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## GAME DAY TO PUBLISH FANTASY ROLE-PLAYING GAME RULES

New open-content game system can replace d20 System seamlessly

DENVER — Game Day, the imprint of Flying Pen Press LLC that publishes game books and books about games, announced today that it has been working quietly on a new game system for fantasy role-playing games, based on the popular “open-game system” documents collectively called the “SRD.”

The original SRD (short for System Reference Document, but formally titled only with the abbreviation) was published by Wizards of the Coast. It contains most, but not all, of the rules for the popular role-playing game, *Dungeons & Dragons*®. The SRD was published in electronic format, in Microsoft® Word® documents posted to the company’s website. There are 80 documents that make up the original SRD.

Wizards of the Coast also created an “open game license,” as well as a free license to use the d20 System™ trademark, so that other publishers could publish, modify and use the rules found in the SRD without cost. When this license first came out in 2000, it caused an explosion of compatible role-playing-game material from dozens of publishers. Over the years, however, Wizards of the Coast has added numerous proprietary additions and changes to the rules of *Dungeons & Dragons*, such that the SRD and the game of *Dungeons & Dragons* have become two distinctly different game systems.

Game Day will reprint the SRD, with a few additions that fill gaps in the original SRD. These gaps are intentional on Wizards of the Coast’s part, to maintain control over the game. However, the Open Game License permits publishers to complete these gaps with new material.

The Game Day version of the SRD will be published in seven volumes, and the first three volumes are slated for publication in September 2007. The working title for the Game Day version is Standard Rules and Definitions for Fantasy Role-Playing Games, or SRD Fantasy for short. These will be released as open-game content under the OGL.

Why publish something that anyone can download for free? David A. Rozansky, Game Day Publisher, answers that question: “The SRD is indeed free, but it exists in 80 different Word files, with tables falling in line with the text that are difficult to read. The original has no table of contents, no index, so that finding a specific rule can be a daunting task, and as such it is not a good tool for role-playing novices. The Game Day version will change that. It will have a fully cross-referenced index and will be easier to read. More importantly, we are creating a rulebook that will be easy to use in the heat of play and will support all d20 System material that is already on game-store shelves.”

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