

COMPREHENSIVE HEIGHT AND WEIGHT FOR AS&SH CHARACTERS

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The rules for *Astonishing Swordsmen & Sorcerers of Hyperborea*™ provide the means to randomly generate a character's build, height, and weight. However, those rules do not account for how strength and muscle mass (largely represented by the *strength* attribute) can impact build, height, and weight. The following rules attempt to augment and expand the default system whilst recognizing that the men and women of Hyperborea are notably taller and sturdier on the whole than their historical counterparts.

Of course, players and referees should feel free to simply choose results, too, as height and weight seldom have any significant impact on play. The *builds* are only guidelines; other descriptors may be used instead. *Broad* may be barrel-chested or curvaceous, *small* may be petite or elfin, *slim* may be slender or svelte, *tall* may be statuesque, and so on.

STEP 1: DETERMINE BASELINE

Roll for the character's *Baseline Height and Weight* according to race and gender.

Short: Picts and Half-Blood Picts

Standard: Atlanteans, Common Folk, Kelts, and Kimmeri-Kelts

Tall: Kimmerians and Vikings

Amazons, Esquimaux, Hyperboreans, and Ixians treated individually below.

BASELINE HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

Race	Height	Weight
Amazon (m)	59"+2d6"	130+2d10 lbs.
Amazon (f)	63"+2d6"	150+2d10 lbs.
Esquimaux (m)	60"+2d6"	160+2d10 lbs.
Esquimaux (f)	56"+2d6"	130+2d10 lbs.
Hyperborean (m)	76"+2d4"	190+2d10 lbs.
Hyperborean (f)	71"+2d4"	140+2d10 lbs.
Ixian (m)	66"+2d6"	160+2d10 lbs.
Ixian (f)	62"+2d6"	130+2d10 lbs.
Short (m)	60"+2d6"	150+2d10 lbs.
Short (f)	56"+2d6"	120+2d10 lbs.
Standard (m)	63"+2d6"	160+2d10 lbs.
Standard (f)	59"+2d6"	130+2d10 lbs.
Tall (m)	66"+2d6"	170+2d10 lbs.
Tall (f)	62"+2d6"	140+2d10 lbs.

STEP 2: DETERMINE BUILD

Roll 2d6, adding or subtracting twice any modifiers for high or low *strength*. If the character's build is *average*, there is no need to modify the baseline results from **Step 1**, because the process is finished. Lastly, ignore fractions of pounds and inches when making final calculations.

STANDARD BUILD

Result	Build	Modifiers
1 or less	<i>small</i>	height - 10%; weight - 30%
2-4	<i>slim</i>	weight - 20%
5-9	<i>average</i>	none
10-11	<i>broad</i>	weight + 20%
12-13	<i>large</i>	height + 10%; weight + 50%
14 or more	<i>huge</i>	height + 20%; weight + 100%

HYPERBOREAN BUILD

Result	Build	Modifiers
4 or less	<i>small</i>	height - 10%; weight - 20%
5-6	<i>slim</i>	weight - 10%
7-9	<i>average</i>	none
10 or more	<i>tall</i>	height + 10%; weight + 20%



Example 1: Rell Tannos, a common man and cleric of Xathoqqua, has no modifiers for *strength*. The player rolls Rell's *Baseline Height and Weight*, getting 71" (5'11") and 162 lbs. The player then rolls for Rell's *build*, getting a result of 10; Rell is *broad*. This modifies the baseline weight by 20%, adding 32 lbs for a total weight of 194 lbs. Rell Tannos a stocky fellow, a whisker above average height for Khromarium.

Example 2: Snorri Brandsson, a male Viking fighter, has an impressive +2 *strength* modifier, doubled to +4 for purposes of the character's *build* roll. The player rolls Snorri's *Baseline Height and Weight* of 72" (6') and 180 lbs. The player then rolls for Snorri's build, adding the doubled strength modifier of +4, for a final total of 12: *large*. He increases Snorri's height by 10% to 6'7" and his weight by 50% to 270 lbs. Snorri Brandsson is a tall, highly impressive individual.

Example 3: Shamoravor Traal, the Hyperborean legerdemainist, has a -1 *strength* modifier. This translates as a -2 modifier on her *build* roll. The player rolls baselines of 75" (6'3") and 148 lbs. She rolls for build, subtracting 2, and gets a final number of 4: *small*. Shamoravor's height is reduced by 10% to 5'8", and her weight is reduced by 20% to 120 lbs. Shamoravor Traal is notably elfin for a Hyperborean.



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