



# CLASSIC MANCALA INSTRUCTIONS



## For 2 players – Ages 7 to Adult

Mancala is an ancient family of board games, and there are numerous variants. This is a version of the basic game, known as two-rank Mancala and also known as Kalah.

### Contents:

- 1 Mancala board
- 48 colored plastic pieces (also called “stones”)

### Set Up:

The Mancala board is made up of two rows of six pockets (also called “holes,” or “pits”) each. Four pieces are placed in each of the 12 pockets. The color of the pieces is irrelevant. Each player has a “store” (also called a “Mancala”) to his/her right side of the Mancala board.

### Object:

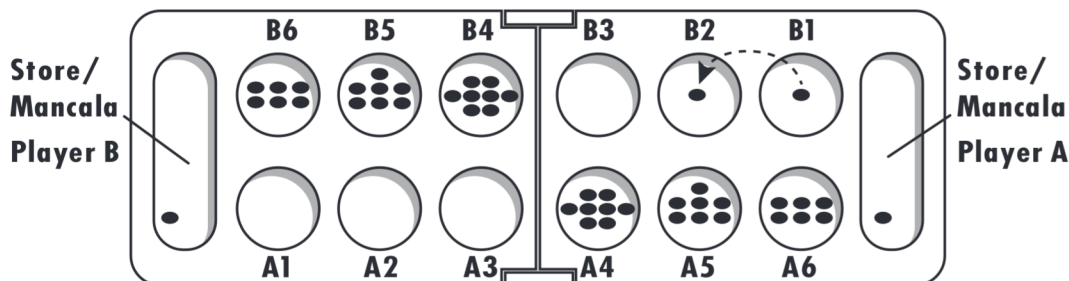
The object of the game is to collect the most pieces by the end of the game.

### Game Play:

1. The game begins with one player picking up all of the pieces in any one of the pockets on his/her side.
2. Moving counter-clockwise, the player deposits one of the stones in each pocket until the stones run out.
3. If you run into your own Mancala (store), deposit one piece in it. If you run into your opponent’s Mancala, skip it and continue moving to the next pocket.
4. If the last piece you drop is in your own Mancala, you take another turn.
5. If the last piece you drop is in an empty pocket on your side, you capture that piece and any pieces in the pocket directly opposite.

(See figure below: In this image, player B has moved his/her piece from space B1- B2.

By occupying the empty pocket on his/her side, player B earns *THAT* piece *IN ADDITION TO* the pieces in pocket A5 on the opposite side)



6. Always place all captured pieces in your Mancala (store).
7. The game ends when all six pockets on one side of the Mancala board are empty.
8. The player who still has pieces on his/her side of the board when the game ends captures all of those pieces.
9. Count all the pieces in each Mancala. The winner is the player with the most pieces.