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:

![Board Diagram]

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.

Game variations:
- When not all of a players 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 opponents 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.

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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 without forming mils (filling up all 24 points).

Further reading:

*Bennett's Page:* http://alumnus.caltech.edu/~leif/games/Morris
*Gamerz Page:* http://www.gamerz.net/pbmserv/nmm.html
*BBC Page:* http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/h2g2/alabaster/A666209
*Classics Technology Center Page:* http://ablemedia.com/ctcweb/consortium/vamegypt7.html

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