Axis & Allies 1942 and Revised Editions Rules Comparison

The following chart contains a list of rules changes between Axis & Allies 1942 Edition and Axis & Allies Revised. The Larry Harris Tournament Rules (LHTR) are also referenced, both to allow comparison between the rule sets and to show the influence of LHTR on the development of the 1942 game.

| 1942 | LHTR | Revised | |
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| General | | | |
| Victory is achieved by owning either 9 or 12 | Victory is achieved by owning either 9 or 12 | Victory is achieved by owning 8, 10, or 12 | |
| Victory Cities. | Victory Cities. | Victory Cities. | |
| There are no Weapons Development rules. | There are Weapons Development rules. | There are Weapons Development rules. | |
| There are no National Advantages. | There are optional National Advantages. | There are optional National Advantages. | |
| Combat Order | | | |
| Combats are conducted by category in the | Combats are conducted in any order that the | Combats are conducted in any order that the | |
| order of strategic bombing, amphibious | attacker wishes, but sea battles preceding | attacker wishes, but sea battles preceding | |
| assaults, then general combat. Within each of | amphibious assaults must be fought before | amphibious assaults must be fought before | |
| these categories, individual combats are | those assaults. | those assaults. | |
| conducted in any order that the attacker | | | |
| wishes. | | | |
| Strategic Bombing Raids | | | |
| Strategic bombing raids damage industrial | Strategic bombing raids destroy IPCs. | Strategic bombing raids destroy IPCs. | |
| complexes. | | | |
| There is no damage limit for a single strategic | In a strategic bombing raid, the total damage | In a strategic bombing raid, each bomber's | |
| bombing raid, but an industrial complex | per turn is capped at the territory's IPC value. | damage is capped at the territory's IPC value. | |
| cannot have more than twice as many damage | | | |
| markers as the territory's IPC value. | | | |
| Amphibious Assaults | | | |
| Cruisers can provide bombardment in | There are no cruisers. | There are no cruisers. | |
| amphibious assaults. | | | |
| If there are only enemy subs and/or transports | If there are any enemy ships in the sea zone, | If there are any enemy ships in the sea zone, | |
| in the sea zone, they may be ignored and | ships must attack them and may not provide | ships must attack them and may not provide | |
| ships may provide bombardment in | bombardment in amphibious assaults. | bombardment in amphibious assaults. | |
| amphibious assaults. | | | |

| Bombardment is a pre-combat step, and | Bombardment is performed in Opening Fire, | Bombardment is performed in Opening Fire, |
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| casualties are placed behind the casualty line, | so casualties can't fire back. | so casualties can't fire back. |
| so they can fire back. | | |
| The number of ships that can bombard is | There is no limit to the number of ships that | There is no limit to the number of ships that |
| limited to the number of seaborne land units | may bombard. | may bombard. |
| attacking. | • | - |
| Land units attacking by land may retreat. | No land units may retreat. | No land units may retreat. |
| Mobilization | | |
| The number of units that can be mobilized | The number of units that can be mobilized | The number of units that can be mobilized |
| from an industrial complex is the IPC value of | from an industrial complex is the IPC value of | from an industrial complex is the IPC value of |
| the territory minus the number of damage | the territory. | the territory. |
| tokens on the complex. | | |
| New fighters can be mobilized on existing | New fighters can be mobilized on existing | New fighters cannot be mobilized on existing |
| carriers. | carriers. | carriers. |
| Existing fighters are placed on new carriers | Existing fighters are placed on new carriers | Existing fighters are placed on new carriers |
| by ending their combat or noncombat | by ending their combat or noncombat | by moving them during the Mobilize New |
| movement in the sea zone in which the carrier | movement in the sea zone in which the carrier | Units phase from the territory containing the |
| will be mobilized. | will be mobilized. | industrial complex from which the carrier is |
| | | mobilized. |
| Units that cannot be placed due to production | Units that cannot be placed due to production | Units that cannot be placed due to production |
| limits are placed back in the box and their | limits are lost. | limits are lost. |
| cost is reimbursed. | | |
| Antiaircraft Guns | , | |
| AA guns cost 6 IPCs. | AA guns cost 5 IPCs. | AA guns cost 5 IPCs. |
| AA guns never fire at air units passing over | AA guns fire at air units passing over their | AA guns always fire at air units passing over |
| their territory en route to another territory. | territory en route to another territory during | their territory en route to another territory. |
| | combat movement only. | |
| If Power A's capital is in enemy hands and | If Power A's capital is in enemy hands and | If Power A's capital is in enemy hands and |
| friendly Power B captures Power A's territory | friendly Power B captures Power A's territory | friendly Power B captures Power A's territory |
| and AA gun from the enemy, when the capital | and AA gun from the enemy, when the capital | and AA gun from the enemy, when the capital |
| is liberated and the captured territory is | is liberated and the captured territory is | is liberated and the captured territory is |
| returned to Power A, control of the AA gun is | returned to Power A, control of the AA gun is | returned to Power A, control of the AA gun is |
| retained by Power B. | retained by Power B. | also turned over to Power A. |

| Industrial Complexes | | | | | |
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| Industrial complexes can be damaged by | IPCs can be destroyed by strategic bombing | IPCs can be destroyed by strategic bombing | | | |
| strategic bombing raids against them (see | raids against industrial complexes (see | raids against industrial complexes (see | | | |
| Strategic Bombing Raids). | Strategic Bombing Raids). | Strategic Bombing Raids). | | | |
| Damage to industrial complexes is repaired | Industrial complexes can't be damaged. | Industrial complexes can't be damaged. | | | |
| during the Purchase Units phase. | | | | | |
| Air Units – General | | | | | |
| Air units that participated in combat return in | Air units that participated in combat return in | Air units that participated in combat return | | | |
| noncombat movement. | noncombat movement. | immediately after combat. | | | |
| Air units "land" at the end of the Mobilize | Air units "land" at the end of the Mobilize | Air units "land" at the end of the Noncombat | | | |
| New Units phase. | New Units phase. | Movement phase. | | | |
| Fighters | | | | | |
| Fighters may end their noncombat movement | Fighters may end their noncombat movement | Fighters must end their noncombat movement | | | |
| in a sea zone in which a new carrier will be | in a sea zone in which a new carrier will be | in a space currently containing an eligible | | | |
| mobilized. | mobilized. | landing spot. | | | |
| A defending fighter based on a destroyed | A defending fighter based on a destroyed | A defending fighter based on a destroyed | | | |
| carrier may move up to one space to land. | carrier may move up to one space to land. | carrier may move up to one space to land. | | | |
| This movement occurs after all attacks are | This movement occurs after all attacks are | This movement occurs immediately after the | | | |
| resolved and before the attacker's noncombat | resolved and before the attacker's noncombat | attack that stranded the fighter. It may land in | | | |
| movement phase. It may land in any friendly | movement phase. It may land in any friendly | any friendly territory or any sea zone with a | | | |
| territory or any sea zone with a friendly | territory or any sea zone with a friendly | friendly carrier that has not been and will not | | | |
| carrier. | carrier. | be contested this turn. | | | |
| Some rules on carrier and fighter mobilization h | nave changed (see Mobilization). | | | | |
| Bombers | | | | | |
| Bombers cost 12 IPCs. | Bombers cost 15 IPCs. | Bombers cost 15 IPCs. | | | |
| Battleships | | | | | |
| Battleships cost 20 IPCs. | Battleships cost 24 IPCs. | Battleships cost 24 IPCs. | | | |
| Some rules on battleship participation in amphi | Some rules on battleship participation in amphibious assaults have changed (see Amphibious Assaults) | | | | |
| Aircraft Carriers | | | | | |
| Carriers cost 14 IPCs and defend on a 2. | Carriers cost 16 IPCs and defend on a 3. | Carriers cost 16 IPCs and defend on a 3. | | | |
| Some rules on carrier and fighter interaction have changed (see Mobilization and Fighters). | | | | | |
| Cruisers | | | | | |
| Cruisers cost 12 IPCs. They are sea units that | There are no cruisers. | There are no cruisers. | | | |
| attack and defend on a 3 and have a | | | | | |

| movement of 2. They can also support | | |
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| amphibious assaults with bombardment. | | |
| Destroyers | | |
| Destroyers cost 8 IPCs and attack and defend | Destroyers cost 12 IPCs and attack and | Destroyers cost 12 IPCs and attack and |
| on a 2. | defend on a 3. | defend on a 3. |
| Submarines | | |
| Subs cost 6 IPCs and defend on a 1. | Subs cost 8 IPCs and defend on a 2. | Subs cost 8 IPCs and defend on a 2. |
| Subs fire before other units if there is no | Subs fire in Opening Fire regardless of the | Subs fire in Opening Fire regardless of the |
| enemy destroyer present, but fire with other | presence of an enemy destroyer. Their | presence of an enemy destroyer. Their |
| units if there is an enemy destroyer. | casualties are removed immediately if there is | casualties are removed immediately if there is |
| | no enemy destroyer, but may fire back if there | no enemy destroyer, but may fire back if there |
| | is one. | is one. |
| Subs cannot be hit by air units unless there is an enemy destroyer present. | Subs can always be hit be air units. | Subs can always be hit be air units. |
| Subs may submerge before any firing is done | Subs may submerge during the Press Attack | Subs may submerge during the Press Attack |
| at the beginning of any combat round if there | or Retreat step of any combat round if there | or Retreat step of any combat round if there |
| are no enemy destroyers present. | are no enemy destroyers present. | are no enemy destroyers present. |
| Submerged subs resurface at the end of | Submerged subs resurface at the end of the | Submerged subs resurface at the end of the |
| combat. | Noncombat Movement phase. | Noncombat Movement phase. |
| The presence of enemy subs alone does not | The presence of submerged enemy subs alone | The presence of submerged enemy subs alone |
| make a sea zone hostile, so ships may move | does not make a sea zone hostile, but the | does not make a sea zone hostile, but the |
| freely through sea zones containing only | presence of unsubmerged subs does. | presence of unsubmerged subs does. |
| enemy subs. | | |
| Subs have no effect on enemy units in the | Submerged subs have no effect on enemy | Submerged subs have no effect on enemy |
| same sea zone. | units in the same sea zone, but unsubmerged | units in the same sea zone, but unsubmerged |
| | subs prevent enemy transports from loading | subs prevent enemy transports from loading |
| Cala and distribute and the same and the sam | or unloading. | or unloading. |
| Subs can end their noncombat movement in a | Subs cannot end their noncombat movement | Subs cannot end their noncombat movement |
| hostile sea zone. | in a hostile sea zone. | in a hostile sea zone. |
| Transports | Transments and 9 IDCs 1 1-f 1 1 | Transments and 9 IDCs 1 1-f 1 1 |
| Transports cost 7 IPCs and have no defense value. | Transports cost 8 IPCs and defend on a 1. | Transports cost 8 IPCs and defend on a 1. |
| Transports must be chosen last as casualties. | Transports may be chosen as casualties at any | Transports may be chosen as casualties at any |
| | time. | time. |

| Defenseless transports are automatically | Transports fight like any other unit, though | Transports fight like any other unit, though |
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| eliminated if enemy combat units fire on | they have no attack value. | they have no attack value. |
| them. | | |
| The presence of enemy transports alone does | The presence of enemy transports alone | The presence of enemy transports alone |
| not make a sea zone hostile, so ships may | makes a sea zone hostile. | makes a sea zone hostile. |
| move freely through sea zones containing | | |
| only enemy transports. | | |
| Transports can load or unload in a sea zone | Transports cannot load or unload in a sea | Transports cannot load or unload in a sea |
| containing only enemy subs and/or transports. | zone containing only unsubmerged enemy | zone containing only unsubmerged enemy |
| | subs and/or transports. | subs and/or transports. |
| Transports cannot load after combat. | Transports cannot load after combat. | Transports can load after combat if they don't |
| | | unload. |
| Transports cannot offload in both combat and | Transports cannot offload in both combat and | Transports can offload into the same territory |
| noncombat movement. | noncombat movement. | in both combat and noncombat movement if |
| | | the second unit was loaded in a previous turn. |