



## WHAT IS THE ADEPTICUP ARMY SHOWCASE?

*From the war-torn worlds of the 41st millennium to the red fields of Wesetros, from the beaches of Normandy to Midtown Manhattan, forces are gathering. Twelve-meter-tall 'mechs power up, while the war-horns of Rohan call the hosts to muster at Dunharrow.*

The vast and varied armies, teams, and warbands that clash in AdeptiCon's Team Tournaments represent the pinnacle of the tabletop miniatures hobby. The results of months of effort are displayed at AdeptiCon in an unrivalled presentation and the best of the best are invited to exhibit their skill in the AdeptiCup Army Showcase.

The best displays from the various Team Tournament events at AdeptiCon will be asked to exhibit their armies in a special AdeptiCup area on Saturday night. This place of honor spotlights the range of amazing projects and the Showcase has become one of the convention's highlights.

## WHICH EVENTS PARTICIPATE?

For AdeptiCon 2025, the following events will participate in the AdeptiCup Army Showcase:

- A Song of Ice and Fire Team Tournament
- Star Wars: Shatterpoint: Team Premier Showdown
- Marvel: Crisis Protocol Teams Tournament
- Star Wars: Legion Doubles
- Adeptus Titanicus: Doubles - The Ruin of Maerdan
- BattleTech Alpha Strike 350 Doubles Tournament
- Bolt Action Doubles
- Halo: Flashpoint Duos Tournament
- Horus Heresy: Grand Team Event
- Infinity Fireteam Duo Tournament
- Judgement Team Event
- Middle-earth SBG Friendly Doubles Tournament
- SAGA Grand Melee - Historical Doubles
- Warhammer 40,000 Kill Team Doubles Tournament
- Warhammer 40,000 Team Tournament
- Warhammer 40,000: The Long War Doubles
- Warhammer: Age of Sigmar Team Tournament
- Warhammer: The Old-World Doubles
- Warmachine: 2-Player Doubles Tournament
- Warmachine: Americas Team Championship

## WHAT IS THE ADEPTICUP?

The AdeptiCup is a traveling trophy awarded to the "Best in Show" team in the Army Showcase. This team represents the pinnacle of hobby achievement at AdeptiCon. The trophy will reside in the hall of the winning team's game system until the next year's AdeptiCup Army Showcase, to the weeping and lamentations of the other game systems.

## HOW DO WE ENTER?

Participation is optional, but unless judges are told otherwise teams entered into any of the participating events will automatically be considered for the AdeptiCup Army Showcase. Army Showcase Finalists will receive a formal invite, details on setup, and expectations for all finalists.

## HOW ARE ARMIES SELECTED FOR THE SHOWCASE?

Each tournament organizer will be responsible for working with the AdeptiCon Army Showcase team and selecting worthy entries from their own event.

Generally, the selection is based on a holistic consideration of army appearance, display quality and theme/composition. But, as a northstar for guidance, event organizers should be considering "is this entry something that should be shared with the broader AdeptiCon audience and celebrated?"

The number of showcase slots available for each event will be decided on the weekend by the AdeptiCup Army Showcase Coordinator based on tournament size, available space, and quality of entries in each event.

Being selected for the Showcase is an achievement in its own right – selected teams will be hand delivered an exclusive invite to attend the showcase.

## HOW DOES JUDGING FOR THE ADEPTICUP WORK?

Teams will be given a time window to present their armies to a panel of three judges. The judges will then come to a consensus decision, selecting the winning team.

Selection is subjective and based on a holistic assessment of everything about a team's army/display including, but not limited to:

- Creativity
- Painting Quality
- Narrative on Display
- Visual Impact (Wow factor)
- Technical Execution

## THE ADEPTICUP AWARDS

- AdeptiCup Best of Show  
*Overall Top Winner*
- AdeptiCup Reserve Best of Show  
*Overall Runner-Up*
- Commended Entries  
*Deserving the highest level of praise*
- Best Skirmish  
*Best of small-format game systems*
- Best Display  
*Display board earning the highest marks*
- People's Choice  
*Voted on by event attendees*
- Judge's Choice  
*Each of the 5 judge's personal favorite*

## LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

Baird Center Grand Ballroom Foyer (1st Floor)  
Saturday, March 29th, 2025

6:30 PM	Pre-Showcase Instructional Meeting
7:00 PM	Set-up for Showcase Finalists
8:00 PM	Viewing, Judging, People's Choice Voting
10:00 PM	Awards Ceremony
11:00 PM	Tear-down

## WHAT ELSE SHOULD WE KNOW?

Competition for the Army Showcase and the AdeptiCup is fierce, and truly excellent armies are often not asked to participate. This is no slight on the amazing work of individual teams, but a testament to the vast amount of amazing hobby work that is featured at AdeptiCon.

## WHO TO SEND QUESTIONS TO?

Please send your questions with the subject "AdeptiCup 2025" to [info@adepticon.org](mailto:info@adepticon.org).

# THE 2025 ADEPTICUP JUDGING TEAM



## **ERIC LOCKE**

*YOUTUBE: ERIC'S HOBBY WORKSHOP*

I am a long-time miniature hobbyist with a passion for immersive and ambitious crafting projects. On my YouTube channel – Eric's Hobby Workshop – I like to encourage hobbyists to make cool terrain and miniatures, and enjoy teaching, showcasing and developing new and classic hobby techniques. The Saturday night showcase at AdeptiCon is always impressive and inspiring, and I am excited to see what contestants bring this year!



## **LOUISE SUGGS**

*YOUTUBE: ROGUE HOBBIES*

Hello! I'm Louise, a full time Hobbyist and Goblin Enthusiast with an unrelenting thirst for painting miniatures! You can find me on my YouTube channel – Rogue Hobbies – where I dabble in everything from high end miniature painting, sculpting, gaming, and uncovering the weird and wonderful parts of the hobby we all love the most! This is my FIRST TIME at AdeptiCon so you can imagine how excited I am to take part in this showcase of talent and creativity!



## **VICTORIA LAMB**

*WEBSITE: VICTORIA MINIATURES*

Victoria Lamb is a miniature painter, sculptor, theatrical designer and owner of Victoria Miniatures. She is the winner of 13 Australian Golden Demon Trophies and one Slayer Sword. She has been a part of AdeptiCon for over 10 years, and is very excited to be making the long journey again in 2025 for the biggest show yet.



## **DUNCAN RHODES**

*YOUTUBE: DUNCAN RHODES PAINTING ACADEMY*

I started in the hobby when I was 11 and found that learning to paint was quite difficult! Once I got a job at GW, first in retail, then the studio, and finally Warhammer TV, I found that I really enjoyed teaching painting techniques to make it as easy to learn as possible. Five years ago I started the Duncan Rhodes Painting Academy with my friend Roger. We are dedicated to teaching skills for painting miniatures, we now run painting competitions, and even have our own high quality range of hobby paints.



## **DAVE TAYLOR**

*YOUTUBE: BUILD PAINT PLAY*

Dave Taylor has painted more than 12,000 minis for countless armies in his hobby career (and has even written a book or two about painting wargaming armies). A staunch supporter of AdeptiCon, he stands ready to celebrate the passion and enthusiasm that everyone is bringing to this new era.