

8. Special moves in detail

As we have learned how to do castling in previous topic, so now we will be learning rules of castling and interesting pawn capture move called "En-Passant".

Rules of Castling

- 1. If a player moves his King even once, Castling is not possible for that player in the whole game.
- 2. The same point applies to the Rook where the player intends to Castle. If the Rook has been moved from its original square, then the Castling will not be allowed with that Rook.
- 3. Castling cannot be done when the King is in check. After clearing the check, Castling can be done if other conditions are fulfilled.
- 4. Castling cannot be done if the King passes through enemy attack or occupies an attacked square.

En-Passant

En-Passant is a special pawn capture which can occur immediately after a player moves a pawn two squares forward from its starting position, and an enemy pawn could have captured it had the same pawn moved only *one* square forward. The opponent captures the just-moved pawn as if taking it "as it passes" through the first square. The resulting position is the same as if the pawn had moved only one square forward and the enemy pawn had captured normally.

The *en passant* capture must be done on the very next turn. Such a move is the only occasion in chess in which a piece captures but does not move to the square of the captured piece.



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Diagram 8.1

Diagram 8.2

In diagram 8.1, the player plans to move b2 pawn two squares forward from its starting position to b4. In diagram 8.2, we can see that black's c4 pawn is planning to capture white's pawn on b3 square. One can capture the just-moved pawn as if taking it "as it passes" through the first square.



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< Diagram 8.3



8. Special moves in detail (Homework)

1. Can white do castling on any side?



2. Can black do castling on any side?



3. Can white do castling on any side?



4. Can black do castling on any side?





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5. Can white castle?



6. Can white castle on any side?



7. Can black castle?



8. Can white castle kingside?





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9. If black plays c5, then can white do En-passant?



10. If white plays f4, then can black do En-passant?

