

Simpei Quick Reference

2 player abstract strategy game 3 - 5 min

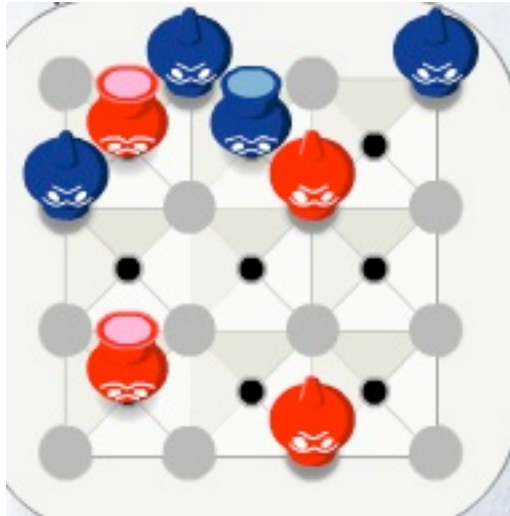
Each player has 4 pieces. One player is red, the other is blue.
Upper world place pieces face up, lower world place the pieces face down in the holes.

Basic Turn Overview

- Each player places one piece of their 4 pieces on their turn.
- 1st player must place his/her piece on one of the **4 middle upper world spaces**.
- 2nd player puts their pieces anywhere he/she likes on the board.
- Play continues with each subsequent turn players placing pieces anywhere on the board.

Sanwidching Pieces

- If you sandwich the other player's piece on the upper world, you **must move** the sandwiched piece(s) to anywhere else on the board and likewise for the lower world.
- Upper world pieces **cannot sandwich** lower world pieces and vice versa, lower world pieces cannot sandwich upper world pieces.
- If you place or move your own piece between your opponents pieces **it is not sandwiched**.
- After you move a piece you can sandwich your opponent's piece.
- If you **sandwich 2 pieces** you must move them to another space and **never** to either of the spaces from whence either of the pieces came.
- Likewise, if you sandwich 3 or 4 pieces you must move them.



Moving Pieces

- After all 4 pieces have been placed on the board, and **not until then**, you begin moving your pieces.
- Move your piece one space per turn.
- An upper world piece can only move to lower world spaces (holes).
- A lower world piece can only move to upper world spaces.

You Win if the following occurs:

- You win if you get 3 pieces in a row: ○ ○ ○
- All 3 pieces in the upper world ○ ○ ○
- All 3 pieces in the lower world ○ ○ ○
- A lower world piece does not block 3 upper world pieces ○ x ○ ○
- A upper world piece does not block 3 lower world pieces ○ ○ X ○
- You **must move into 3 in a row**.

Doesn't win if the following occurs:

- 4 pieces in a row does not win.
○ ○ ○ ○
- 3 pieces in a row if they are both in the upper world and lower world.
○ ○ ○
- If your opponent moves your piece to make 3 in a row.
- If one has 4 in a row and moves away to make 3 in a row.

[Simpei Rules with Screenshots](#) by mrbass July 2006