal *in-game* advantages to make your friends jealous . . . which is what being a munchkin is all about!
You and the other players may play one-shot Treasures or use Class or Faction abilities to help or harm you in your combat. Some Door cards may also be played into a combat, such as Monster Enhancers (see below).

Remember: while you are in combat, you cannot sell, equip, unequip, or trade Items, or play Treasures from your hand, unless these rules or the card says otherwise.

If you kill a monster (or monsters!), discard the monster(s) and any other cards played, and claim your rewards. But note: someone may play a hostile card on you, or use a special power, just as you think you have won. When you kill a monster, you must wait a reasonable time, defined as about 3.75 seconds, for anyone else to speak up. After that, you have really killed the monster, and you really get the level(s) and Treasures, though they can still whine and argue.

Monsters

If drawn face-up, during the Kick Open The Door phase, they immediately attack the person who drew them.

If acquired any other way, they go into your hand and may be played during your own turn to Look For Trouble, or played to join another player’s fight with the Wandering Monster card. (See Fighting Multiple Monsters, below.)

Each Monster card is a single monster, even if the name on the card is plural.

Monster Enhancers

Certain cards, called Monster Enhancers, raise or lower the combat strength of individual monsters. (Penalties to monsters are still considered Enhancers.) They also affect the number of Treasures the monsters are worth. Monster Enhancers may be played by any player during any combat.

All Enhancers on a single monster add together. If there are multiple monsters in a combat, the person who plays each Enhancer must choose which monster it applies to.

Fighting Multiple Monsters

Some cards (notably Wandering Monster) allow your rivals to send other monsters to join the fight. You must defeat their combined combat strengths. Any special abilities, such as forcing you to fight with your Level only, apply to the entire fight. If you have the right cards, you can eliminate one monster from the combat and fight the other(s) normally, but you cannot choose to fight one and Run Away from the other(s). If you eliminate one monster, but then run from the other(s), you don’t get any levels or Treasure!

Undead Monsters and Goblins

Several monsters in this set are tagged Undead. You may play any Undead monster from your hand into combat to help any other Undead, without using a Wandering Monster card. If you have a card that can be used to make a monster Undead, you may play it with a non-Undead monster to use this rule.

Likewise, some monsters in this set are tagged Goblin. You may play any Goblin from your hand into combat to help any other Goblin, without using a Wandering Monster card. If you have a card that can be used to turn a monster into a Goblin, you may play it with a non-Goblin monster to use this rule.

One monster, the Hemogoblin, is both Undead and a Goblin! Yes, that means it gets to use both rules . . . hope you haven’t made too many enemies!

Asking For Help

If you cannot win a combat on your own, you may ask any other player to help you. If he refuses, you may ask another player, and so on, until they all turn you down or someone helps. Only one player can help you, adding his combat strength to yours. Anyone can play cards to affect your combat, however!

You’ll probably have to bribe someone to help. You may offer your helper any Item(s) you are currently carrying, or any number of the Treasure cards the monster has. If you offer him part of the monster’s Treasure, you must agree whether he picks first, or you pick first, or whatever. You may also offer to play any cards from your hand that you legally could, such as Go Up a Level cards, on your helper.

The special abilities or vulnerabilities of the monster also apply to your helper, and vice versa. For instance, if an Eagle Knight helps you, he can discard cards to add to your combined combat strength. If you are facing the Akata and a Summoner helps you, its combat strength is reduced by 3 for that fight. But if you are facing the Pugwampi and a Summoner helps you, the monster’s combat strength is increased by 3 (unless you, too, are a Summoner and the monster’s combat strength has already been increased).

If someone successfully helps you kill the monster, discard it, draw Treasures (see Rewards, below), and follow any special instructions on the monster card. You level up for each slain monster. Your helper does not go up any levels. You draw the Treasure cards, even if it was your helper’s special ability that defeated the monster, and distribute them according to the agreement you reached.

Rewards

When you kill a monster, you get one level per monster, unless the Monster card says something else, and you get all its Treasure! Each monster has a Treasure number on the bottom of its card. Draw that many Treasures, modified by any Monster Enhancers played on it. Draw face-down if you killed the monster alone. Draw face-up, so the whole party can see what you got, if someone helped you. (If a monster says “Special” instead of a number of Treasures, read the card to find out what to do.)

Interfering With Combat

You can interfere with others’ combats in several ways, including:

Use a one-shot card. You could help another player by using a one-shot to strengthen his side. Of course, you can “accidentally” strengthen the monster with it, instead . . .

Play a Monster Enhancer. These cards (usually) make a monster stronger . . . and give it more Treasure. You can play these either during your own combats or during someone else’s combat.

Add a monster from your hand to join the combat, either with a Wandering Monster card or by using the special Undead and Goblin rules.

Curse them, if you have a Curse card.
Example of Combat.

With Numbers and Everything

Molly is playing a Level 4 Summoner with the Blazer (+2) and the T-Bone Stake (+2), for a total combat strength of 8. She Kicks Open The Door and finds the Slob Goblin. Its Level is 1 and it doesn’t have any special bonuses, so she’s winning, 8 to 1.

Molly: Eeeuw, gross. I’m killing this now.

Nick: Not so fast, there. It’s a Goblin, so I’m adding the Mob Gooblins to the fight.

Nick doesn’t need to use a Wandering Monster card because of the special Goblin rules. With the Level 10 Mob Gooblins, who get +3 against munchkins fighting alone, Molly is now losing, 14 to 8.

Tim: What the heck, I hate missing a party. It’s the Shop Goblin!

The Level 2 Shop Goblin adds another 2 to the fight, so Molly’s losing, 16 to 8.

Molly: I love you guys so much. Wait, did I say “love”?

Nick: Back at ya, babe. You want some help?

Molly: Yes. Lucky for me, my eidolon can provide it.

Molly uses her Eidolon ability from the Summoner class and discards Lamashu. Lamashu gives 5 Treasures, so as an Eidolon, it is worth +10 to the fight. Now Molly is winning, 18 to 16.

Molly: Either of you jokers planning to make this worse? (For good measure, she holds a Door card up from her hand and glares at Nick and Tim. It’s another Summoner card, but they don’t need to know that…)

Nick: I don’t like the way you said that, so no, you’re good.

Tim: I’m just glad I don’t have to fight Lamashu.

Molly declares victory and claims her three levels (one for each monster) and five Treasures (three for the Mob Gooblins and one each for the Slob Goblin and Shop Goblin). She’s now Level 7 and has a lot of Treasure to work with… which probably means Tim and Nick are going to work together to bring her down at the first opportunity. And the game goes on…

If you defeat a monster by nonlethal means, you do not get a level and you may or may not get the Treasure, depending on the method.

Treasure cards can be played as soon as you get them, even if you are the helper.

Running Away

If nobody will help you… or if somebody tries to help, and your fellow party members interfere so the two of you still cannot win… you must Run Away. You don’t get any levels or Treasure.

You don’t even get to Loot the Room. And you don’t always escape unharmless…

Roll the die. You escape on a 5 or more. Some Class and Faction abilities and some Treasures make it easier or harder to Run Away from all monsters. And some monsters give you a bonus or penalty to your roll for that monster only.

If you fail to Run Away from a monster, it does Bad Stuff to you, as described on its card. This may vary from losing an Item, to losing one or more levels, to Death (see below).

If you are fleeing from multiple monsters, you roll separately to escape each one, in any order you choose, and suffer Bad Stuff from each one that catches you as soon as it catches you.

If two players are cooperating and still can’t defeat the monster(s), they must both Run Away. They roll separately, and each player chooses in what order to Run Away. The monster(s) CAN catch them both.

Once you have resolved all Run Away rolls, discard the monster(s).

Death

If you die, you lose all your stuff. You keep your Class(es), Faction(s), and Level (and any Curses that were affecting you when you died) — your new character will look just like your old one. If you have Double Life or Super Munchkin, keep those as well. Once you have died, you don’t have to Run Away from any remaining monsters.

Looting The Body: Lay out your hand beside the cards you had in play (making sure not to include the cards mentioned above). If you have an Item carried by a Hirlingen or attached to a Cheat card, separate those cards. Starting with the player with the highest Level, everyone else chooses one card… in case of ties in Level, roll a die. If your corpse runs out of cards, tough. Once everyone gets one card, discard the rest. Looted cards go into players’ hands.

Dead characters cannot receive cards for any reason, not even Charity, and cannot level up or win the game.

When the next player begins his turn, your new character appears and can help others in combat with his Level and Class or Faction abilities… but you have no cards, unless you receive Charity or gifts from other players.

On your next turn, start by drawing four face-down cards from each deck and playing any legal cards you want to, just as when you started the game. Then take your turn normally.

Curses

If drawn face-up during the Kick Open The Door phase, Curse cards apply to the person who drew them.

If you acquire some other way, such as by Looting The Room, Curse cards go into your hand and may be played on any player at any time. ANY time, do you hear me? Reducing someone’s abilities just as he thinks he has killed a monster is a lot of fun.

Usually, a Curse affects its victim immediately (if it can) and is then discarded. However, some Curses give a penalty later in the game or have a continuing effect. Keep these cards until you get rid of the Curse or the penalty takes effect. (Curse cards you keep as a reminder may not be discarded to power Class or Faction abilities. Nice try!)

Note: If someone plays a “your next combat” Curse on you while you are in combat, it counts in that combat! The same is true for a “your next turn” Curse played during your turn.

If a Curse can apply to more than one Item, the victim decides which Item is lost or Cursed.

If a Curse applies to something you don’t have, ignore it. For instance, if you draw Lose Your Armor and you have no Armor, nothing happens; discard the card. (Some Curses have alternate effects, though, so read the card!)
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There will be times when it will help you to play a Curse or Monster on yourself, or to “help” another player in a way that costs him Treasure. This is very munchkiny. Do it.

COMBINING PATHFINDER WITH OTHER MUNCHKIN SETS

Munchkin Pathfinder uses the same classic card design found in the original Munchkin game, Munchkin Conan, Munchkin Legends, and dozens of Munchkin expansions and accessories. It is designed to blend smoothly with these sets, keeping the following rules in mind:

- Factions are not the same as Races (or Conan Birthrights). You may have a Class, a Race, a Birthright, and a Faction. Munchkin Pathfinder characters are assumed to be Human unless they have some other nonhuman Race.
- Any Undead monster may use the Undead Monsters rule (see p. 4), even if that rule is not included in the rules for its set.

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