

How to start a game

1. Try to control the center of the board with your pieces in the opening. (d4,d5, e4, e5). Avoid edges or sides of the board.

The center is important because your pieces tend to be more powerful the closer they are to the center. All pieces controls more squares from center than corner.

2. Good chess strategy suggests you make your first move with the pawn in front of either your King or Queen. It helps to open up paths for your pieces, it helps them to be developed and get off of the back rank.

3. Generally develop your Knights before your Bishops. Both Knight and Bishop should develop first
A good developing move is one which gets a chess piece off of its starting square. This is an important chess strategy: And the reason why you'll usually want to develop your Knights before your Bishops is because it's easier to find a good

square on the chess board for your Knights:

4. Try not to move the same piece twice in the opening
Don't move the same piece around aimlessly; the best chess opening strategy is to find a good developing square for it. After you've developed a piece, don't move it again ; concentrate on developing another piece.

5. King's safety is crucial; castle early if you can
The center is the worst place for your King. Castling is a great way to safeguard your King from sudden chess tactics and even checkmate – it gets the King away from the center and develops your Rook at the same time. Also helps to connect between the Rooks. Top level chess strategy!

6. Don't advance more than one or two pawns in the chess opening, and definitely don't advance pawns in front of your castled King side
You need to advance a couple of pawns

so that your pieces can develop, but be aware that advancing lots of pawns will weaken your defenses. So the best chess opening strategy is to move one or two pawns in the opening , but not more.

7. Remember when you develop your pieces, try to make moves which threaten or attack something
That's a very simple idea of making a good developing move.

8. You don't bring your Queen out early.

The Queen is your most powerful piece but Queen can't win a chess game all by herself. Queen also a very enticing target for your opponent early in a game where she can be easily trapped on a crowded chessboard. Generally, chess opening strategy dictates that the Queen is one of the last pieces you'll develop.

9. Try to get a very good pawn structure in the opening
Try not to have double pawn in the

opening. Chained pawn structures are
always better