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## Weak king.

*The weak king is armed and captured from 2 sides.*

*The Historical Hnefatafl 9x9 (Saami Tablut) is recommended for beginners!*

## Historical Hnefatafl.

## 17.5.2016. Theory of Historical Hnefatafl:

The tafl games "Brandubh" (Ireland), "Ard Ri" (Scotland), "Tablut" (Sápmi), "Tawlbwrdd" (Wales. Tavlboard is a Scandinavian word and means gameboard) and "Hnefatafl" (Iceland) are all one and the same game: *the Iron- and Viking Age Scandinavian board game Hnefatafl*.  
Aage Nielsen, Denmark.

## Historical Hnefatafl Rules.

### Historical Hnefatafl Rules (Adam Bartley for print)

Rules for Brandubh1 and Brandubh2 in French and in English by David Zolli, "branan", for print:

[Règles du Brandubh1 en français](#), pdf [Règles du Brandubh1 en français](#), docx

[Règles du Brandubh2 en français](#), pdf [Règles du Brandubh2 en français](#), docx

[Brandubh2 rules in English](#), pdf [Brandubh2 rules in English](#), docx

Rules for Brandubh2 in German by Marian Luck, "themightyglider", for print:

[Brandubh2 Regeln auf deutsch](#), pdf [Brandubh2 Regeln auf deutsch](#), docx

Rules for Brandubh2 in Portuguese by Wesley Alves, for print:

[Brandubh2 rules in Portuguese](#), pdf [Brandubh2 rules in Portuguese](#), docx

Rules for Brandubh2 in Italian by Alessandro Arzani, for print:

[Regole del Brandubh2 in italiano](#), pdf

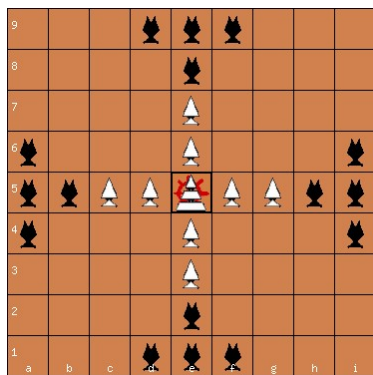
[Regler for Tablut på dansk.](#)

[Regler for Tablut på dansk til print.](#)

## Board setups:



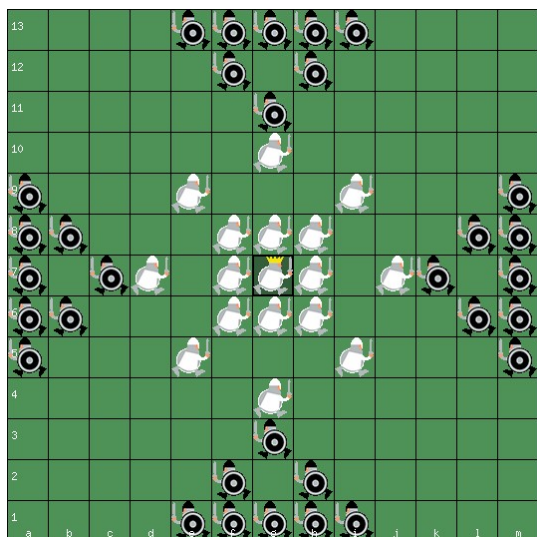
Irish Brandubh 7x7



Saami Tablut 9x9 (Linné)



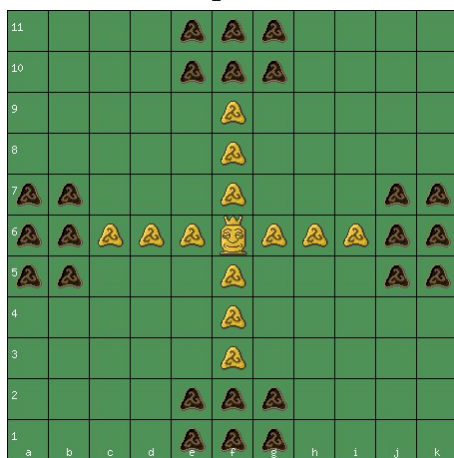
Welsh Tawlbwrdd 11x11 (Bell setup)



Historical Hnefatafl 13x13 (Parlett setup)

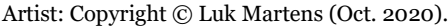
## Simple Tafl 11x11.

No restricted squares.



[Regler for Simpel Tafl på dansk](#)

## Tyr Hnefatafl.



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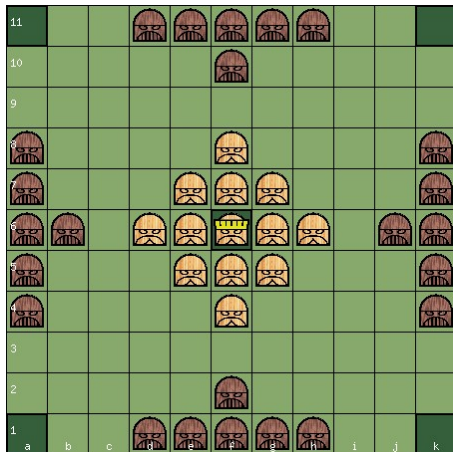
## Simple Tyr 15x15

## Strong king.

*The strong king is armed and captured from 4 sides.*

## Copenhagen Hnefatafl 11x11.

Shieldwall capture. Exit fort win.



## [Copenhagen Hnefatafl rules.](#)

[Introduction to the Copenhagen rules](#) (Tim Millar)

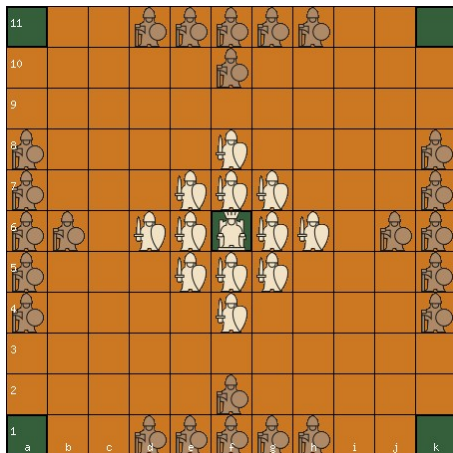
[Doctor Crustus explains shieldwalls](#) (Tim Millar)

[Copenhagen Hnefatafl, Introduction, History, How to Play](#) (Damian Walker for print)

*Educational videos at the bottom of this page.*

## Fetlar Hnefatafl 11x11.

Draw forts and repetitions allowed: Eternal repetitions are draws.



## [Fetlar Hnefatafl rules.](#)

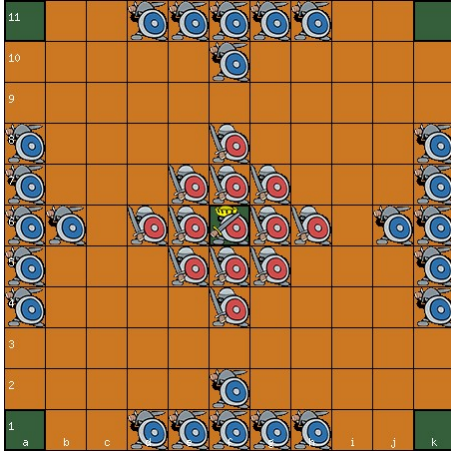
[Fetlar Hnefatafl rules](#) (Fetlar Hnefatafl Panel)

[and here](#) (Damian Walker for print)

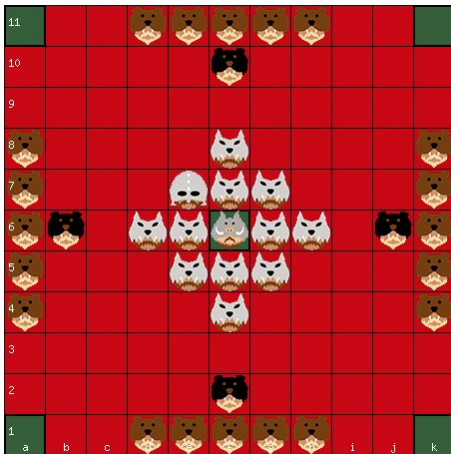


## Fetlar regler på dansk.

Same rules as Fetlar, but the king can be captured on the board edge and can thus be captured by two attackers when on a square next to a corner. Draw forts and repetitions *not* allowed.



Berserk moves. Two more types of pieces: a knight and four commanders. No rule about encircling all defenders (the commanders take care of breaking forts).



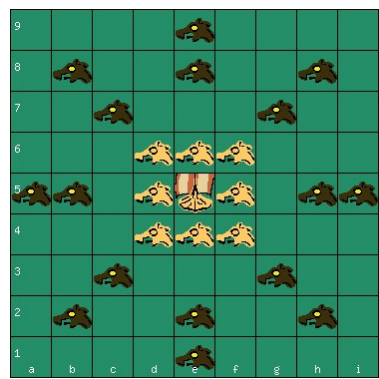
## Berserk Hnefatafl rules.

*The sea battle cargo ship is unarmed and captured from 4 sides.*

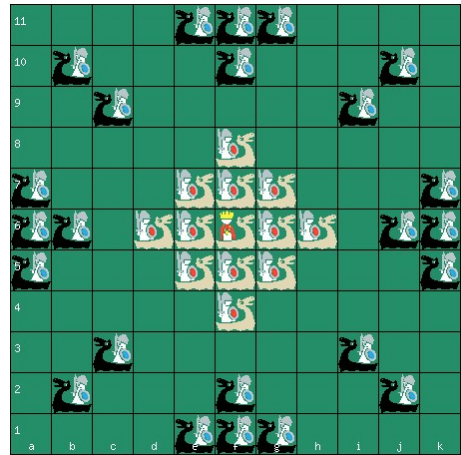
# Sea Battle Tafl.

[Sea Battle Tafl rules.](#)  
[and here](#) (Damian Walker for print)

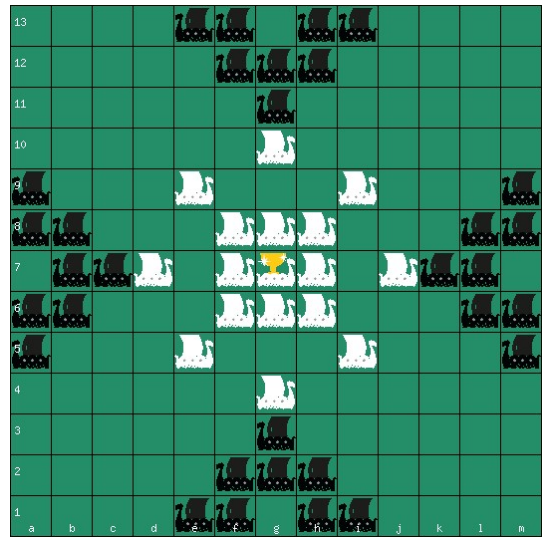
## Board setups:



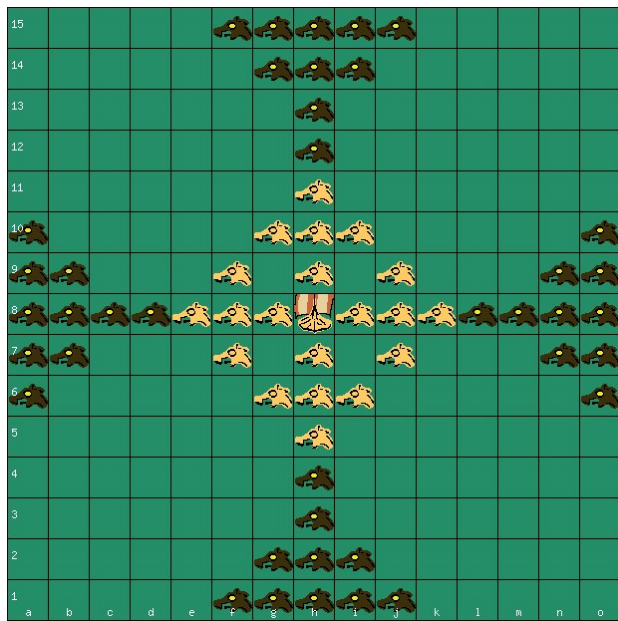
Sea battle T 9x9



Sea Battle Tafl 11x11 (Dardell setup)



Sea Battle Tafl 13x13 (modif. Parlett setup)



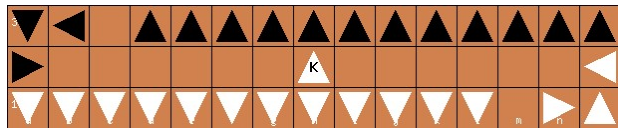
Sea battle tafl 15x15 (Damian Walker setup)

# Other games.

Mikkel Berg-Nordlie ("mihkkal"), Sápmi / Norway, is the author of a university treatise on traditional board games in Sápmi:

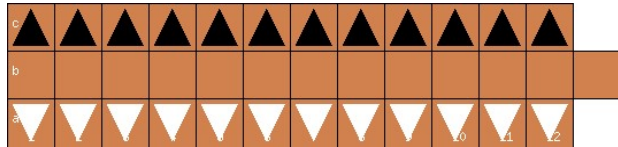
Four of them are implemented here. One is the Norse Iron Age game Hnefatafl mentioned above, which survived in Sápmi under the name Tablut.  
The three others are:

## Sáhkku 3x15.



Sáhkku is a racing game houndreds of years old in the Sápmi area.  
The rules are explained in Norwegian [here](#), and described in Wikipedia as Vuovdaguoika or Gávkevuotna sáhkku [here](#).

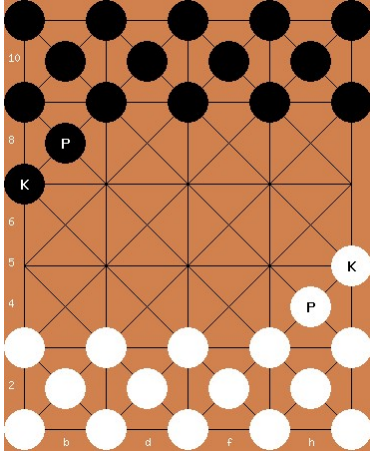
## Daldøs 3x13.



Daldøs is a historical variant of Sáhkku known in Denmark and southern Norway.  
Rules: please google "Daldøs" in Wikipedia.  
Board 13: you lost when you have 1 piece left.  
Board 17: you lost when you have 2 pieces left.



## Daabloe 11x9.



Daabloe is another traditional Sápmi game in the board game family of checkers. The rules are explained in Norwegian [here](#), and to some extent described in Wikipedia [here](#).

Short summary:

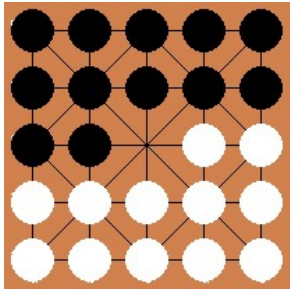
Rules as in checkers.

The pieces follow the lines. They move only forward, but they capture in all directions along the lines. A king can only be captured by a king. A prince can only be captured by a king or a prince.

You lost when

- you lost your king,
- you lost all other pieces,
- or if you cannot move anymore.

## Cuhkka 5x5.



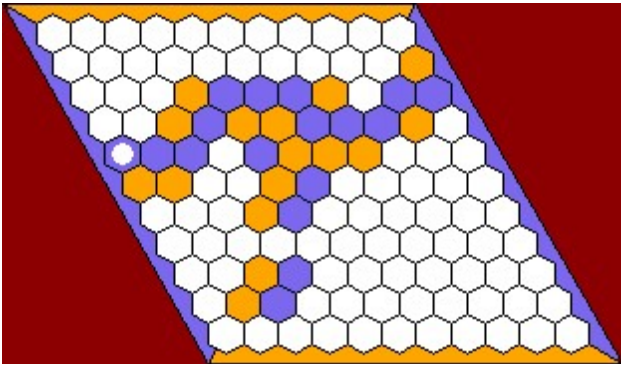
Cuhkka is a traditional Sápmi game in the ancient board game family of checkers. The rules are explained in Norwegian [here](#), and to some extent described in Wikipedia [here](#).

Short summary:

The pieces follow the lines in all directions. Rules as in checkers.

When you cannot move any more without losing your last piece, you are Cuhkka! (same as checkmate)

## Hex 11x11.



Hex was invented by the Danish polymath Piet Hein in 1942. The game became known worldwide when Martin Gardner introduced it on his famous page about fun mathematics in the magazine Scientific American.

The rules are explained [here](#),

Short summary:

Black player must connect the two blue sides with blue dots.

White player must connect the two orange sides with orange dots.

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## Educational videos for Copenhagen Hnefatafl by Corey Hart ("Brench"), USA.

Hnefatafl and Tablut: Intro to Tafl Games



Intro video to Tafl Games, by Corey Hart ("Brench"), USA, November 2017.

## Copenhagen Hnefatafl, Part 1



Copenhagen Hnefatafl, Part 1, by Corey Hart ("Brench"), USA, December 2017.

## Copenhagen Hnefatafl, Part 2



Copenhagen Hnefatafl, Part 2, by Corey Hart ("Brench"), USA, December 2017.

## Copenhagen Hnefatafl, Part 3



Copenhagen Hnefatafl, Part 3, by Corey Hart ("Brench"), USA, December 2017.

## Beautiful Handcrafted Hnefatafl Set



Handcrafted Hnefatafl Set, by Corey Hart ("Brench"), USA, January 2018.

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