

SAMURAI (LEVEL 7)



Hayato cuts a stern and silent figure. Exiled for avenging his master's murder, he now travels as a ronin, serving whatever cause seems noble.

HAYATO

Male human samurai 7 (*Ultimate Combat* 18)

LG Medium humanoid (human)

Init +1; **Senses** Perception +11

DEFENSE

AC 22, touch 12, flat-footed 21 (+10 armor, +1 deflection, +1 Dex)

hp 64 (7d10+21)

Fort +9, **Ref** +5, **Will** +8

OFFENSE

Speed 20 ft.

Melee +2 *katana* +14/+9 (1d8+5/18–20) or *naginata* +10/+5 (1d8+4/×4)

Ranged +1 *longbow* +9/+4 (1d8+1/×3)

Special Attacks challenge (+7, 3/day)

STATISTICS

Str 16, **Dex** 13, **Con** 15, **Int** 10, **Wis** 14, **Cha** 12

Base Atk +7; **CMB** +10; **CMD** 22

Feats Alertness*, Greater Weapon Focus (*katana*)*, Iron Will*, Mounted Combat, Power Attack, Weapon Focus (*katana*)*

Skills Diplomacy +10, Handle Animal +10, Linguistics +1, Perception +11, Perform (string) +2, Ride +6, Sense Motive +15; **Armor Check** –4

Traits Armor Expert*, Suspicious*

Languages Common, Tien

SQ banner +2, mount (Jinfu [horse]), mounted archer, order abilities (self reliant), order challenge +2, resolve (4), ronin, weapon expertise (*katana*)

Combat Gear *potion of cure moderate wounds* (2), *potion of remove fear*;

Other Gear +2 *o-yoroi armor*, +2 *katana*, *naginata*, +1 *longbow* with 20 arrows, *backpack*, *cloak of resistance* +2, *masterwork koto* (stringed instrument), *ring of protection* +1, *waterskin*, 104 gp

SPECIAL ABILITIES

Banner As long as Hayato's banner is visible, all his allies within 60 feet gain a +2 morale bonus on saves against fear and a +1 morale bonus on attack rolls made as part of a charge. The banner must be carried by Hayato or Jinfu to function.

Challenge Three times per day as a swift action, Hayato may challenge an enemy he sees. Until that enemy is slain, he gains a +7 damage bonus against that enemy, but takes a –2 AC penalty against any other enemies. If Hayato is the target of a challenge or smite made by the target of his challenge, he also gains a +2 morale bonus on attack rolls and a +2 dodge bonus to AC against his opponent.

Mount Hayato's horse, Jinfu, is extraordinarily skilled and loyal. He obeys without fear or hesitation, even in combat.

Size Large; **Speed** 50 ft.; **AC** 20; **hp** 34; **Fort** +8, **Ref** +7, **Will** +5; **Melee** bite +9 (1d4+5), 2 hooves +7 (1d6+2); **Feats** Alertness, Iron Will, Multiattack; **Skills** Perception +13; **Str** 20, **Dex** 14, **Con** 17, **Int** 2, **Wis** 12, **Cha** 6; **SQ** devotion, evasion, low-light vision, scent, war-trained

Mounted Archer Hayato only takes a –2 penalty for firing ranged weapons while mounted, or a –4 penalty at full gallop.



My soul feeds upon honor, and my blade on flesh. We will both gorge this day."

Mounted Combat Once per round when his mount is hit, Hayato may make a Ride check as an immediate action to negate the hit. The DC is equal to the opponent's attack roll.

Power Attack Before attacking, Hayato may choose to take a –2 penalty on all attack rolls and combat maneuver checks until his next turn and gain a +4 bonus on damage.

Resolve Four times per day, Hayato can muster his resolve to perform one of the following actions:

Determined: As a standard action, Hayato removes the fatigued, shaken, or sickened condition from himself.

Resolute: Before making a Will or Fortitude save, Hayato may decide to roll two dice and use the best result.

Unstoppable: If reduced below 0 hit points but not killed, Hayato can remain conscious and upright, though he can only take a single move or standard action each round. He falls unconscious if he takes any more damage.

If Hayato defeats the target of his challenge ability, he regains one spent resolve.

Self Reliant If Hayato fails a Will save, he may make a second save against the same effect at the end of his next turn. Whenever Hayato is reduced to 0 hit points, he may roll to stabilize twice on his next round.

Weapon Expertise Hayato may draw his katana as a free action. Whenever he threatens a critical with a katana, he gains a +2 bonus to confirm.

* The effects of this ability are already calculated into Hayato's stats.

Honor is strength. It is a maxim that Nakayama Hayato has known since birth, and one whose barbs he still feels deep in his flesh. After his banishment from distant Minkai for avenging his master's death against a rival noble, the samurai came to rest in the Inner Sea region. He operates as a fearless and talented mercenary—or ronin, as he terms it—for those whose cause seem righteous, yet refuses to bow to anyone regardless of status, saying only that he has had his fill of masters.