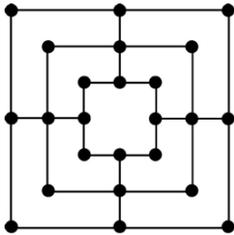


Nine Men's Morris



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.

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