Errata: Dungeon Master’s Guide

This document updates parts of the Dungeon Master’s Guide (5th edition) of Dungeons & Dragons. All the updates here appear in the 10th printing of the book and in the 2018 core rulebook gift sets.

When updates are added to this document, its version number increases, and the word “New” appears before the latest changes.

Chapter 1
The Calendar of Harptos (p. 33). Shieldmeet takes place after Midsummer, not Midwinter.

Chapter 3
Evaluating Encounter Difficulty (p. 82). In the “Compare XP” step, the second sentence has been replaced with the following: “The threshold that equals the adjusted XP value determines the encounter’s difficulty. If there’s no match, use the closest threshold that is lower than the adjusted XP value.”

Chapter 6
Crafting a Magic Item (p. 129). The first sentence under the Crafting Magic Items table now reads, “An item has a creation cost specified in the Crafting Magic Items table (half that cost for a consumable, such as a potion or scroll).”

Chapter 7
Attunement (p. 136). The first paragraph ends with a new sentence: “If the prerequisite is to be a spellcaster, a creature qualifies if it can cast at least one spell using its traits or features, not using a magic item or the like.”

Treasure Hoard: Challenge 11–16 (p. 138). In the table, “11–12” is now “10–12.”

[New] Scrolls (p. 139). In the second paragraph, “requires using an action” is now “requires the user.”

Magic Weapons (p. 140). The section ends with a new paragraph: “If a magic weapon has the ammunition property, ammunition fired from it is considered magical for the purpose of overcoming resistance and immunity to nonmagical attacks and damage.”

[New] Spells (p. 141). In the second sentence, “lowest possible spell level” is now “lowest possible spell and caster level.”

Amulet of Health (p. 150). The last sentence now reads as follows: “It has no effect on you if your Constitution is 19 or higher without it.”

Bag of Tricks (p. 154). The second paragraph ends with a new sentence: “The creature vanishes at the next dawn or when it is reduced to 0 hit points.”

Belt of Giant Strength (p. 155). The last sentence of the first paragraph now reads as follows: “The item has no effect on you if your Strength without the belt is equal to or greater than the belt’s score.”

Gauntlets of Ogre Power (p. 171). The last sentence now reads as follows: “They have no effect on you if your Strength is 19 or higher without them.”

Headband of Intellect (p. 173). The last sentence now reads as follows: “It has no effect on you if your Intelligence is 19 or higher without it.”

[New] Instrument of the Bards (p. 176). The final paragraph is replaced with the following: “You can play the instrument while casting a spell that causes any of its targets to be charmed on a failed saving throw, thereby imposing disadvantage on the save. This effect applies only if the spell has a somatic or a material component.”

Pearl of Power (p. 184). The first sentence is now two sentences: “While this pearl is on your person, you can use an action to speak its command word and regain one expended spell slot. If the expended slot was of 4th level or higher, the new slot is 3rd level.”

[New] Rod of Lordly Might (p. 196). The following text is appended to the sentence on button 1: “(you choose the type of sword).”

Spell Scroll (p. 200). Starting with its second sentence, the first paragraph now reads as follows:

If the spell is on your class’s spell list, you can read the scroll and cast its spell without providing any material components. Otherwise, the scroll is unintelligible. Casting the spell by reading the scroll requires the spell’s normal casting time. Once the spell is cast, the words on the scroll fade, and it crumbles to dust. If the casting is interrupted, the scroll is not lost.

Wand of ParalYSIS (p. 211). The third and fourth sentences now read as follows: “The target must succeed on a DC 15 Constitution saving throw or be paralyzed for 1 minute.”

Chapter 8
Combining Game Effects (p. 252). This is a new subsection at the end of the “Combat” section:

Different game features can affect a target at the same time. But when two or more game features have the same name, only the effects of one of them—the most potent one—apply while the durations of the effects overlap. For example, if a target is ignited by a fire elemental’s Fire Form trait, the ongoing fire damage doesn’t increase if the burning target is subjected to that trait again. Game features include spells, class features, feats, racial traits, monster abilities, and magic items. See the related rule in the “Combining Magical Effects” section of chapter 10 in the Player’s Handbook.

Poison (p. 257). The description of ingested poison has a new sentence after the first: “The dose can be delivered in food or a liquid.”

The other three poison types have new descriptions:

Contact. Contact poison can be smeared on an object and remains potent until it is touched or washed off. A creature that touches contact poison with exposed skin suffers its effects.

Inhaled. These poisons are powders or gases that take effect when inhaled. Blowing the powder or releasing the gas subjects creatures in a 5-foot cube to its effect. The resulting cloud dissipates immediately afterward. Holding one’s breath is ineffective against inhaled poisons, as they affect nasal membranes, tear ducts, and other parts of the body.

Injury. Injury poison can be applied to weapons, ammunition, trap components, and other objects that deal piercing or slashing damage and remains potent until delivered through a wound or washed off. A creature that takes piercing or slashing damage from an object coated with the poison is exposed to its effects.

Monster Features (p. 280). In the table, “Dive Attack” is now “Dive,” and in the Damage Transfer example, “darkmantle” is now “cloaker.”

Appendix A
Mage Furnishings (p. 300). A roll of 73 produces a sextant, not a sexton.
Utensils and Personal Items (p. 300). A roll of 89 or 90 produces a vase.

Appendix B

In the “Monsters by Environment” section, the following experience point corrections have been made.

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