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## THE TOURNAMENT

FightBox is the tournament for the new millennium. It takes place in the FightBox Arena - an arena of skill and supreme combat where fear is an unknown concept. Artificial Warriors pit their strengths against each other in a bid to be the champion of FightBox.

## THE WARRIORS

Created from the elements, the Warrior's Components are assembled, forged and moulded to create a being that will attempt to win the FightBox contest and the ultimate prize of immortality.



## THE SENTIENTS

The Sentients are artificially immortal guardians who have achieved sentience - become self aware - and whose job is to guard the FightBox traditions and put the Warriors through their paces - to extinguish those who are not worthy of the challenge and to be joined by the one Warrior who is.

## THE ARENA

In the arena of battle, surrounded by the baying masses, the Warriors stand face to face and using their array of weapons, skills and rules of combat - they fight the Sentients and each other in order to pass through to the next round. Only one can win the tournament - only one can be the true champion.

## THE PRIZE

The final victor of the tournament will win the greatest prize of all. The winner will be given the gift of life - of sentience - becoming the seventh Sentient - taking its place as a guardian - a demigod of FightBox.

## THE FUTURE

The tournament is beginning - new Warriors are being created - bigger, stronger and deadlier than before. The time for combat is here - to find the new champion, the Warrior of Warriors. The battle to become the seventh Sentient is about to commence.

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# **BBC THREE presents FIGHTBOX**

## **- the TV show for the gaming generation**

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FIGHTBOX will lead the way in bringing together the web, computer gaming and TV audiences in a new entertainment format. FIGHTBOX fuses new game and studio technology to bring a futuristic new gladiatorial sport to life.

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### **Step One - CREATING A WARRIOR**

FIGHTBOX software will be made available via the BBCi website in May ([www.bbc.co.uk/fightbox](http://www.bbc.co.uk/fightbox)). Contestants will be able to download the FightKit to their PC then design and build their own customised virtual warriors selecting from a huge range of components including colours, textures, shapes and patterns.

### **Step Two - BEST OF THE BEST**

Once they have perfected their creation, they can then download a series of training programmes from [www.bbc.co.uk/fightbox](http://www.bbc.co.uk/fightbox) and put their creation through a number of tests to hone their skills and strengths. Scores for their level of agility and ability can be uploaded to the FightBox leaderboard.

### **Step Three - LET BATTLE COMMENCE**

From the leaderboard, the top virtual warriors will be chosen to compete in the TV programme to be shown in the autumn on BBC THREE and repeated on BBC TWO.

Using new studio technology, the warriors - controlled by their makers - will be constructed for real where they will slug it out in the FIGHTBOX arena, surrounded by a live studio audience. The viewer and the studio audience will then watch these monstrous warriors competing against the FightBox Sentients and one another as they go through the Eliminator stages and battle to become the Fightbox Champion. The winner will have their creation given the status of Sentient.

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# FIGHTBOX FACTFILE

*What is FightBox?*

## **The FightBox Phenomenon**

FightBox is a new sport – dangerous, exciting and cool - involving artificially created creatures – warriors - being pitted against FightBox Sentients in combat and contests of skill in a specially created arena. It's open to everyone who thinks they have what it takes to discover the greatest FightBox Warrior in the world.

*How do I create a warrior?*

## **The FightSite**

To create your own warrior, download the FightBox warrior construction kit – the FightKit – which is only available from the BBCi website [www.bbc.co.uk/fightbox](http://www.bbc.co.uk/fightbox). You can either modify a pre-existing warrior design or build one from scratch using the hundreds of components and body parts. You are then required to take your virtual warrior through a series of training exercises. You can train your Warrior as much as you like and this can be done without being connected to the internet. After training your Warrior you take it through a number of qualifying tests also made available via the BBCi FightBox website. Your scores can then be uploaded to the FightBox leader board.

The leader board will be used in part to determine which players are invited to appear on the TV show. Those who perform best in the tests will qualify for the FightBox tournament and earn a chance of being invited to appear on the TV show in the autumn on BBC THREE. They will fight it out in a series of eliminator games in the Fightbox arena and ultimately a duel to decide who shall become the FightBox champion.

*How many different components are there and what do they do?*

There are hundreds of different components – enough so that you're individual warrior will be unique. All the components are 'smart'. They know how to carry out certain basic functions of their own and are capable of co-ordinating more complex actions with neighbouring components.

*What is the PC technical specification?*

In order to participate fully, players will require computers that have the following minimum specification:

- PIII 500
- GeForce 2 (or comparable) Video Card
- SoundBlaster Live! (or comparable) Sound Card
- 128MB RAM
- 56kbps Internet connection or better
- Windows 98

*How do I get on TV?*

**The FightBox TV Tournament**

The ONLY way to get on BBC THREE to play in the Fightbox tournament is to create your own warrior via the BBCi website [www.bbc.co.uk/fightbox](http://www.bbc.co.uk/fightbox). If you train your warrior to the high standards required and are lucky enough to get onto the TV Show on BBC THREE, you will see your creation go from virtual to reality. Your Warrior will be created in lifesize state-of-the-art 3D graphics in the specially constructed Fightbox arena where you will battle against the FightBox Sentients.

*When can I download the FightKit to construct my Warrior?*

The FightKit will only be available for download via BBCi [www.bbc.co.uk/fightbox](http://www.bbc.co.uk/fightbox) – keep checking the website in May!

*When will the TV show be on air?*

FightBox will be transmitted on BBC THREE and BBC TWO in autumn 2003. Exact details will be available nearer the time.