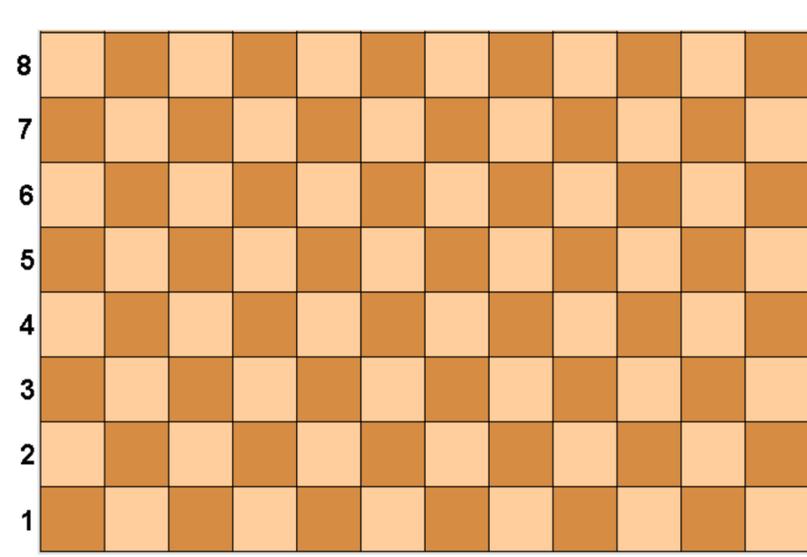


Rules Chess/Aces resp. Chaces^{®1}

Board: It is played on a board with 12 horizontal and 8 vertical squares which are named with the letters of A-L and the numbers 1-8. The squares are typically checkered in light and dark colors. The very left bottom square A1 is dark while the very last square to the right at the bottom L1 is light.



Goal of the game

As in usual chess it is the goal of the game to checkmate the king of the opponent by getting it to a point in the game in which the king of the opponent would get lost without any escape. The king would be beaten and there would be no escape path for the king. Before the final stroke the game ends with saying the words „check-mate“.

Playing pieces

The pieces of classical western chess are included completely. These are:



a) The Rook

The Rook, (Ratha) moves as many squares as one wants in horizontal left or right direction or in vertical direction up and down. It cannot jump over other pieces.



b) The Knight

The Knight or Horse, moves one square either horizontally or vertically to change its path direction to the left or right for another square. The knight can jump over pieces in its way. Only the target field must be empty unless one wants to strike a piece of the opponent on this square.



c. The Bishop

The Bishop, frz. Fou, ital: alfiere, also Al-Fil moves as many squares as one likes in diagonal direction to the right, left, top and bottom. It cannot jump over pieces.



d. The Queen

The Queen combines the movements of Rook and Bishop by moving as many squares as one likes into horizontal, vertical or diagonal direction. It cannot jump over other pieces like Rook and Bishop.



e) The King

The King moves like the Queen in horizontal, vertical or diagonal direction but only one square.



f) The Pawn

The Pawn always moves one square forward in vertical direction into the direction of the opponent. At the beginning it is allowed to move the pawn by two squares at once. It cannot jump. It strikes diagonally into the direction of its usual movement direction.

Furthermore there are two other different pieces on the board:



g) The Elephant

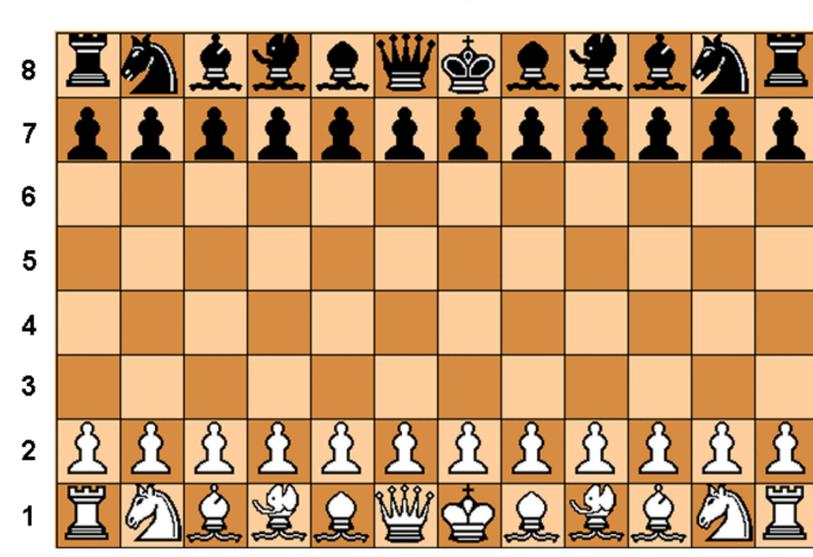
The Elephant moves in diagonal direction up to two squares but it can jump over pieces in its way similar to the knight.



h) The Wezir

The Wezir always moves one square into diagonal direction

The start locations of the pieces on the board



The pieces in their basic formation are located in the following manner: All white pieces stand within the first two rows 1 and 2 while the black pieces are located in the rows of 7 and 8. Similar to classical chess the 12 white pawns are located in the row 2 whereas the black pawns are located in the row 7. The white main pieces are located in row 1, the black main pieces are located in row 8.

The rooks of both sides are located on the vertical column of A and L.

The knights of both sides are located on the vertical column of B and K.

The bishops of both sides are located on the vertical column of C and J.

The elephants of both sides are located on the vertical column of D and I.

The wezirs of both sides are located on the vertical column of E and H.

The queens of both sides are located on the vertical column of F.

The kings of both sides are located on the vertical column of G.

Playing the game practically

There are three possibilities to try the game: You can import the rule games, pieces and board by the full registered version of the program Zillions of Games² by downloading the zipped files at http://www.bunkahle.com/Schach/Chess_As.zip (english: Chess, _Aces.zrf bzw. German: Chess, _As.zrf)

If you rather like to play the game on a board:

At <http://www.bunkahle.com/Schach/Brett8x12.gif> you find a graphic which you can download. Print it out with a laser printer or a bubble jet, enlarge it in a copy shop to double size and laminate it.

For the playing pieces you need to sets of standard chess pieces. The known pieces of pawn, rook, knight, bishop, king and queen are represented by the pieces of one set plus four pawns from the second set. For the elephants you just take the rooks from the 2nd set and just turn it over onto the board. The wezirs are manufactured by taking the bishops of the 2nd set (cutting the top edge or put a checkers stone underneath the bishops of the 2nd set) Alternatively you can also use the pieces of an Omega Chess set if available.

Who wants to play the game on paper:

A template with the pieces to cut you find at

http://www.bunkahle.com/Schach/Brett_Figuren.gif

Origin of the game

This game is based on astrological thinking and is especially based on 8 trigrams of Chinese cosmology. More about this you can find at <http://www.bunkahle.com/Schach/chess.html>. It was invented by Andreas Bunkahle in 2005.

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