

## HIGHLANDER

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There can be only one Victor in this timeless battle. Become a master swordsman or perish as your foes grow more skillful and you finally encounter the might Kurgen in this contest for immortality.

## LOADING (ALSO SEE IMPORTANT NOTE)

### CPC 464

Place the rewind cassette in the cassette deck type RUN" and then press ENTER key. Follow the instructions as they appear on screen. If there is a disc drive attached then type | TAPE then press ENTER Key. Then type RUN" and press ENTER key. After loading press SPACE.

(The | symbol is obtained by holding shift and pressing the @ key).

### CPC 664 and 6128

Connect a suitable cassette tape recorder ensuring that the correct leads are attached as defined in the User Instruction Booklet. Place the rewind tape in the cassette recorder and type | TAPE then press ENTER key. Then type RUN" and press ENTER key follow the instructions as they appear on screen. After loading press SPACE.

## THE GAME

Battle through time, develop the skills of sword play and learn from Ramirez, your first opponent, the arts of defence and attack, timing and position. When you have defeated him move in time to the present and encounter Fizir, an ancient and more skillful opponent in modern day New York. Here you must hone your skills and sharpen your reactions for upon his demise you reach the final battle with the mighty Kurgen. High above the city streets on a deserted rooftop the last act of this deadly quest is fought. A duel which can only be won by supreme exponent.

## ENERGY

is the key to the game — when it runs out you're dead? It is expended when you receive a blow or when you are unsuccessful in attack — So you win by a combination of skillful attacking and prudent defence. As you learn the different attack sequences you will develop the strategy which enables both objectives to be achieved. The energy is recharged at a constant rate but recovery is slower than depletion so keep a watchful eye on the level and if it reaches the red band back off quickly and defend until your strength builds up for another attack.

## SOUND

Identify the different sounds made by your sword and your opponents landing a successful attack and contrast these with the sound of a defence. This is best achieved in demo-mode and will be a great help to skillful play.

## VARY ATTACKS

Mix your attacks and defences; using the same sequence each time allows your opponent to pick a winning response

(this is especially true in playing against the computer). The cut-down blow to the head can prove devastating and win the duel outright but successfully defended can knock you down and be equally damaging to the attacker so try to achieve the element of surprise.

## POSITION

Always fight away from the edges of the playfield for as you become pinned down against the sides it is impossible to execute some of the strokes and of course backing off for a "breather" is out!

## RANGE

The achieve maximum effectiveness the range of different strokes must be judged precisely, the "lunge" against the "cut" is a trade off between effect and risk, skill in making accurate assessment being vital to success.

## STAGES

There are three stages in the game, where skills acquired in completion are necessary to have any chance with the next opponent. Each stage is loaded in memory separately (see important note) but the increasing difficulty has been chosen to enhance your ability at each level.

The strategy required to complete each stage is different, even if you have become expert by defeating Ramirez and Fizir the mighty Kurgen cannot be beaten by strength alone, strategy must be employed to turn his power against himself. Swordplay is a balance of risk and reward, a co-ordination of the senses of sound and vision, to triumph you must be brave . . . and careful!

## STATUS

Your status and that of your opponent are energy bars at the bottom of the screen. Each bar is divided into three segments. Green — Plenty of energy, attack at will.