

BASIC

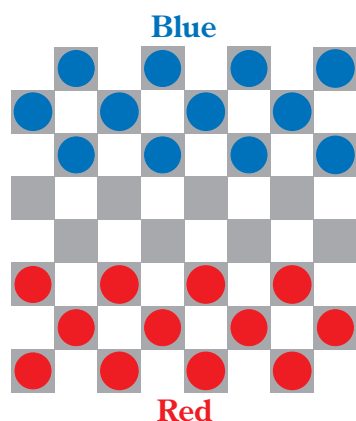


Fig. 1 - Initial setup.

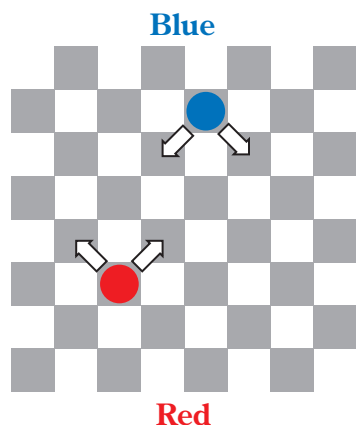


Fig. 2 - Move diagonally forward one square.

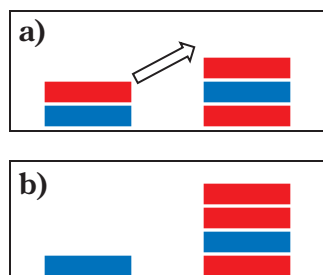


Fig. 3 - Move forward and stack.

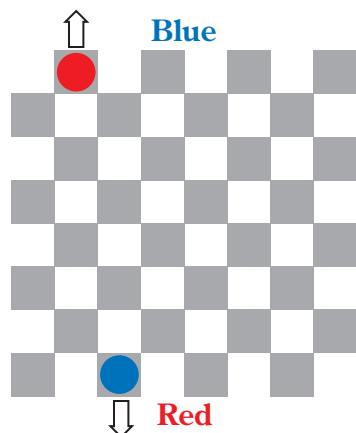


Fig. 4 - Bear off from farthest row.

INTRODUCTION Basic is a very simple game for the Checkers set. The checkers are set up on the board in the usual way. See Figure 1. Players take turns moving their own checkers, one checker per turn. Mark Steere designed Basic in August, 2009.

THE MOVE There is only one type of move in Basic: A single checker is moved diagonally forward one square. See Figure 2. Only exposed checkers may be moved, that is checkers not buried within stacks.

STACKING When moving to an already occupied square, simply place your checker on top of the stack. See Figure 3. There are no restrictions on stack height or composition.

BEARING OFF Players can “bear off” a checker from their farthest row, removing it from play. See Figure 4.

NO PASSING You must either move or bear off a checker during your turn if you can, but not both. If all of your checkers are covered by enemy checkers, you must sit the game out until one of your checkers becomes exposed.

OBJECT OF THE GAME The first player to bear off all of his checkers wins.

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