

THAI CHECKERS

A strategy game for 2 players, ages 8 and up.

Playing time: approx. 30 minutes.

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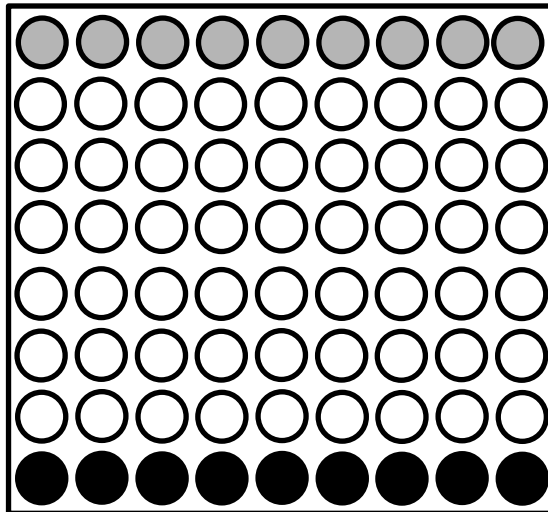
- 1 wooden board (this game makes no use of the red dots painted on the board)
- 9 light colored balls
- 9 dark colored balls

Object:

To remove the opponent's pieces.

Setup:

Players sit at opposite sides of the board. Each player picks a color (light or dark) and arranges all of their 9 pieces on the row closest to them.

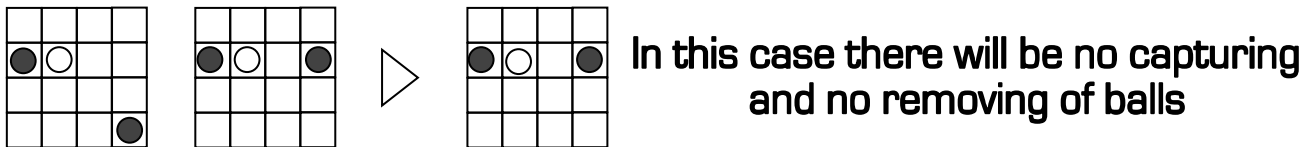
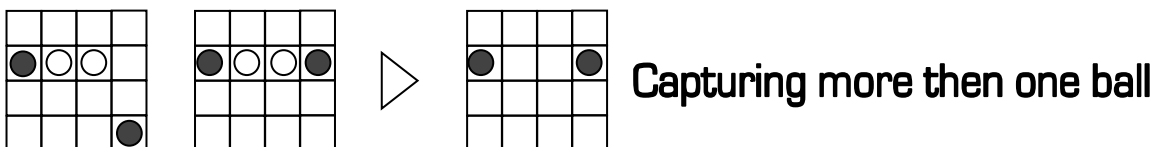
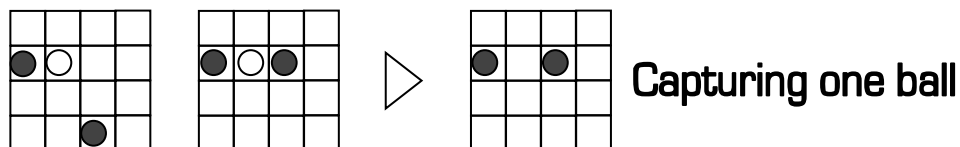


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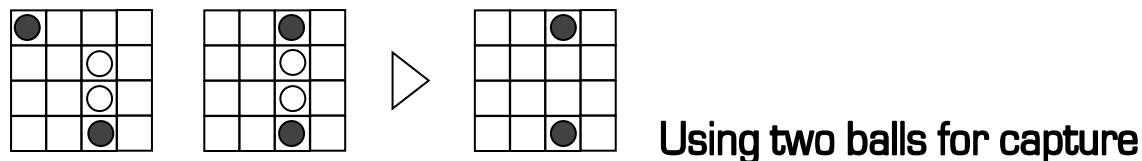
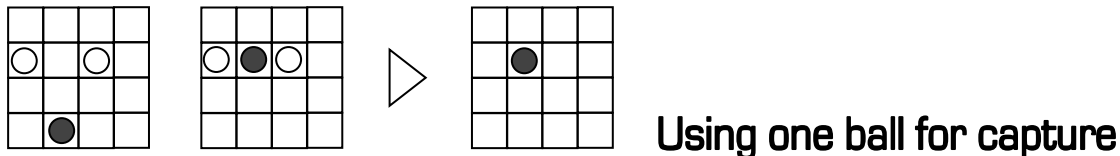
Players may move one of their pieces in each turn- forward, backward, left or right- not diagonally. Players may move as many spaces as desired, as long as it is in a straight, uninterrupted line. Players may not "skip" over any pieces, either their own or their opponent's.

Pieces may be removed in one of two ways:

- When one or more of the player's pieces are "trapped" between the opponent's pieces on both sides, all of the trapped pieces are removed.



- When a player's piece enters a single space between two of the opponent's pieces, the opponent's pieces are removed. If there is more than one of the opponent's pieces on each side of the space, the maximum equal number of pieces are removed. So, for example, if there were 4 pieces on the left of the space and 3 on the right, 3 pieces are removed from each side.



Pieces are always removed by the player who trapped them.

Winning:

The winner is the first player to remove all of their opponent's pieces, or to leave them with a single piece on the board, so that the opponent may not continue to trap pieces.

Good Luck!