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Teaching Multiple Games - draughts and mancala

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Draughts - multiple variants

Rules*

Checkers (USA) Draughts (UK)

International

Russian

Czech

Frisian

Italian

Brazilian

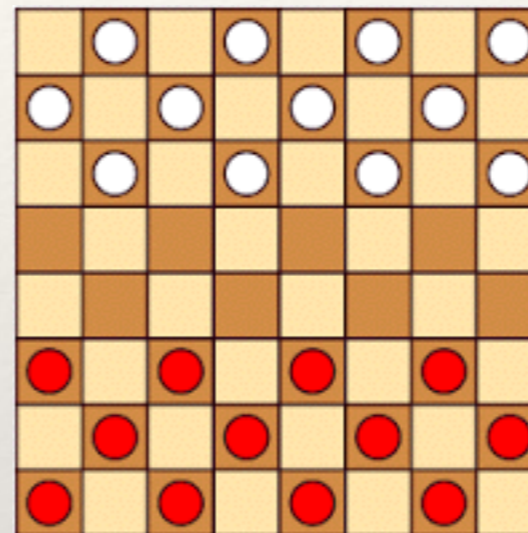
Thai

Canadian

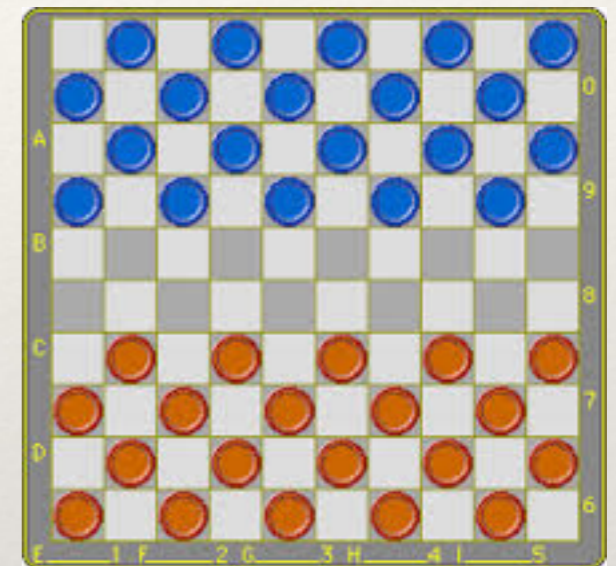
Turkish

Boards

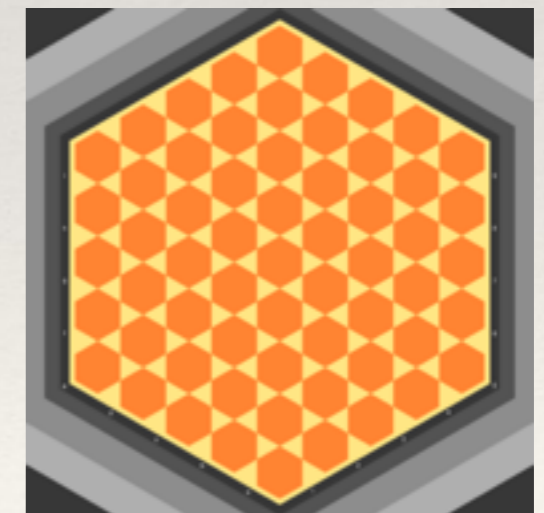
8x8



10x10



12x12



Hexagonal

*Rules might even be incorrect as given on various websites!

Draughts Pieces



Mancala

Hundreds of variations

Boards with 2 rows

Oware (Ghana)

Mangala (Turkey)

Kalah (now USA)

Boards with 4 rows

Bao (East Africa)

Omweso (Uganda)

Hawalis (Oman)

Toguz kumalak/korgool (Kazakhstan/
Kyrgyzstan) played by 23 countries at 2015
world championship in Almaty



Competitions – Preparation & Planning

- ❖ Analyze your own & others games while providing commentary & variations.
- ❖ Improving existing theory & practice while improving your play.
- ❖ Develop opening theory knowledge/skills.
- ❖ Improve midgame play.
- ❖ Analyze and solve many practical endings.
- ❖ Develop your imagination, creativity, visualization, calculation skills, stamina too!



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