

# IMPETUS RULEBOOK AND WARBOOKS

## ERRATA, CLARIFICATIONS AND FAQ

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*what's new:*

*Clarification on pilum/pbw rules*

## ERRATA AND CLARIFICATIONS

### 4.1.2 RALLY

Rally (recover from Disorder) is not possible if the Unit/Group is in melee. Note that a Group can be split before the activation, so a part of the Group not in contact with an enemy Unit can rally.

### 4.1.3 REACTION TO A PURSUIT *Clarification*

The pursuit is not an action, but part of a melee. If the pursuing unit contacts a different opponent unit, a new melee starts but the contacted unit cannot react (no evasion, no defensive fire...)

### 5.7.4 COUNTER-CHARGE *Clarification*

As a counter charging Unit should be able to perform 1H before the charging Unit completes its charge, so the counter-charge is allowed only if the charging Unit is at more than 1H away.

### 6.2.6 LARGE UNITS *Clarification*

A Large Unit is considered a Large Unit as long as a rear rank exists. Once the rear rank is lost, it is no longer a Large Unit for any purpose (e.g .terrain, movement).

### 6.6 PILUM AND POINT BLANK WEAPON (PBW) *Clarification*

Pilum and PBW can be used as shooting weapons only once per game, at the very first contact (melee or dispersion) with the enemy.

The bonus in melee is applied until the Unit is Exhausted at the first round of a melee.

This must be intended that the bonus applies when the Unit with pilum/pbw makes or receives a new voluntary contact, provided it is not exhausted.

#### *Case 1* – Unit with pilum/pbw charges

The Unit with pilum/pbw charges as the result of a voluntary action during its activation. This may also occur as a reaction (e.g. a countercharge).

The bonus does not apply in the case of a pursuit, whether by the Unit with pilum/pbw or by their opponents.

#### *Case 2* – Unit with pilum/pbw is charged

The Unit with pilum/pbw is charged as the result of a voluntary action during the enemy's activation.

The bonus does not apply if the contact results from a pursuit.

### *Clarification*

Modifiers for the Cohesion test as a consequence of pilum/PBW shooting are only those classed as "According to target":

-1 for Disorder

+1 for Leader attached

+1 if target is CP1, CGP, CGL, CF, W or FP

### 7.3 LARGE UNITS DEPTH BONUS *Clarification*

Unit depth bonus to apply: both the front and rear units must be armed with a long spear, or both must be armed with pikes.

The Large Unit depth bonus for impetuous troops is cumulative: a Unit of FP with Long Spear that is also Impetuous adds both bonuses (for a total of +2 against Foot and + 3 against Mounted).

### APPENDIX 1 - CARDS *Clarification*

Tactical cards apply only to single Units, i.e., one card, one Unit.

## OFFICIAL AMENDMENTS

(these rules are still under test)

### 5.8 IMPETUOUS CHARGE

Modifiers for Frenzy Test are now:

+ Leadership bonus of attached Leader (e.g. an Expert Leader adds 3 to die roll)

+ 1 if the Group is not fragmented

### 6.1.1. SHOOTING

In case the number of dice is reduced to 0 or less, one die is anyway rolled BUT the firing Unit can only cause Disorder to the target when it rolls a hit. No cohesion test is performed. If the target is already in Disorder, than it is a loss.

### 7.7 HEAVY INFANTRY (FP)

FP have a +1 modifier in its Cohesion Test when in melee with other Foot that is not FP.

### 7.8.1 SKIRMISHERS (S)

Skirmishers S with I>0 are not dispersed in melee like other S.

## FAQ

*Q. If a S Unit is charged by an enemy Unit intending to disperse the S Unit, and the S Unit routs the enemy Unit after rolling its melee dice, is the S unit still dispersed?*

A. Yes. The S unit is still dispersed because it was contacted by the enemy unit.

*Q. Can a Group charge or counter-charge one enemy Unit, even if only 1 Unit of the Group can contact the enemy Unit?*

A. Yes, that is permitted. When you charge or counter-charge as a Group you have 2 options:

1) keep the line together; or

2) allow all Units to complete the movement, so Units not contacting an opponent can continue moving further.

*Q. Which Units have an obligation to pursue when they win a melee?*

A. Impetuous, CP, CGP and CF must pursue when they win a melee as the main unit in the combat.

As a support Unit, Impetuous CP, CGP and CF always have the option to pursue, even if the main unit decides not to pursue.

*Q. How line of sight is determined for charging when there is a terrain element that partially blocks line of sight?*  
The rule that applies to determine whether a target is visible for shooting purposes (6.3.2), is the same rule that is used to determine whether a target can be charged when a terrain element partially blocks line of sight.

*Q. Can an exhausted Unit disengage?*

A. Yes, while an exhausted Unit may not react, it can disengage.

*Q. Does closed ranks continue turn to turn until one side retreats or the enemy is destroyed, whichever happens first?*

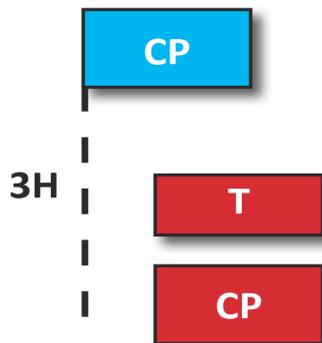
A. Close ranks status ends with that melee phase.

*Q. Rule 7.7.2 provides: If a Unit in melee routs then friendly Units that are even partially behind them and are within 1H of their rear are disordered and take 1 permanent loss to VBU. The exception to this is if the troops are behind Skirmishers, non-impetuous Light Infantry, Missile Troops, Light Cavalry, Artillery or Wagenburgs. Does this rule apply to Republican Roman armies where Legionary FP units are permitted to interpenetrate each other?*

A. Yes, 7.7.2 does apply in that circumstance, so, if destroyed, Legionaries can cause disorder and loss to other Legionaries behind.

*Q. Can I countercharge with a Unit that is behind a friendly evading Unit or a Unit that I can interpenetrate?*

Yes you can, but only if the countercharging Unit is at charge reach by the opponent according to potential charge rules.



Blue CP declares a potential charge to Red T. Red T can choose to stand and try Defensive Fire or to Evade. Red Player chooses to Evade. Now, Blue Player can adjust his potential charge and declare instead that if T successfully evades then he charges Red CP. Red Player can then declare that in this case he would countercharge. If Blue Player confirms his latest intention it is not even necessary for Red T to test for evasion as it is pushed back by Red CP moving forward its 1H for the countercharge.

# WARBOOKS (ARMY LISTS)

## CLARIFICATIONS

### Up 1/C : up to 1 for each Command

You can field such a troop type no more than one per command. That troop must also stay in its Command. If you have 4 Commands these Units will stay each in their Command and will not be combined together in the same Command. In most lists it appears as an upgrade of a previous line of the same type. In a few cases it is independent and will allow to field one unit per command, up to a maximum of 4.

*Example 1 (same type previous line) -*

0-2 Carthage Vet Cav CM 5

up 1/C Carthage Vet Cav CM 6

A maximum of 2 Veteran Cavalry that can be upgraded to VBU 6

*Example 2 (Independent line - no compatible previous line) -*

0-2 Scouts CL 3 1 B 1 Javelin

up 1/C Soldurii Elite FP 6 4 C 3/1 Impetuous

A maximum of 4 soldurii can be used (provided there are 4 commands)

## ERRATA

### WARBOOK 1

#### 1.3 Nubian 3000 - 780 BC

Change Egyptian Mercenaries to

0-3 Egyptian Mercenaries **FL** 5 3 B 3 **20**

#### 1.12 Syro-Canaanite and Ugaritic

**2-10 Archers T 3 0 C 1 Short bow A 8**

**Or Archers S 2 0 B 1 Short bow B 11**

#### 2.13 Kushite Egyptians 745-583 BC

Add line after S Javelinmen

**0-4 Slingers S 2 0 B 1 12**

#### 1.15 Hittite Empire

Add line after Heavy Chariots:

Up 1 Mesedi Chariots CGP 6 4 A 3 Various 35

Remove Long Spear from Regular Foot:

3-10 Regular Foot FL 5 1 B 2 18

Same list, Syro-Canaanite allies

2-8 Foot FL 4 **1 C 1 Javelin 10**

#### 1.16 Middle Assyrian

0-10 Levies FL 4 1 C 1 **(remove Javelin) 8**

#### 2.5 Later Hebrew 1000-587 BC

Change

up1/4D Tribal Foot FL 5 1 B 2 Javelin 20

to

up1/4D Tribal Foot FL 5 1 B 2 **PBW 20**

## 2.14 Sargonid Assyrian

Medes supporting archers	T	4	0	C	1	Short bow A	11
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## 3.3 Spartans

2-8 Perioikoi and non-citizen pikemen	FP	4	2	B	1	Pike	18/14
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## 3.10 Early Achaemenid Persians 550-420 BC

0-1 Arab camelry	CL	3	1	C	1	Short bow B/Camels	17
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Change Front rank to FP:

0-2 Assyrian or Chaldaean	FP	4	1	C	1		9
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Remove Javelin from:

0-2 Egyptian and Phoenician marines	FL	4	1	C	1		8
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## 4.3 Classical Indians 500-321 BC

Ending date is 321 AD

## 4.5 Alexander Macedonians 356-331 BC

Change

or Greek mercenary peltasts	FL	5	1	B	2	Javelin	20
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to or Greek mercenary peltasts	FL	5	1	B	2	PBW	20
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## 4.10 Eumenes 322-316 BC

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or Greek mercenary peltasts	FL	5	1	B	2	Javelin	20
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to or Greek mercenary peltasts	FL	5	1	B	2	PBW	20
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## 4.11 Antigonus Monophthalmus

0-2 Persian archers	S	2	0	B	1	Short bow B	11
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0-2 Cretan archers	S	3	0	B	1	Short bow B	13
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## 4.13 Maurya Empire 321-180 BC

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or Palace Guard	FL	5	1	A	2	Javelin	25
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to or Palace Guard	FL	5	1	A	2	PBW	25
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## 4.18 Middle Ptolemaic 276-168 BC. Missing line:

0-2 Thracians	FL	4	2	B	1	Javelin	16 (missing line)
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Greek merc. cav.

with felt horse armour	CM	6	2	B	2		29
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## 5.1 Early Etruscan

0-5 Cavalry	CM	4	2	B	1	(remove Javelin)	18
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## 5.5 Syracuse

0-2 Thureophoroi	FL	5	1	B	2	Long Spear	21
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## 5.6 Later Etruscan – Gallic allies

0-2 Skirmishers	S	2	0	B	1	Javelin	10
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## 5.9 Pyrrhic

Change minimums to

0-8 Italiote Hoplites	FP	4	1	B	1	Long spear Hoplon	17/13
6-12 Phalangites	FP	4	1	B	1	Pike	17/13
1-6 Thur., Thracians, Illyrians	FL	4	1	B	1	Javelin	15

## 6.6 Middle Republican Romans change ending date to 106 BC

– Numidian allies

Or Light cavalry	CL	4	1	B	2	Javelin	22
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## 6.17 Later Republican Romans

0-2 Eastern Foot archers	T	4	0	B	1	Short bow A	16
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# WARBOOK 2

## 8.1 Middle Imperial Romans; 8.4 Early Sassanid Persians; 8.8 Palmyra; 8.10 Later Imperial Romans (East)

In the Arab allied contingent section, the two lines:

Arab nomads	CL	3	1	B	1	Javelin	19
Arab camelry	CL	3	1	B	1	Camels	19

should be replaced by (as per the 7.3 Pre-Islamic Arabs 300 BC - 633 AD):

Camelry	CM	4	1	B	1	Short bow B/Camels	22
Light Camelry	CL	3	1	B	1	Short bow B/Camels	22

## 8.4 Early Sassanid Persians

Paygan or Levy	FP	3	1	C	1		6/5
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Correct minima and maxima:

4-14 Savaran	CM	5	2	B	2	Comp. bow C	26
2-8 Savaran Horse Archers	CL	3	1	B	1	Comp. bow B	22

## 10.8 Western Han

Remove “Supporting Crossbowmen” line and change:

2-6 Crossbowmen	T	4	0	B	1	Crossbow A	18
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Notes

Bubing and Crossbowmen can form Large Units. Bubing must be all in Large Units or all in single Units.

## 13.5 Later Sassanids

Paygan or Levy	FP	3	1	C	1		6/5
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## 14.7 Early Andalusians 710-765 AD

To have Archers to form LU with Andalusian Foot they need to have same Discipline, so insert this line:

or Archers	T	3	0	B	1	Short Bow A	13
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Notes: FP can form Large Units with Supporting Archers

## 15.8 Nikephorian Byzantines 963-1042 AD

Delete line of S Javelinmen

## 15.10 Konstantinian Byzantines 1042-1071 AD

Delete line of S Javelinmen

# WARBOOK 3

For the following lists:

## 16.1 Early Fatimid Egyptians 973-1077 AD

## 16.4 Later Fatimid Egyptians 1078-1171 AD

## 16.6 Sultanate of Rum 1077-1307 AD

## 16.7 Syrian States 1092-1286 AD

## 16.11 Ayyubids Egyptians 1171-1250 AD

## 21.3 Golden Horde 1251-1566 AD

## 22.13 Xi Xia 1032-1227 AD

## 22.16 Later Song Chinese 1127-1279 AD

Naffatun VD is 0

## 16.1 Early Fatimid Egyptians 973-1077 AD

Change

0-1 Abid al-Shira Guard	FL	5	1	B	2	Javelin	20
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0-1 Abid al-Shira Guard	FL	5	1	B	2	PBW	20
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## 16.4 Later Fatimid Egyptians 1078-1171 AD

Change

0-1 Abid al-Shira Guard	FL	5	1	B	2	Javelin	20
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0-1 Abid al-Shira Guard	FL	5	1	B	2	PBW	20
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## 16.7 Syrian States

1-8 Syrian Cavalry	CM	5	2	B	2		23
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## 16.9 Later Crusader

Change note into: FP can form Large Units with FP or T of the same type

## 17.1 Early Polish 963-1241 AD

Change

0-2 Livonians or Hungarians	CL	3	1	B	1	Comp. bow B	22
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0-2 Hungarians	CL	3	1	B	1	Comp. bow B	22
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or Livonians	CL	3	1	B	1	Javelin	19
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## 17.7 Novgorod and Northwest Rus 1160-1440 AD

Change

0-3 Livonian and Hungarian Light Horse	CL	4	1	B	2	Javelin	22
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0-3 Hungarian Light Horse	CL	3	1	B	2	Comp. bow B	22
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or Livonian Light Horse	CL	3	1	B	2	Javelin	19
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### 17.10 Early Teutonic Order 1202-1410 AD

Change

0-4 Livonian &

Hungarian Horse Archers	CL	3	1	B	1	Comp. bow B	22
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Up 1/2D Livonian &

Hungarian Horse Archers	CL	4	1	B	2	Comp. bow B	25
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to

0-4 Hungarian Horse Archers	CL	3	1	B	1	Comp. bow B	22
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or Livonian Light Horse	CL	3	1	B	1	Javelin	19
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Up 1/2D

Hungarian Horse Archers	CL	4	1	B	2	Comp. bow B	25
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### 22.15 Jurchen Jin 1113-1234 AD

Replace Naphta Throwers Various weapons with Bomb for 3 pts and VD=0.

Add

0-2 Tiefutu (Iron Pagoda)	CPI	7	3	B	3		35
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### 23.6 Sengoku Samurai

All Yari Samurai can be upgraded to VBU 7 and I=4 (not just one).

After 1574 Teppo Ashigaru can have a maximum of 10 Units (instead of 6).

After 1574 Samurai on foot can only be equipped with Yari (polearm) instead of Composite bow B at the same cost.

After 1574:

0-1 Light Artillery	ART	1	0	B	1	Art B	15
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## WARBOOK 4

### 28.13 Burgundian Ordonnance 1471-1477 AD

Change first line of Ordonnance Handgunners to

0-3 Ordonnance Handgunners	T	4	0	B	1	Handgun	12
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### 31.8 Aztecs 1325 - 1521 AD

Correct the Weapon/Special of the 4 four lines below:

0 4 Telpochcalli	FL	3	2	C	1	(remove)	6
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0 3 Otomis	FL	4	4	C	1	PBW/Impetuous	12
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0 8 Tlahuitolli	T	3	0	C	1	Short bow A	8
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Up 1/2D Tlahuitolli	T	4	0	B	1	Short bow A	16
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### 33.3 Scots Common Army 1513-1573 AD

Add this option to Borderers

up 1/2D Borderers	CM	5	2	B	2		23
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