

AN INVITATION FROM IRON WIND METALS



Having successfully funded our kickstarter to produce Wave 1 of the Chaos Wars miniature releases, Iron Wind Metals is in full swing preparing to send out rewards to our backers, and preparing the reformatted Classic Rules and new Advanced Rules for Chaos Wars.

As members of the gaming community ourselves, IWM leadership has always appreciated the elaborate story backgrounds, wonderfully painted miniatures, fan generated artwork, and special rules and campaigns that gamers have created for many gaming systems.

Many of these efforts go unpublicized and many fans never get a chance to enjoy them. We intend to change that.

We are inviting active MINIATURE PAINTERS, ARTISTS, WRITERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS, and potential DEMO TEAM members to work with us to create the authorized lore of the Chaos Wars.

We can't pay you for your work but will give you credit in the publication, exposure to the marketplace, and published work to build your portfolio. Here is how it works:

MINIATURE PAINTERS

IWM holds the production rights to the vast majority of the classic Ral Partha fantasy ranges. This gives us a portfolio of miniatures sculpted over 25 years by some of the best sculptors in the business. Currently, IWM is producing over 1200 miniatures that are compatible with Chaos Wars. Our plan is to expand the range by re-mastering and releasing an additional 1800 classic Ral Partha sculpts, so that 3000 different miniatures are available, in a variety of sculpting styles, scales, and themes.

We are offering skilled painters the opportunity to paint a 12 figure unit of infantry or a 6 figure unit of cavalry which we will use in demo games, and feature in advertising, and on packaging. You will be compensated with an additional set of the unpainted figures. We will also credit you for your work wherever it is used or pictured.

IWM will offer the best painters the opportunity to paint additional miniatures, including monsters, dragons, and new releases.

ARTISTS & DESIGNERS

We have five major projects that will feature artwork this year: Introductory Rules, Advanced Rules, two RPG modules, and Skirmish rules.

All of the written Chaos Wars materials (plus scenarios and background stories) will be available on our website as a free download. We will be regularly plugging the availability of these downloads in our electronic and physical advertising, with inserts inside our sets of miniatures. Printed copies will also be available. As a miniatures company, we want to get the Chaos Wars rules and stories into the hands of as many gamers as possible. We believe that your artwork (and contact information) will end up in the hands of thousands of gamers and industry professionals.

When the artwork is used by IWM, a clear and visible caption will be included immediately below all interior artwork, stating the title of the piece (determined jointly by IWM and the artist), artist's name, and whatever contact info the artist desires. If the artwork is on the front or back cover, the caption will be placed on the interior front or back cover, respectively. The artist will have permission to use the Chaos Wars logo, and the branding: "[Title], of Ral Partha's Chaos Wars" whenever the artist sells prints or the original artwork for this specific piece of art, and may use the image of the artwork for self-promotion such as in a gallery or on a website. Additional details will be worked out between the artist and IWM.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Photographers are invited to help us create a vast array of images for our catalogs, advertising, and future rules and campaign sets. All Photography work will be credited.

WRITERS

The world of the Chaos Wars is a fantasy setting where a Greater Demon has torn holes in reality, allowing forces from various places, times, and realities to spill into the world. This is a large canvass to work on, and allows for many interpretations of new and classic fantasy concepts. Once the basic guidelines of the Chaos Wars world are available, writers are invited to create storylines and background for specific armies within the Chaos Wars world. The only requirement is that the writing must remain within the guidelines. Submissions will be reviewed, and if published electronically or in print, the writer will be credited. We will especially be looking for the individual histories of the warriors fighting the Chaos Wars. We will invite the best writers to create and develop new characters and campaign settings.

DEMO TEAM

We are currently building a network of Demo Teams. We are looking for active players with a strong sense of sportsmanship, and a dedication to fantasy war gaming. We need point-persons in every community, and a local demo team to support each point person at regional events, and local conventions. IWM will invite the best Demo Team members to demo at major gaming events. Demo Team members will help IWM create new rules, consider revisions, and build future scenarios and campaign settings. Demo team members will also be supported with badge assistance at major events, special discounts, exclusive miniatures, and the opportunity to purchase new releases before the retail market.

In Conclusion

Help us shape the world of the Chaos Wars, and be publicly recognized for your efforts. Together we can build a unique miniatures driven fantasy gaming universe that the entire fantasy gaming community can participate in.

Personal Note

As a longtime proponent of tabletop fantasy battles, this project is very exciting to me personally. For years, I had hoped for a game that would allow players versatility and range in their choices of what they field on a tabletop, and access to a more enriching and fulfilling experience. The classic rules for Chaos Wars come a long way towards this. With the Advanced Rules, we intend to go even further to making the best game possible. This is your opportunity to participate in that effort, and create a game that we all can enjoy for many years to come. If you are interested in participating in this project in any way, please contact me directly. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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A Message from Michael Noe, President of Iron Wind Metals

As someone who more and more with each passing year finds himself limping further into that venerable group known as "industry old-timers" it takes a lot to get me excited about a project. While 33 years of making minis doesn't exactly make me an elder sage of the gaming community, it certainly qualifies me for the title of "grizzled veteran", and as such I'm a bit jaded. The amazing response and support that we've received for our KickStarter to re-ignite the Chaos Wars and return to the timeless miniatures of Ral Partha's golden age, and further, to move forward with exciting new sculpts in that grand tradition has re-lit a fire in me - one that I hope we can all share in.

I look forward to joining together with dedicated friends and partners, and with the creative and talented brothers and sisters of the gaming community, as we work to build a new fantasy universe made by and for people who love amazing miniature sculptures and miniatures gaming.

Sincerely,
Michael Noe
President
Iron Wind Metals

