

AMAZONS

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Amazons are from militant female-dominated cultures that extol virtues of physical and mental fitness. Amazons may be members of any class as other humans can but their culture has allowed some to learn the techniques to become split class fighter/magic-users.

Character Advancement-

Amazons may be members of any class as other humans can but their culture has allowed them to become split class fighter/magic-users. Amazons may reach any level as a single class character.

Split class Amazons may choose, on any given day (perhaps when the moon rises) whether to use the capabilities of a Magic-user or of a Fighter. As a result, the Amazon has access to either the Fighter or Magic-user chart to-hit and saving throws, depending upon whether she donned steel that day or summoned up the power to cast spells. Amazon adventurers must use a spell book to prepare spells, just as a Magic-user, and spells disappear from her casting capability once they are cast, also in the same way as a Magic-user's do.

Due to the devotion required by the two different mind-sets they are limited to 6th level fighters and 7th level magic-users when split-classed. At 5th level in both classes, they may choose the better save or attack scores of either class.

Split class characters only earn exp in a class when they are acting as a member of that class. After both are 5th level the player may divide exp into either class as desired.

Weapon and Armor Restrictions

Single classed Amazon adventurers have the same armor restrictions as others of their class.

Split-classed fighter/magic-users may not wear armor or use a non-magical weapon (other than daggers and staves) when acting as a magic-user until they reach 5th level in both classes.

Combat Training

Amazon fighters are +1 to hit when armed with a sword, spear, longbow or shortbow.

Saving throws

Amazons are +4 to resist domination (sleep, charm, hold, telepathic control).

Social Stigma

Not all cultures accept, tolerate or enjoy the company of amazons. Among such cultures an amazon will have difficulty finding hirelings and may have difficulty in even common business and social transactions, as the GM deems appropriate.

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