

# RYSE

SON OF ROME



GAME

MANUAL





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## RYSE<sup>®</sup>: Son Of Rome

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*Live  
as a soldier.  
Fight  
as a general.  
Rise  
as a legend.*

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Amidst the chaos of the late Roman Empire, become soldier Marius Titus and embark on a perilous campaign to avenge the death of your family and defend the honor of Rome. In Gladiator mode, step into the Colosseum and fight for the glory, spectacle, and entertainment of the crowds. In a story of corruption, struggle, and revenge, Ryse is every hero's journey in their quest to fulfill their destiny.

Ryse presents a breathtaking cinematic recreation of the Roman Empire and its people, conflicts, and landscapes. It brings the brutality and intensity of Roman warfare to life in visceral detail, thrusting you into the chaos of close-quarters combat, where the emotion on the enemy's face can be seen and felt.



## PLAYER CONTROLS

RYSE makes use of standard PC control methods (keyboard and mouse) and also Microsoft Xbox 360/Xbox One compatible game controller for Windows if available. The game will automatically switch between the two, based on which one is being used.

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### *Mouse & Keyboard*

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RYSE: Son of Rome has three control configurations that the user can choose in the Options menu.

For the rest of the manual it is assumed that the player is using the default layout.

▶ *Default Mouse & Keyboard configuration on page III*

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### *Controller Map*

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Besides the keyboard and mouse RYSE is also playable with a controller if one is available.

▶ *Controller Map details on page IV*





# PLAYER CONTROLS

*Default Mouse & Keyboard Configuration*

**Esc** *Pause/Timeline*

**1** *Select*

**2** *Execution Rewards*  
*<Campaign Only>/*  
*Use Elixir*  
**4** *<Gladiator Only>*

**Q** *Focus Power*

**Shift** *Evade*

**Ctrl** +  *Quick Throw/  
Aim/Lock On*



**E** *Execute*

**R** *Troop Orders/  
Taunt*

**U** *Hero Upgrade*

**F** *Sprint*

**Space** *Deflect*

*Look At*

*Sword Attack/  
(Aiming)*



*Push Attack*

*Throw Pilum*

  
*Camera*

*Cycle through  
Execution Rewards*



*<Campaign Only>*



# PLAYER CONTROLS

Controller Map

**RT** Execute Enemy

**RB** Use Focus Power

**LT** Aim/Lock On  
(Ranged)

**LB** Taunt  
<Gladiator Only>

**LB** Troop Orders  
<Campaign Only>

**LT RT** (Tap)Pilum  
Quick Throw

**LT RT** (Hold)Charge  
Weapon(Ranged)

**RT** (Hold)Load/  
Auto-Target(Scorpio)

**RT** (Release)Fire(Scorpio)/  
Throw Weapon(Ranged)



Hero Update  
<Campaign Only>



Move/  
(Press)Sprint



Menu



Rotate Camera/  
(Press)Point of  
Interest



Select Execution<Campaign Only>/  
Use Elixir<Gladiator Only>

**A** Deflect/Use/  
Revive Teammate  
<Gladiator Only>

**B** Evade

**X** Sword Attack

**X** (Hold)Heavy  
Sword Attack

**Y** Push/Break Obstacle

**Y** (Hold)  
Heavy Push





## GAMEPLAY

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*RYSE: Son of Rome*  
offers the player  
the chance  
to play the story of Marius  
in the single player campaign  
or  
to battle alongside other players  
in the great Colosseum  
in order to gain  
fame and fortune.

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# GAMEPLAY

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## *Single Player*

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In the single player mode, called Campaign, there are four difficulty modes: Recruit, Soldier, Centurion, and Legendary. Each is successively more challenging. Legendary is unlocked by completing the game in any other difficulty mode.

..... Difficulties .....

### Recruit

| *The best mode for those who want to enjoy the story. Enemies are less dangerous. Perk rewards are greater.*

### Soldier

| *The best mode for those used to combat-action games.*

| *Enemies are more dangerous.*

### Centurion

| *This is a deadly mode suited for those who want a very challenging experience. Enemies are much more dangerous and tough. Perk rewards are reduced.*

### Legendary

| *Legendary is incredibly challenging. Every enemy is deadly. Perk rewards are more challenging to get. It is strongly recommended that you have every character upgrade before attempting this mode.*





# GAMEPLAY

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## *Multiplayer*

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In multiplayer mode, also called Gladiator, you can play Arena and Round to Round with another player online.

*the Colosseum can throw at you. Players are taking turns in choosing the next Colosseum environment.*

### ..... Modes .....

#### Arena

*Join with a fellow Gladiator to face the challenges of the world's most famous fighting arena, the Colosseum. Compete against each other for executions and rack up separate scores. Experience the roar of the crowd as you fight for gold and glory while playing through a series of dynamic environments.*

#### Survival

*Fight together with a fellow gladiator and try to survive the endless hordes of enemies the Colosseum will throw at you.*

#### Solo

*For an extra challenge, venture into the Colosseum alone and prove your mettle.*

#### Round to Round

*Team up with a fellow Gladiator to face any challenge*

### ..... Customization .....

**In the main menu, select Hero to bring up customization**





# GAMEPLAY

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## *Multiplayer*

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options for your Gladiator. Customization options include consumable elixirs, weapons, shields, helmets, upper and lower body armor, gauntlets, and boots. Select an area on the Gladiator screen to see the available options for that gear type. Each item bestows a range of stats on your Gladiator when equipped, including Crowd Bonus, XP Gain, Health Regen, Health Amount, Health Capsules, Focus Gain, Focus Amount, Focus Capsules, Focus Time, and Inventory. Each item's stats are displayed on the Hero screen.

### Consumables

*You can equip up to two consumables at a time. Select one of the two Consumables slots on the Hero screen*

*to see available options.*

### Weapons & Armor

*In Gladiator mode, you can customize your character with weapons and armor that improve your character's performance in battle. Equipment is unlocked with Gold. Also the more you play, the higher your Rank will be which will allow you to buy even higher tier Booster Packs.*













## DETAILED COMBAT CONTROLS



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The mainstay of the Gladiator, Roman swords vary in length, power, and ease of handling—but every sword is capable of dealing vicious damage in the hands of an expert swordsman.

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- ◆ *Perfect strikes are faster than poorly timed strikes. To perform a perfect strike, begin your second strike just as the first bit connects.*
  - ◆ Press  or  to perform a sword attack.
  - ◆ Hold  or  to perform a heavy sword attack.
  - ◆ After focus has been activated, press  or  in quick succession to unleash a flurry of attacks on stunned foes, or press  or  to knock back the targeted enemy.












## DETAILED COMBAT CONTROLS



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The Roman shield is as fierce a weapon as any sword, dealing blunt-force trauma as well as sharp-edged punishment in close quarters.

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- ◆ Press  or  to perform a shield push attack.
  - ◆ Hold  or  to perform a heavy shield push attack.
  - ◆ Press  or  to deflect an enemy's attack.
  - ◆ Press  or  with precise timing to perform a perfect deflection, opening your enemies defense for counter attacks.

If you are using one of the alternative mouse and keyboard control schemes please use  to deflect.





## DETAILED COMBAT CONTROLS



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The pilum is a medium-range javelin that can pierce armor when thrown with might and skill.

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- ◆ Hold **Ctrl** or **LT** to aim your pilum. Hold **LB** or **RT** to zoom in, and then release to throw. Successful bits are not guaranteed against moving targets.
  - ◆ Tap **Ctrl** / **LT** and **LB** / **RT** simultaneously to quick-throw pila in combat.
  - ◆ Press **E** or **A** to collect pila from a nearby weapon rack.



## DETAILED COMBAT CONTROLS





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The Scorpio is a powerful artillery weapon capable of savagely obliterating enemies at a distance with great accuracy. Aim your Scorpio at glowing objects such as barrels for even more explosive results.

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◆ Press **E** to use the Scorpio.

◆ Use  to aim your Scorpio.

◆ Hold  to zoom in and lock onto enemies.

◆ Hold  to charge the Scorpio and release it to shoot.

◆ Press **E** to leave the Scorpio.

◆ Press **A** to use the Scorpio.

◆ Use **R** to move your Scorpio.

◆ Press and hold **RT** to zoom in and target an enemy.

◆ Release **RT** to shoot the Scorpio projectiles.

◆ Press **A** to leave the Scorpio.













# DETAILED COMBAT CONTROLS

## Quick Tips

### General

- ◆ Use  or  to rotate the camera.
- ◆ Use  or  to move your character.
- ◆ Press  or  to sprint.
- ◆ Press  or  to open the Hero Upgrade screen.





### HUD

- ◆ The red bar in the upper left corner of the screen is your

### Health Meter.

- ◆ The white bar in the upper left corner of the screen is your Focus Meter.

### Attacks

- ◆ Some enemies require that you open their guard: Press/hold  or  to hit them with your shield or perform a perfect deflection to open them up.
- ◆ Press and hold  or  for a strong attack.

### Defense

- ◆ Deflect incoming attacks by pressing  or .
- ◆ Press  or  to evade incoming heavy attacks.
- ◆ Press  or  to deflect arrows. A perfectly timed block will deflect the arrow and may hit an enemy.
- ◆ Some enemies require multiple deflects in a row to open them to attack. They can also be opened to attack with a successful chain of multiple pushes or a heavy push. 



## DETAILED COMBAT CONTROLS

### Quick Tips

- ◆ Enemies will regain composure after a few hits. Open them up to attack again to continue dealing damage.
- ◆ Once opened to attack vary sword and shield attacks to keep the enemy open longer.
- ◆ When an enemy attacks wait until the last moment before pressing **Space** or **A** for a perfect deflection.
- ◆ A perfect deflection is another way to open up shielded enemies to attack. A perfect deflection can be used in situations where a normal deflect would fail, such as when an

enemy performs a heavy attack. Time your deflection correctly to maximize its effect.

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#### Focus

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- ◆ Press **O** or **RB** to activate Focus Mode. Triggering Focus Mode in the Campaign will stun all enemies in the area of effect, rendering them open to Flurry Attacks and Focus Kicks until Focus Mode expires.
- ◆ Press **2** or **Circle** to be rewarded with the Focus Perk when you execute an enemy.

◆ In Focus Mode press **Y** or **Y** to kick enemies a great distance.

◆ In Gladiator Mode triggering focus mode will create a unique effect based on the God the player has chosen to fight for. His attacks during Focus Mode will also be God dependent.

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#### Formation

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- ◆ Use **RT** or **L** to move your formation.
- ◆ Hold **RT** or **RT** to order the formation to aim their pila. Release the button to throw.









## DETAILED COMBAT CONTROLS

### Quick Tips

The longer you hold before releasing, the more accurate the throw.



- ◆ Release  or  to throw.

- ◆ Hold  or  to block incoming arrows.

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#### Health

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



- ◆ Press  or  to activate the health execution perk.
- ◆ In campaign mode, performing executions with the health perk active is the only way to regenerate health. In Gladiator mode you can equip armor that provides an

additional Health Regen effect that continuously refills the current Health Capsule.

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#### Taunt

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- ◆ In Gladiator mode, press  or  to fill the bar and get the Colosseum crowd excited – but be weary: an overly excited crowd also angers nearby enemies!
- ◆ Pressing  or  also extends the combo meter when no enemies are nearby.



## UNLOCKABLES

*As the player progresses through the game he can unlock new and wondrous weapons, gear and ways of dispatching his enemies.*

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### *Purchasing*

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The more mastery you show in combat, the more items you can unlock to improve your chances in battle.

Executions and Skill Upgrades can be purchased with Gold or Valor; Gladiator weapons, armor, and consumables can be purchased with Gold. Once an item is purchased it will appear in your inventory.

Gold can be earned by playing in

Gladiator mode. The amount of gold received after a victory is based on how pleased the public was with your performance.

Valor can be earned by playing in Campaign mode. The better you perform in combat, the more Valor you will receive.

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### *Skill Upgrades*

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Skill upgrades improve your character in Campaign. The more you play, the higher your Title,

and the better the skill upgrades that are unlocked and can be purchased using Valor or Gold.

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### *Executions*

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Executions allow you to perform more impressive kills on the battlefield. Executions are purchased with Valor or Gold. When you perform an execution, timing is everything. Timing windows are indicated by a sound, and the enemy is highlighted in the color of the button to be pressed (  /  or  /  ).









## UNLOCKABLES

Pressing the right button at the right time gains you additional rewards. The best timing is "Legendary," and it gives the highest reward.

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### *Execution Rewards*







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Execution rewards include increases in Health, Focus, Attack Boost, and XP. In Gladiator, execution rewards are bestowed upon you by the god you choose. In Campaign, rewards can be chosen using the  or the  if you are using a controller.

Remember: You must execute enemies to earn the reward!

Your timing during an execution affects the value of the reward you receive; the better the timing, the better the reward.

You can change the type of execution rewards as often as you like to benefit a variety of fighting situations.

Use  or  ,  ,  ,  to select the execution perk. If you are using a controller use  to select the perks.

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### *Collectibles*


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While you play through RYSE you

can collect chronicles, scrolls and vistas. You can also unlock the soundtrack by completing the campaign missions.



## OPTIONS & SUPPORT

The settings screen provides the player with multiple ways in which they can customize their RYSE experience. The options screen can be opened by pushing the  button in the upper right corner of the main menu.

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### *Game Options*

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This screen allows the player to configure various gameplay options like how subtitles are shown, the sound and music volumes or how the camera behaves.

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### *Control Options*

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The control options screen allows the player to choose between three keyboard and mouse layout options and also set the mouse sensitivity.

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### *Graphics Options*

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In the graphics options screen the player can change various graphics related settings like resolution, graphics quality or whether the game runs in full screen or not.

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### *Advanced Graphics Options*

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In the advanced graphics section the player can finely tune the graphic quality of the game to best suit the visual experience they want to achieve.



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