SANTA ANNA RULES!

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Turn Sequence:

① Give Orders

② Declare Charges and Reactions

3 First Fire

All Moves

S Hold Fire

Melee

② Rally (and recover stragglers)

A leader may issue 1d4 + Leader Rating orders each turn.

Allowable Orders for Units:

Move Charge Hold Fire First Fire Hold Rally

Form

	Random Orders (1d20)							
Untrained	Green	Regular	Veteran	Random Order				
1	1-2	1-3	1-2	Move toward enemy or Fire if in range				
2-7	3-8	4-11	3-11	Same as last turn				
8-11	9-12	12-15	12-16	Same as peer unit				
12-16	13-17	16-18	17-19	Hold				
17-20	18-20	19-20	20	Withdraw				

Movement Distances (d6's)					
Training	Infantry	Cavalry	Arti	llery	
Untrained	2d6	2"+3d6	U.S. Foot	4"+2d6	
Green	4"+1d6	6"+2d6	U.S. Horse	9"+2d6	
Regular	5"+1d6	10"+1d6	Mexican	2d6	
Veteran	5"+1d6	10"+1d6	Texan	2d6	
Retreat	3d6	5d6	Retreat	As Above	
Modifiers Charge Skirmish Column Road Column Backwards or Sideways 180° turn	+1d6 +1d6 +4" +8" x ½ -2"	+2d6 +1d6 +2d6 +3d6 x ½ -2"	U.S. Artillery ≤ 12 lb. gets 2 functions. All others get one function.	Artillery Prolong: ≤6 lb. ☞ 3" > 6 lb. ☞ 2" > 12 lb. ☞ 1"	
Terrain Woods Rough Walls, Hedges Stream, Uphill	-1d6 -2d6 -3" -3"	-1d6 -2d6 -3" -3"	U.S. Inf. or Cav. Formation Change/Mount/ Dismount -5"	-2d6 -3d6 impassible -6"	
Any 6 rolled	on any die results	in a straggler.	No stragglers du	e to movement!	

Total Distance = movement distance + modifiers + terrain modifiers. Minimum distance is 2" (1" for unlimbered artillery).

				C	omb	at E	ffect	s Ch	art	(1d2	0)						
Number of	0	2	4	6	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
Attack	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Points	1	3	5	9	14	19	24	29	34	39	44	49	54	59	64	69	74
Die Roll ↓	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1 Low on Ammo.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	6	7	7
2,3	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7	8	8
4-6	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	9
7-10	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	9	10	10
11-14	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	9	10	10	11
15-17	1	1	1	2	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	11	11	12
18,19	1	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	11	12	12	13
20	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	12	13	13	14

Firing	Procedure		Melee Procedure		
① Determine the starting column: Short range: Medium range: Long Range Mounted Low on Ammunition	Infantry & Cavalry # figs X 2 # figures # figs X ½ X additional ½ X additional ½	lb. X 3 lb. X 1 lb. X ¹ / ₃ X ¹ / ₂	① Determine the starting colur All effectives of unit in direct of If the enemy is on the unit's flat rear, the flanked unit only coun of its effectives.	contact. nk or	
© FIRE modifiers Initial volley +2 (Inf. and Cav. Only) Artillery Moved -2 Repeaters +2	Through Skirmish (does not apply to artillery firing ball) Mexican Artillery	-2 -2	© MELEE Modifiers Charging (Ist roll only) Leader attached to unit Fighting uphill/down hill Outnumbered	+2 +LR -2/+1 -Δ/10	
② FIRE & MELEE modifiers You are untrained -2 You are green -1 You are regular 0 You are veteran +1 U.S. Inf. or Cav. +2	(Fire/Melee) Vs. Woods Vs. Rough Vs. Building Vs. Lt. Fort. Vs. Hvy. Fort. Vs. Unlimbered Arty. Vs. Skirmishers	-1 -2 -3 -3 -5 -4/+4 -4/+4	Inf. In moving column or Inf. in anchored line Inf. in road col. or square Cavalry vs. Infantry or Artillery (not in square/in square) Lancers vs. Cavalry (1st roll only) Cavalry vs. Mtd. Rifles Blown Horses Engineers vs. building or fort	+2 +1 -4 +1/-3 +1 +2 -2 +2	

3 Roll 1d20 and read number of losses inflicted.

Odd numbered losses (e.g., 1, 3, 5...) are stragglers; even numbered losses (e.g., 2, 4, 6...) are casualties

U.S. artillery takes a maximum of one straggler per turn from fire but normal stragglers due to melee

Example: a result of 3 would be 2 stragglers and 1 casualty

- Against column or square, all losses from fire after 1 are casualties
- Against square, all losses in melee after 1 are casualties
 - Against rear, triple stragglers
 - Against flank, double stragglers
- Against closed column or square, double casualties from fire.

Roll to Close or Stand (1d20)							
Roll on 1d20	To Close	To Stand					
≤ 1	Halt 3" away, 1d4 stragglers	Retreat charge move away from the enemy					
2-6	Halt 3" away, 1d4 stragglers, ½ volley	Stand, but take 1d4 stragglers					
7-11	Halt 3" away, ½ volley						
≥12	Close!	Stand!					
C.	sses (stragglers and casualties) asualties (not including straggl						
<pre></pre>	You are untrained -4/-4 You are green -2/-2	Enemy is in woods -1/NA or rough Enemy is in building -3/NA					
Cav. vs. Inf./Artillery +2/NA (not in square) Cav vs. Inf.(in square) -3/NA	You are regular +0/+0 You are veteran +2/+2 You are charging +3/NA	or fortifications Enemy (but not you) +3/NA in skirmish					
Mounted Cav. vs. Mounted Cav. +3/-3	Leader attached +2x LR	Attacking/Attacked +4/-2 on flank or rear					

Weapon Ranges (in inches)						
Weapon	Short	Medium	Long			
Ad hoc Weapons	0-2	2.1-4	4.1-7			
Musket	0-4	4.1-8	8.1-14			
Rifle	none	0-12	12.1-18			
Rifled Musket	0-6	6.1-12	12.1-18			
Carbine	0-3	3.1-5	5.1-8			
Pistol	none	0-1	1.1-2			
≤ 3lb. Arty.	0-4	4.1-8	8.1-16			
≤ 6lb. Arty.	0-5	5.1-11	11.1-22			
≤ 12lb. Arty.	0-7	7.1-13	13.1-26			
≤ 24lb.Arty.	0-8	8.1-16	16.1-32			

Forming Emergency Square (1d20)				
Roll 1d20 and add the following modif	iers:	Results		
Untrained Green Veteran Line Formation Under a hold order	+4 +2 -2 +2 +4	●Result is the number of inches the cavalry moves before the square forms. ●If the square does not form, only 25% of infantry participates in the melee and cavalry does not have to roll to close. ●If the square forms, the cavalry immediately takes 1d4 stragglers, which may cause it to break.		

	Cavalry Breakthrough (1d20)					
Туре	of Defeated	Unit	Results			
Infantry	Artillery	Cavalry	resuits			
1-4	1-2		Stop: The victorious unit must stop in place with no change of formation or facing, but it may occupy the defeated unit's position.			
5-10	3-8	1-4	Unit Commander's Choice: The victorious unit may: ① occupy the enemy's position ② occupy the enemy's position and change formation ③ occupy the enemy's position and change facing, or ④ breakthrough (as described below).			
11-14	9-12	5-8	Breakthrough: The victorious unit <i>must</i> continue to charge to the extent of its initial charge distance, accruing 1d4 additional stragglers.			
15-18	13-16	9-12	Charge! The victorious unit initiates a new charge along its initial charge line, and it accrues 1d6 additional stragglers.			
19-20	17-20	13-20	Scatter! Victorious unit conducts a breakthrough into the retreating enemy, then it runs off the table as if retreating and must be rallied like a broken unit.			

Roll to Rally or Rout (1d20)						
Roll on 1d20	To Rally	To Rout				
≤2	Retreat again	Retreat! Plus take 1d4 additional stragglers				
3-7	Remain broken in current position	Retreat!				
8-12	Recover 1d4 stragglers, but do not rally	Take 1d4 stragglers				
≥13	Rally! Form in any facing and formation	No effect				
Modifiers to die roll: Behind friendly troops +3 + Effectives +# - Stragglers -# Behind any cover +2	You are untrained -4 You are green -2 You are regular +0 You are veteran +2	Leader attached +LR Unit routed through you -4 Peer unit routed past -1 Enemy on flank -2 Enemy on rear -4				

Recovering Stragglers	Undisturbed Hold	If the unit fired or participated in melee this turn		
Untrained and Green	1d4 + LR	$((1d4 + LR) \div 2)$ rounded down		
Regular and Veteran	1d6 + LR	$((1d6 + LR) \div 2)$ rounded down		

Passing Through Friendly Units						
Moving Unit ↓, Passing	Unformed	Formed				
Through→						
Unformed	No effects	Formed unit takes 1d4 stragglers				
Formed (not charging)	No effects	Both units take 1d4 stragglers				
Formed (charging)	Unformed unit takes 1d4	Both units take 1d4 stragglers				
	stragglers					