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Mini Hexchess

37 hexes (7 files a-g)

BOARD

2

PLAYERS

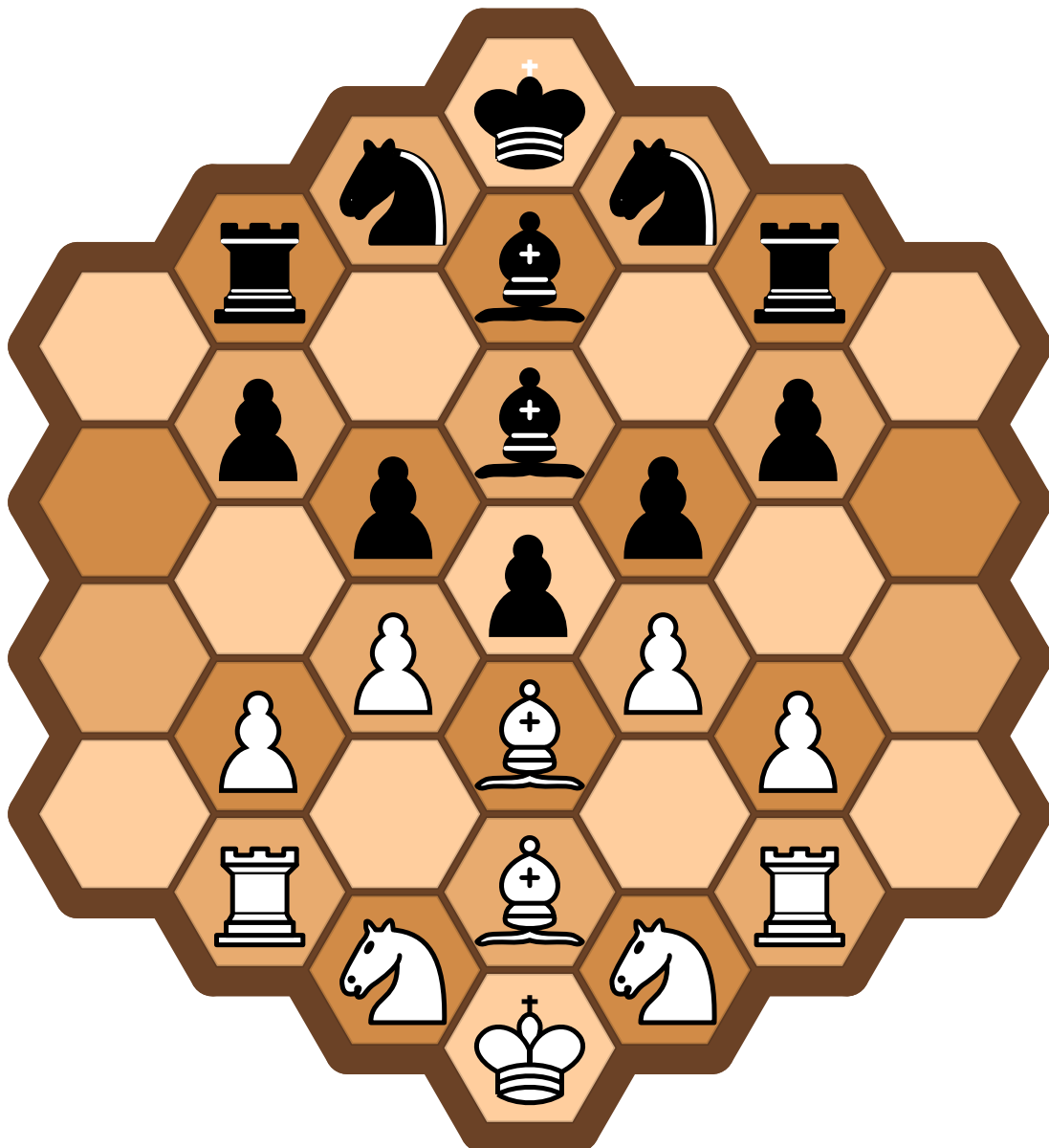
MINI HEXCHESS

Invented by Dave McCooley in 1997. A compact hexagonal chess on a 37-hex board with 7 files (a through g). The Queen is not used. Otherwise follows McCooley's hexagonal chess rules.

SETUP

Board: 37-hex grid, 7 files (a-g).

Pieces per side: King, 2 Rooks, 2 Bishops, 2 Knights, and Pawns. No Queen.



Mini Hexchess – starting position

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KEY DIFFERENCES FROM MCCOOEY

RULE	MCCOOEY	MINI HEXCHESS
Board	91 hexes	37 hexes
Files	11 (a-k)	7 (a-g)
Queen	Yes	No
Initial double step	Allowed	None
En passant	Yes	No (no double step)
Promotion targets	Q, R, B, N	R, B, N only
Promotion squares	Furthest rank per file	All 7 opponent-side hexes

PROMOTION

All 7 hexes on the opponent's side of the board are promotion squares. A pawn reaching any of these hexes promotes immediately to Rook, Bishop, or Knight. Promotion to Queen is not permitted as the Queen is not part of this variant.

RULES

All other rules follow McCooey's Hexagonal Chess. No castling. Stalemate is a draw.

WIN CONDITION

Checkmate.

ATTRIBUTION

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