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Legan Chess

8×8

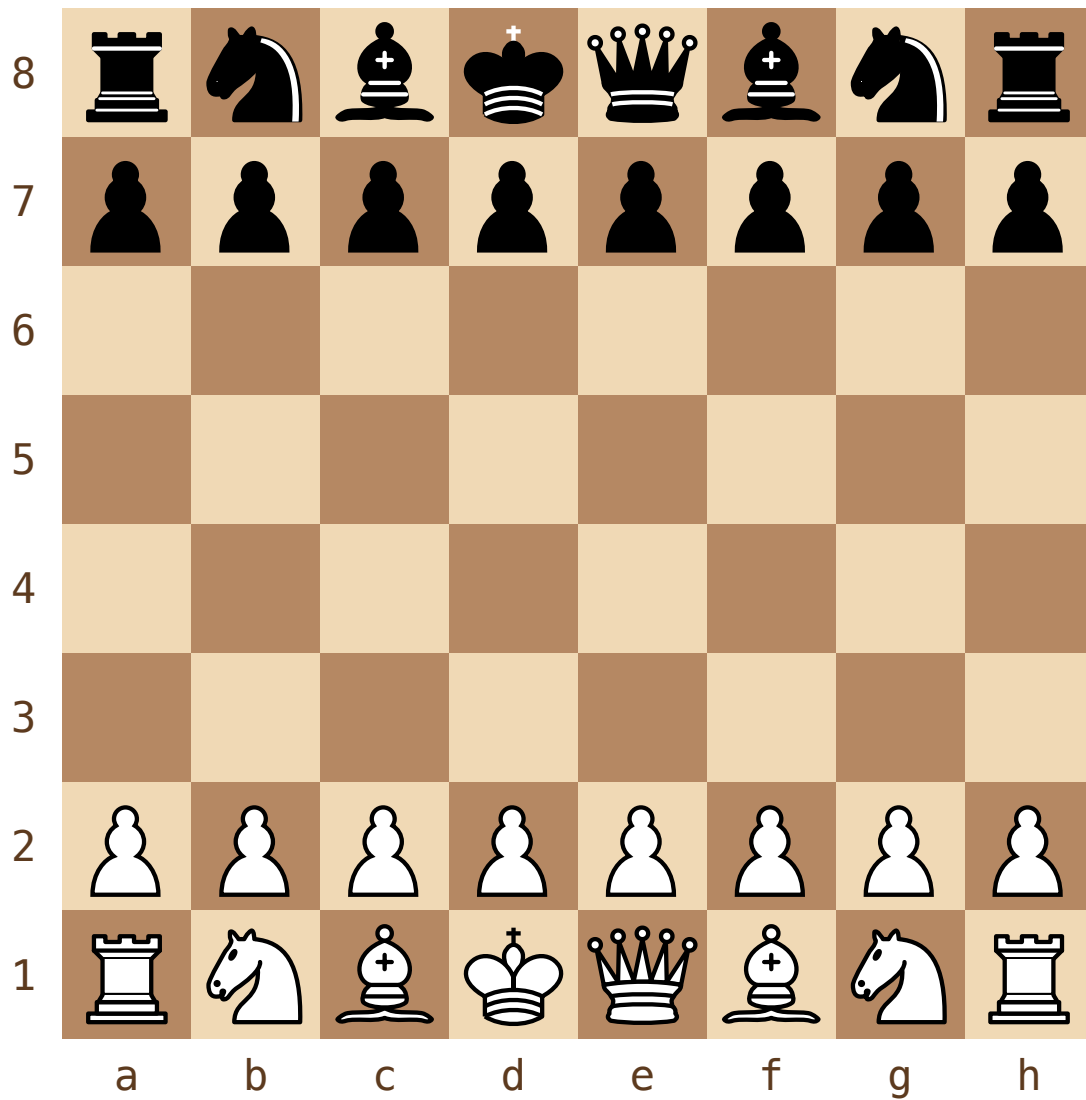
BOARD

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PLAYERS

LEGAN CHESS

Combines Berolina pawn movement with swapped King/Queen positions. No castling or en passant.



Legan Chess – starting position

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SETUP

Board: Standard 8×8.

Setup: Like standard chess but the King starts on d1/d8 and the Queen on e1/e8 (swapped positions).

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RULES

- ♦ Pawns move diagonally forward (one or two squares from their starting rank) and capture straight forward – Berolina movement.
- ♦ No castling.
- ♦ No en passant.
- ♦ All other pieces move and capture as standard chess.
- ♦ Promotion on the 8th rank works as normal.

WIN CONDITION

Checkmate the opponent's King.

STRATEGY

The King on d-file is more exposed than in standard chess since the Queen is no longer shielding it. Berolina pawns create unusual pawn structures – they cannot protect each other the way normal pawns can. Central control requires different thinking since pawns threaten diagonal squares for movement but straight squares for capture.

ATTRIBUTION

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