

## Summary of Norse Gods

This document is for players who are playing characters who are Norse pagans, but need more information on the Norse deities. Players can use the following table to help select a deity to appeal to, sacrifice to, or choose as a patron. This table supersedes and replaces the one in the *Fantasy Wargaming* book.

*Rank in Host* describes how much authority the being has in the heavenly host; Odin has the highest rank (9), and other powers have a rank between 1 and 8.

*Resistance to Appeal* describes how likely the being is to ignore appeals. Note that there is much less correlation between Rank in Host and Resistance to Appeal in the Norse host than in the Christian one.

*Patronage* lists the people and areas of which the saint is a patron. Pagans are often dedicated to a particular god at birth, in which case that god is their patron.

*Areas of Favor* list things that are likely to be in the god's interest. Things related to the god's patronage are also likely to be in the god's interest, even if the god is not the patron of the appellant. Appeals against the god's patronage or areas of favor are likely to be against the god's interests.

The *Intercedes With* column lists beings with which the power can intercede without penalty. Unlike the Christian host, where intercession is a regular occurrence, intercession in the Norse host is rarer. Intercessions other than the ones listed are always at a penalty.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Resistance to Appeal</u>	<u>Patronage</u>	<u>Areas of Favor</u>	<u>Intercedes With</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Odin	7	Runic sorcerers, kings, berserkirs, professional warriors, duelists, mystics	Wisdom, magic, battle and war, poetry, oaths	Hoenir (brother) Loki (blood-brother) Frigg (wife) Baldur, Bragi, Heimdall, Hermod, Hodur, Thor, Tyr, Vali, Vidar (sons)	Rank in Host = 9
<b><u>Odin's Wife and Favorite Sons</u></b> <b>(Rank in Host = 8)</b>					
Baldur	8		Light, peace, happiness, protection in battle	Odin & Frigg (parents) Hodur (brother) Nanna (wife) Forseti (son)	
Frigg	8	Wives, mothers	Childbirth, marriage, motherhood, fertility	Odin (husband) Baldur & Hodur (sons) Thor (stepson) Fulla (servant and sister) Eira, Gefjon, Gna, Hlin, Lofyn, Snotra, Syn, Vara, Vor, Vjofyn (servants)	
Thor	4	Common soldiers, common men and thralls	Combat, thunder and lightning, strength, defeating giants	Odin (father) Frigg (stepmother) Sif (Wife) Magni & Modi (sons) Ullr (stepson) Loki (friend)	Thor is a benevolent god, and never invoked for the destructive effects of lightning, though he may be invoked for protection from them.
Tyr	8		Justice, law, battle and single combat, courage, swords	Odin (father)	
<b><u>The Vanir</u></b> <b>(Rank in Host = 7)</b>					
Frey	6	Captives, horses and horsemen; king of the light elves	Fertility, sunshine, rain, prosperity, burial mounds	Njord (father) Freya (sister) Gerd (wife) Skirnir (servant)	
Freya	6	Cats and birds (particularly swallows, cuckoos, and falcons)	Magic, particularly divination; beauty, love, and sex; fertility; death and war	Njord (father) Frey (brother)	
Njord	6	Fertile coastlines, fishermen	Wind, shallow seas, sailing, summer, fishing, agriculture, protection from the sea or from fire	Skadi (estranged wife) Frey (son) Freya (daughter)	
<b><u>Major Gods</u></b> <b>(Rank in Host = 6)</b>					
Bragi	6		Poetry, eloquence, song, oaths	Odin (Father) Frigg (stepmother)	
Heimdall	7		Vigilance, sight and hearing	Idun (wife) Odin (Father)	

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Hel	10	The ordinary dead	Death and the underworld	Loki (Father)	
Loki	10		Magic, particularly shapeshifting (except into birds); guile, cleverness, and trickery; deception; fire	Odin (blood-brother) Sigyn (wife) Narfi (son) Hel (daughter) Hoenir & Thor (friends)	Though not a benevolent or trustworthy figure, when Loki <i>does</i> agree to intervene for a mortal, he can be much more dedicated to the task than even Odin or Thor

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#### (Rank in Host = 5)

Aegir	5		The ocean, particularly its power	Ran (wife)	
Hodur	9		Blindness, darkness, killing and murder	Odin & Frigg (parents) Baldur (brother)	
Hoenir	7			anyone	
Idun	9		Life, fertility, immortality	Bragi (wife)	
Ran	5	Drowned men	The dangerous sea, drowning, gold, greed	Aegir (husband)	
Ullr	5	Those engaging in duels or desperate battles; the Wild Hunt	Winter, hunting, archery, shields	Sif (mother) Thor (stepfather)	Less widely worshipped

### Odin's Minor Sons and the Wives of Gods

#### (Rank in Host = 4)

Gerd	5		Beauty, love, and courtship; the northern lights	Frey (husband)	
Hermod	6	Messengers, Horses and Horsemen	Speed	Odin (father) Hel (only regarding souls of the dead)	
Nanna	4	Wives	Purity, (marital loyalty, mourning)	Baldur (husband)	
Sif	4		Beauty, fertility, grain	Thor (husband) Ullr (son) Magni & Modi (stepsons)	
Sigyn	5		(Marital loyalty, mercy)	Loki (husband) Narfi (son)	
Skadi	5	Mountains	Cold, winter, hunting	Njord (estranged husband) Frey & Freya (stepchildren)	
Vali	5		Vengeance	Odin (father)	
Vidar	5	Primeval forests	Silence, strength, eternity	Odin (father)	

### Lesser Gods, Including Sons of Gods Other Than Odin

#### (Rank in Host = 3)

Forseti	4	Heligoland	Peace, justice through mediation, law	Baldur & Nanna (parents)	
Fulla	2		Intercession with Frigg, grain	Frigg (sister and mistress)	
Magni	4		Strength	Thor (father) Modi (brother)	
Modi	4		Courage and energy	Thor (father) Magni (brother)	
Narfi	4			Loki & Sigyn (parents)	

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<b>Servant Gods</b> (Rank in Host = 2)					
Skirnir	3		(Persuasion, guile, and courtship)	Frey (master)	
Eira	3	Female healers	Medicine, healing, herbalism	Frigg (mistress)	
Gefjon	3	Virgins and those who die without marrying	Fields, particularly plowing	Frigg (mistress)	
Gna	2	Messengers	Breezes, travel and speed, childbirth and fertility	Frigg (mistress)	
Hlin	1		Consolation, relief from grief and mourning, intercession with Frigg	Frigg (mistress)	
Lofyn	1		Removing obstacles to lovers	Frigg (mistress)	
Snotra	1		Virtue	Frigg (mistress)	
Syn	1	Trials and tribunals	Truth	Frigg (mistress)	
Vara	3	Keepers of oaths	Oaths, punishment of perjurers	Frigg (mistress)	
Vor	3		Knowledge	Frigg (mistress)	
Vjofn	3		Peace and concord, opening hearts to love, reconciling quarreling spouses	Frigg (mistress)	
<b>Other Spirits</b> (Rank in Host = 1)					
Ancestors	1		(much like fylgjur, below, except that an ancestor protects his whole family/clan, instead of an individual)		
Elfs	6		Healing of wounds sustained in battle (only)		Appeal must be supported by sacrifice; once a year, also appealed to for fertility and protection from bad luck for an entire family
Fylgjur	1	An individual – each protects only a single person; a hamingja may pass from parent to child. The fylgja is <i>literally</i> a person's soul	Personal protection; omens of death (only)		Each may only be appealed to for/by the individual he protects; appealed to communally once a year for a good harvest; also called vorthr
Hamingjur	1	An individual, as with a fylgja, but everyone does not necessarily have one	Happiness and luck (only)		A kind of guardian angel, not entirely distinct from the fylgja; passes from parent to child, and can even be lent to friends with a successful appeal
Vattar	1	A particular household with a warden tree	Curing disease or ending bad luck (only)		Appeal must be supported by sacrifice of sweets; will only aid their household
Valkyries	2	Those slain in battle	Aid in war or combat, particularly for a glorious death	Odin (master)	