

PLAYIRO

Chess Rules

Chess is a classic 2-player strategy game played on an 8x8 board. The objective is to checkmate your opponent's king while protecting your own.

Game Overview

Players	2
Board	8x8 grid (white square bottom-right)
Pieces per Side	16 (King, Queen, 2 Rooks, 2 Bishops, 2 Knights, 8 Pawns)
Objective	Checkmate the opponent's king
Turn Order	White moves first; alternate turns

Piece Movement

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Pawn	Forward 1 (2 on first move), captures diagonally
Rook	Horizontal or vertical, any distance
Knight	L-shape (2 + 1), can jump pieces
Bishop	Diagonal, any distance
Queen	Any direction, any distance
King	1 square in any direction

Special Rules

- Castling: King moves two squares toward rook under specific conditions
- Pawn Promotion: Pawn reaching last rank promotes to Queen, Rook, Bishop, or Knight
- En Passant: Special pawn capture immediately after a two-square pawn move
- Stalemate: No legal moves and not in check = draw
- Checkmate: King under attack with no legal escape

Beginner Strategy Tips

- Control the center early
- Develop knights and bishops quickly
- Castle early for king safety

- Avoid moving the same piece repeatedly in the opening
- Don't bring your queen out too soon