

Roshi

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GAME OBJECTIVE

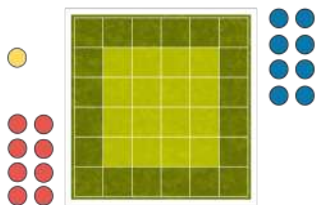
Win the game by being the first player to form a **roshi** - a five-in-a-row that includes the roshi stone.

PLAYERS

2 players

CONTENTS

16 player pieces, 1 roshi stone, 1 game board



INTRODUCTION

In Roshi, you will place, slide, and push pieces on the board in order to be the first to build a **roshi** - a 5-in-a-row that includes the roshi stone. The first player to create a roshi wins the game.

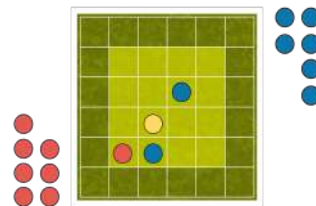
SETUP

To determine who will be player one, one person secretly takes a red chip in one hand, and a blue chip in the other. The opposite player now chooses a hand and will play as that color for the game. Red player goes first.

TAKING THE FIELD

Player 1 (red) takes the field by placing the roshi stone anywhere within the yellow **roshi zone**. The roshi stone can never be pushed outside of that zone. After placing the roshi stone, player 1 also places a single red piece on the board in any empty space.

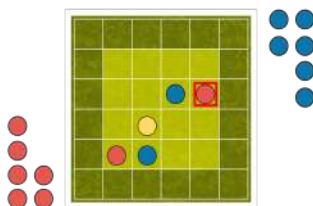
Player 2 takes the field by placing two blue pieces in any two empty spaces on the board. This completes the set up for the game.



PLAY

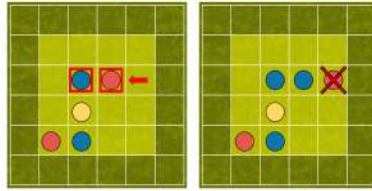
Red goes first. On a player's turn, complete up to two *different* actions: **place** a piece, **push** an opponent's piece, or **slide** a piece. The actions can be completed in any order.

Place one of your game pieces on any empty space.



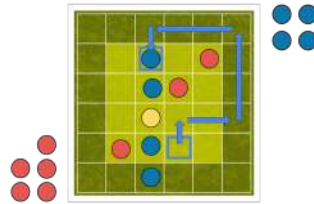
Red places one piece on the board.

Push one piece with one of your own. You can only push a piece in a straight line horizontally or vertically, and it can only be pushed one space. You may push your own piece, your opponent's piece, or the roshi stone.



*Left: Red successfully pushes blue.
Right: Red cannot push two pieces*

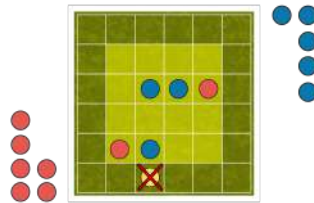
Slide one of your pieces by moving it from one space to another. A piece can slide freely around the board through as many spaces as possible.



Blue slides into position for a victory!

THE ROSHI STONE

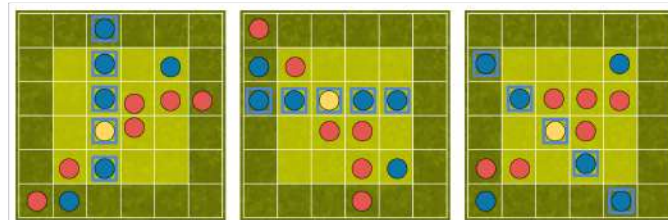
The roshi stone can be pushed one space, but it can never be pushed outside the yellow roshi zone. **REMEMBER**, you are only able to push one piece, and this includes the roshi stone.



The roshi stone must stay on the yellow spaces at all times.

WIN

The first player to create a roshi - a 5-in-a-row that includes the roshi stone - wins the game. The roshi can be vertical, horizontal, or diagonal.



In the event that both players have a roshi at the end of a turn, the game does not end. Play continues until only one player has a completed roshi on the board.

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