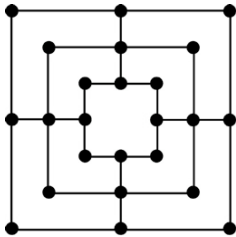


# Nine Men's Morris



**a.k.a.** Mill, Muhle, Merelles / Merilles, Mulino  
*Very old game, this set made by J. A. Storer, 1995.*  
(12.5 by 12.5 by 1/4 inch wood board, 6.75 by 2.25 by 1.5 inch wood box,  
1.25 inch white and red poker chips;  
king is not used, it is for *Tablut* on back of board)

**Board:** Three concentric squares where the midpoints are connected by lines; the intersections are the playing *points*:



**Pieces:** Nine white and nine black *chips*.

**Play:** Players alternately place their chips on a vacant point. When all chips are on the board, the game continues by players alternately moving one of their chips to an adjacent point. Whenever a player forms a row of three chips (horizontal or vertical, but not diagonal), called a *mil*, an opponent's chip that is not in a mil may be captured (and never returns to the board).

**Win:** A player wins if the opponent has no legal move or has only two chips left.

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## **Game variations:**

- When not all of a player's chips have yet to be placed on the board, the player may choose to make a move instead of placing a chip.
- You may not move a piece to the position it was in the previous turn.
- When capturing, if all of the opponent's pieces are in a mil, then any one of them may be captured.
- If two mills are formed by a move, then two opponent pieces may be removed.
- Players may move a chip anywhere when they have only three left.

## Other Versions Nine Men's Morris

*Five Men's Morris:* Each player has 5 chips; don't use the outer ring of the board.

*Eleven Men's Morris:* Each player has 11 chips; add diagonal lines to the board that connect the corners of each ring

*Twelve Men's Morris:* Like 11 Men's Morris but each player gets 12 chips (game is a draw if both players place their all their pieces with out forming mills (filling up all 24 points).

### Further reading:

*Masters Games Page:* <http://www.mastersgames.com/rules/morris-rules.htm>

*Bennett's Page:* <http://alumnus.caltech.edu/~leif/games/Morris>

*Cox-TV Page:* <http://cox-tv.com/games/rules/morris.php>

*Gamerz Page:* <http://www.gamerz.net/pbmserv/nmm.html>

*Triad Games Page:* <http://www.tradgames.org.uk/games/Nine-Mens-Morris.htm>

*BBC Page:* <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/h2g2/alabaster/A666209>

*Classics Technology Center Page:* <http://ablemedia.com/ctcweb/consortium/vamegypt7.html>

*Gaser Article:* <http://www.msri.org/publications/books/Book29/files/gasser.pdf>

*Wikipedia Page, from:* [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nine\\_Men's\\_Morris](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nine_Men's_Morris)