

# Game System

Dices to roll for:

- **Not confronted action:** 2d10.
- **Confronted action:** (Combat, chase...) 1d10 + 1 rival dice for each opponent.
- **Assist another PC:** The assistant throw 1d10, and adds his/her Hit/Miss to those of the assisted PC.

Die roll Result:

- ≤ Challenge → Miss (-1)
- ≥ 10 - Feature → Hit (+1)

## Go all out:

After a not as successful test as the PC wanted, A PC can indicate that "Go all out" and roll an extra 1d12 for each point s/he has in the Feature (not counting advantages) that s/he has used for the test. The Hits & Misses obtained on these d12 are added to the test

Outcome. For each Miss obtained on one of these d12, s/he loses 1 point from the Feature until s/he can rest.

## Positional advantage:

High ground, cover, occultation, unstable terrain, surprise... Any advantageous position or circumstance (not due to a character's characteristics) grants a PC 1 advantage, or 1 disadvantage if his/her opponent has it.

## Game elements:

### Features:

Each PC has 6 Features, which can have a score between 0 and 2: (0 – Beginner / 1 – Initiated / 2 – Expert).

- **Athletics:** Everything related to strength and agility, including close combat...
- **Mind:** Using your brain, analysing clues, knowledge, avoiding being deceived, or maintaining control...
- **Network:** Everything related to the virtual world, the internet, telecommunications...
- **Hands:** Everything related to the use of skill and precision, operating machinery, driving, repairing, or shooting...
- **Charisma:** Whatever involves interacting with other intelligent beings, deceiving, seducing, leading ...
- **Senses:** Everything that involves the use of the senses, seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, sensing...

**Advantages:** The PC adds 1 to the Feature for that test (adding everything, feature would never be greater than 4).

**Disadvantages:** The PC subtract 1 to the Feature for that test (in total, feature would never be lower than 0).

## Background

Technician, Thief, Hacker, Soldier, Assassin, Manager, Artist, Salesman, Deliverer, Driver... Consider what your character does for a living. Whenever s/he does something related to his/her background, the PC gains 1 advantage (adds 1 to his/her Feature).

## Bonds

Each PC must write his/her personal bond (Positive, Negative, Neutral) with rest of the PCs & tell how s/he met his/her left PC.

**Outcome** of a Combat turn:  
Each Miss, the PC suffers the damage of an opponent (GM choice). Each Hit, the opponent (PC choice) suffers PC damage.

**Outcome** of a regular action (confronted or not):

- ≥ +2 → Critical Success (faster, better...)/+ 1 → Success
  - 0 → Failure or Success with consequence (much time, draws attention, damage...)
  - -1 → Failure/≤ -2 → Fumble (a mess; it may affect someone else...)
- Ex: The PC wants to open a server, he has 1 at Network and 1 advantage because a tool (2 in total in the Feature for the test, with 8 or more, is a Hit), GM indicates that the Challenge is 3. The PC throw 2d10, gets a 4 & 9. One Hit (the 9) y 0 Miss (4 is more than 3), Success.

When a PC assists another, a **positive** bond allows him/her to roll with **1 advantage**, while a **negative** bond causes him/her to roll with **1 disadvantage**. If a **positive** bond character is **defeated**, the PC loses 1 humanity point.

## Mutations

Wider spectrum vision (IR and UV), more efficient musculature, gills for breathing underwater, hypnotic gaze, more fingers, more eyes, resistant skin... These are just a few examples. Imagine your own mutations for PCs and NPCs.

Mutations are useful for PCs: they can add one Hit (+1) (only one) to the **Outcome** of a test (before rolling) in which their mutation can be useful. Using them makes them feel less human (each Hit added to a test temporarily **subtracts one point of humanity** to the PC).

## Cyberimplants

Mechanical hand, mechanical legs, hydraulic arm, thrusters, brain-network hub, weapons or body tools... Imagine which cyberimplant could be useful for your character. A cyberimplant can be an **improvement, endurance or equipment** implant.

An **Improvement implant** provides "Improvements" in a test where it is useful (Ex: steady mechanical hand, shooting).

- The better the cyberimplant, the more improvements it provides (Basic: 1 improvement / Good: 2 improvements / Professional: 3 improvements / Military: 4 improvements). For each improvement, **one single die** (of those rolled in the test) can be raised by **one die category** (1d4 to 1d6 / 1d6 to 1d8 / 1d8 to 1d10 / 1d10 to 1d12 / 1d12 to 1d20).
- An Improvement Cyberimplant can also be an Equipment Cyberimplant, **replacing an improvement with a light weapon or tool** (the equipment replaces an improvement, so **the maximum is now 3 improvements**).
- **Rolling a 1** on an improved die means **temporarily losing 1 humanity point**.

**Endurance Cyberimplants** provide more Endurance (from 1, basic, to 4, military).

**Equipment Cyberimplants** are like a **light weapon or tool** (equipment) that the PC always carries with him/her.

## Endurance

The damage a PC can withstand before being defeated (knocked unconscious, captured, or killed): equal to **4 + Athletics**.

## Humanity

Mutations and **cyberimplants** affect the human mind, making people less empathetic and more likely to lose control. A PC has (maximum) **10 humanity points**, minus 1 for each **cyberimplant or mutation**.

The use of mutations and cyberimplants can cause a PC to temporarily lose humanity points. These points are recovered at a rate of 1 per hour, regardless of whether the PC is resting or not.

## Lose control

When a PC has 0 Humanity points left, s/he loses control and must make a Mind test. Depending on the Outcome:

Critical Success → +1 Humanity point / Success → Catatonic / Failure → Run away / Fumble: Attack nearest PC or NPC

The effects of Success, Failure, and Fumble last until, 1 hour later, the PC recovers 1 point of Humanity.

## Rest and Recovery

For every 4 hours of rest, a PC recovers 1 point of Endurance or 1 point of Feature (to be chosen).

## Equipment

Tools or Weapons can **give 1 advantage** (add +1 to the Feature) in a test where they are useful.

(D = Damage)	Unarmed	Melee weapon		Ranged Weapon	
		Light	Heavy	Light	Heavy
Close Combat	- / D1	Advantage / D2	Advantage / D3	- / D2	Disadvantage / D3
Ranged Combat	Disadvantage / D1	- / D2	- / D3	Advantage / D1	Advantage / D3

**Drugs:** Some substances can provide a **1 advantage** in a Feature for **1d4 hours**. As a consequence, **PC loses as many humanity points as the effect lasts**, and **no humanity can be recovered while the effect lasts**.

**Money:** Money is everything in a **Cyberpunk** dystopia. If something exists, it can be bought, even if it's a life. This booklet does not include price lists (that's for the settings). As a guide, **light weapons** and **tools** are widespread, cheap and easy to obtain, but a **heavy ranged weapon** can cost a lot of **credits** (even 10 times more than a light one).

**Cyberimplants** can have up to 4 levels, with each level of improvement costing 10 times more than the previous one. A **Mutation** costs as much as a military-grade cyberimplant, or more.

## Opponents

A **Neon Knights** opponent is mechanically defined by **4 characteristics** (which take into account their Features, background, equipment, Cyberimplants, Mutations, or any other special characteristics):

- **Challenge:** From 1 to 5, the higher number, the more able to defeat the PC (**more chance of Miss** for the PC)
  - It may have different challenges for different types of confronted tests.
- **Rival dice:** The kind of die to roll when a PC faces the opponent, indicating how difficult it is to score a **hit** against the opponent. It is usually **1d10**. If the opponent is difficult to defeat, it can be **1d8** or lower.
- **Number of dices:** If a creature can act multiple times in a turn (many arms, very fast, very large, invisible, or any other special characteristic), the PC **must add more than 1 Rival dice** to his/her test. Since the **opponent cannot add less than one die**, if the creature could act **fewer times**, its die **can be upgraded** (d10 to d12...).
- **Endurance:** Damage (D) that the opponent can withstand before being defeated.
  - **Minion: 1 D / Foreman: 3 D / Boss: 5 D or more.**

If there is **more than one opponent**, add each rival's dice and **the Challenge** level is **the higher one**.

**Ex:** A **Cyborg** could have **Challenge 4** in Combat, **2d8** (d8, the dice, & 2, number of dices) & Endurance **8**.

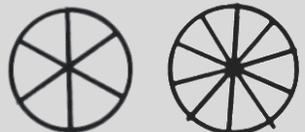
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Overview: \_\_\_\_\_

Bonds: \_\_\_\_\_



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Hands:  
Charisma:  
Senses:



Endurance Humanity

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**Neon Knights - rpg Cyberpunk** is a role-playing game designed for playing adventures in a dystopian future dominated by **Corporations'** money.

Cyberpunk settings are often ruthless, dark and decadent, but they are also usually bursting with technology that can seem like magic. The **characters (PCs)** will have to fight to survive another day on the streets of a megacity, which will be interpreted by the **Game Master (GM)**.

If you need some references, you can watch sagas such as Blade Runner, Alien, A. Carbon, Robocop, Ghost in the shell...

**Create a PC** (use the PC sheet)

Distribute **6 points among the Features** (max 2 per Feature), calculate the **Endurance** (4 + Athletics), choose a **background** and write a **PC Overview**. After the presentations, write your **Bonds** with the other PCs.

Choose as many **Level 1 Cyberimplants** & **Mutations** as you want. Your **humanity** is 10 minus 1 for each **Cyberimplant** or **Mutation**.

Unless the GM says otherwise, PCs start out with **1 light weapon** and **1 tool**. As for **Money**, it depends on what the GM indicates at the beginning of the adventure.