

## *NPC Initiative System*

Unlike PC $\phi$ s, the GM does not draw individual hands of Initiative cards for NPC $\phi$ s. Instead, a deck of cards is used to resolve NPC activities using the following rules. First the NPC group should be categorized as organized and trained (OT), somewhat trained/organized (SWT) or disorganized (DIS). These classifications help determine what effect the different suits have on an NPC action. If a card is drawn that is equal to or less than the NPC $\phi$ s Initiative, that NPC may act in that increment as if they had a single card. If the card is equal to or less than half the NPC $\phi$ s Initiative, they are treated as having a pair of cards. Face cards allow one or more NPC $\phi$ s to utilize the effects of having three or four cards.

### Aces thru 10 $\phi$ s (2-card action if # is $\leq$ half Initiative)

- ♠ This card allows *all* NPC $\phi$ s to take an action.
- ♥ This card allows all but DIS NPC $\phi$ s to take an action.
- ♦ This card allows all OT NPC $\phi$ s to take an action.
- ♣ This card allows *one* NPC to take an action.

### Jacks

- ♠ This card allows *one* NPC to take a three-card action.
- ♥ This card allows one non-DIS NPC to take a three-card action.
- ♦ This card allows one OT NPC to take a three-card action.
- ♣ This card allows *one* NPC to take a single-card action.

### Queens

- ♠ This card allows *two* NPC $\phi$ s to take a three-card action.
- ♥ This card allows two non-DIS NPC $\phi$ s to take a three-card action.
- ♦ This card allows two OT NPC $\phi$ s to take a three-card action.
- ♣ This card allows *two* NPC $\phi$ s to take a single-card action.

### Kings

- ♠ This card allows *three* NPC $\phi$ s to take a three-card action.
- ♥ This card allows three non-DIS NPC $\phi$ s to take a three-card action.
- ♦ This card allows three OT NPC $\phi$ s to take a three-card action.
- ♣ This card allows *three* NPC $\phi$ s to take a single-card action.

### Good Joker

This card allows *one* NPC to take a four-card action, and *all* other NPC $\phi$ s to take single-card actions. Reshuffle the deck after this card is played.

### Bad Joker

This card does not allow any actions during the remainder of the current increment. Reshuffle the deck after this card is played.