

Fixed Hit Points

Through the use of these optional, fixed hit point rules, characters would have more hit points (hp) at first but have slightly less hit points at higher levels. In addition hit point variation would be eliminated for characters and creatures, as hit points would no longer be rolled. Instead, hit points for player characters and NPCs would be based on their constitution score (CON), class, and level while hit points for creatures would be based on their size, hit dice (HD) and hit die bonus.

- 1] Starting hit points (hp) for player characters and NPCs equal that character's constitution (CON) score plus a fixed hit point bonus based on the hit die type for that character's chosen class:
 - d4 = 1 hp
 - d6 = 2 hp
 - d8 = 3 hp
 - d10 = 4 hp
 - d12 = 5 hp
- 2] After 1st level all characters would get this fixed hit point bonus whenever they advance in level. No CON bonus is added to these, fixed, hit points.
- 3] Creatures have a base of 10 hit points. Large creatures double their base hit points, starting with 20 hit points. Small creatures halve their base hit points, starting with 5 hit points. Each hit die (HD) adds 3 hit points to these base hit points. Creatures with less than 1 hit die divide their base hit points by the fraction used for their hit die amount, with fractional hit points rounded up. Hit die modifiers (e.g. an 8+3 HD creature has a +3 hit die modifier) are added to each hit die. Creatures with less than 1 hit die do not have to adjust hit die modifiers. No undamaged creature may have less than 1 hit point.
- 4] NPC humans and demihumans would gain starting hit points just as player characters do.



Examples

The hit point totals would work out as follows:

- 1] Sam the magic-user: A level 1 magic-user with a 10 constitution would have 11 hp. By level 10 he'd have 20 hp. By level 20 he'd have 30 hp.
- 2] Bob the fighter: A level 1 fighter with a 16 CON would have 20 hp. By level 10 he'd have 56 hp. By level 20 he'd have 96 hp.
- 3] Shecky the Vampire: An 8+3 HD vampire would have 58 hp.
- 4] Mongo the hill giant: A 12+2 HD hill giant would have 80 hp.
- 5] Kurble the kobold: A ½ HD kobold would have 3 hp.