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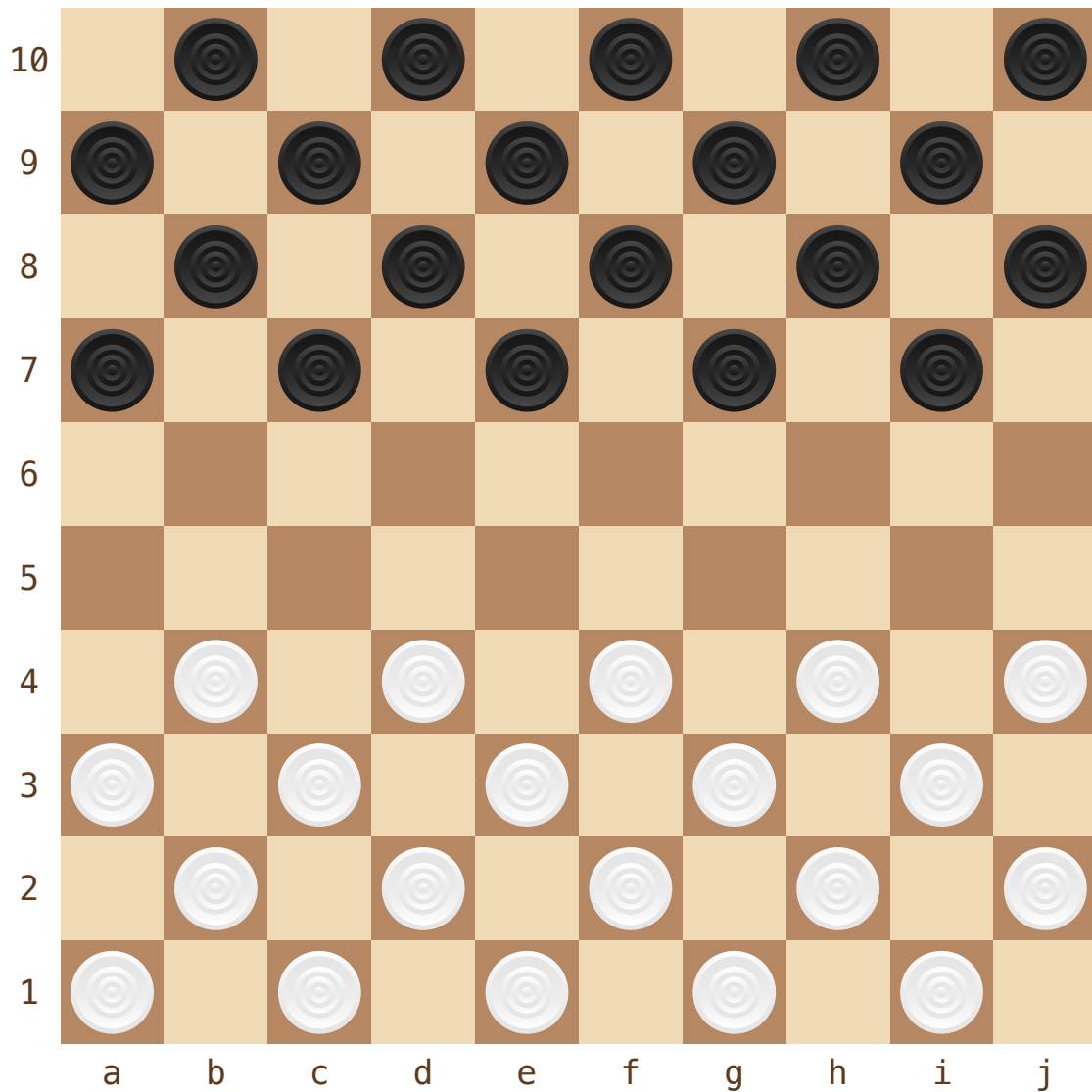
Ghanaian Draughts

10×10
BOARD

2
PLAYERS

GHANAIAN DRAUGHTS

Also known as Damii or Dame, Ghanaian Draughts is the traditional form of draughts played in Ghana and parts of West Africa. It uses the same 10×10 board and 20-piece setup as International Draughts but differs in three significant ways: men cannot capture backwards, there is no majority capture rule (any available capture satisfies the obligation), and a player who is reduced to a single piece (whether man or king) loses immediately.



Ghanaian Draughts — starting position

<https://engine.moddable.games/play/?game=draughts&variant=ghanaian>

SETUP

Board: 10×10 checkered board. Only the 50 dark squares are used. Orient the board so each player has a dark corner square on their lower left.

Pieces: 20 men (mma) per player in two distinct colours, placed on the dark squares of the four rows closest to each player. The two central rows remain empty.

First move: White moves first.

RULES

- ♦ **Men movement:** Men move diagonally forward only, one square at a time, to an unoccupied dark square.
- ♦ **Men capture:** Men capture by jumping diagonally over an adjacent opponent piece to the vacant square beyond. Men can only capture **forwards**; backward capture is not permitted for men.
- ♦ **Mandatory capture:** If a capture is available, it must be taken.
- ♦ **No majority rule:** When multiple capture sequences are available, the player may freely choose which to take. The longest chain is not required.
- ♦ **Multi-capture:** After each jump, if another forward capture is immediately available, the sequence continues. A man cannot reverse direction to capture backwards during a multi-jump.
- ♦ **Piece removal:** Captured pieces are removed from the board at the end of the complete capture sequence.

KING PROMOTION

When a man reaches the opponent's back row at the end of its turn, it is promoted to a Dame (flying king).

- ♦ **Flying kings:** Dames move any number of unoccupied squares diagonally in any direction.
- ♦ **King capture:** Dames capture by jumping over a single opponent piece at any distance along a diagonal, landing on any empty square beyond.
- ♦ **Kings may capture in any direction**, including backwards.

THE SINGLETON RULE

A player who is reduced to a **single piece** (whether a man or a king) loses immediately, regardless of whether that piece still has legal moves. This rule is unique to Ghanaian Draughts and is not found in International Draughts.

WINNING

A player wins when:

- ♦ All opponent pieces have been captured, or
- ♦ The opponent is reduced to a single piece (singleton rule), or
- ♦ All remaining opponent pieces are blocked from moving.

DRAWS

The game is drawn when both players agree, or when neither player can force a win.

ATTRIBUTION

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