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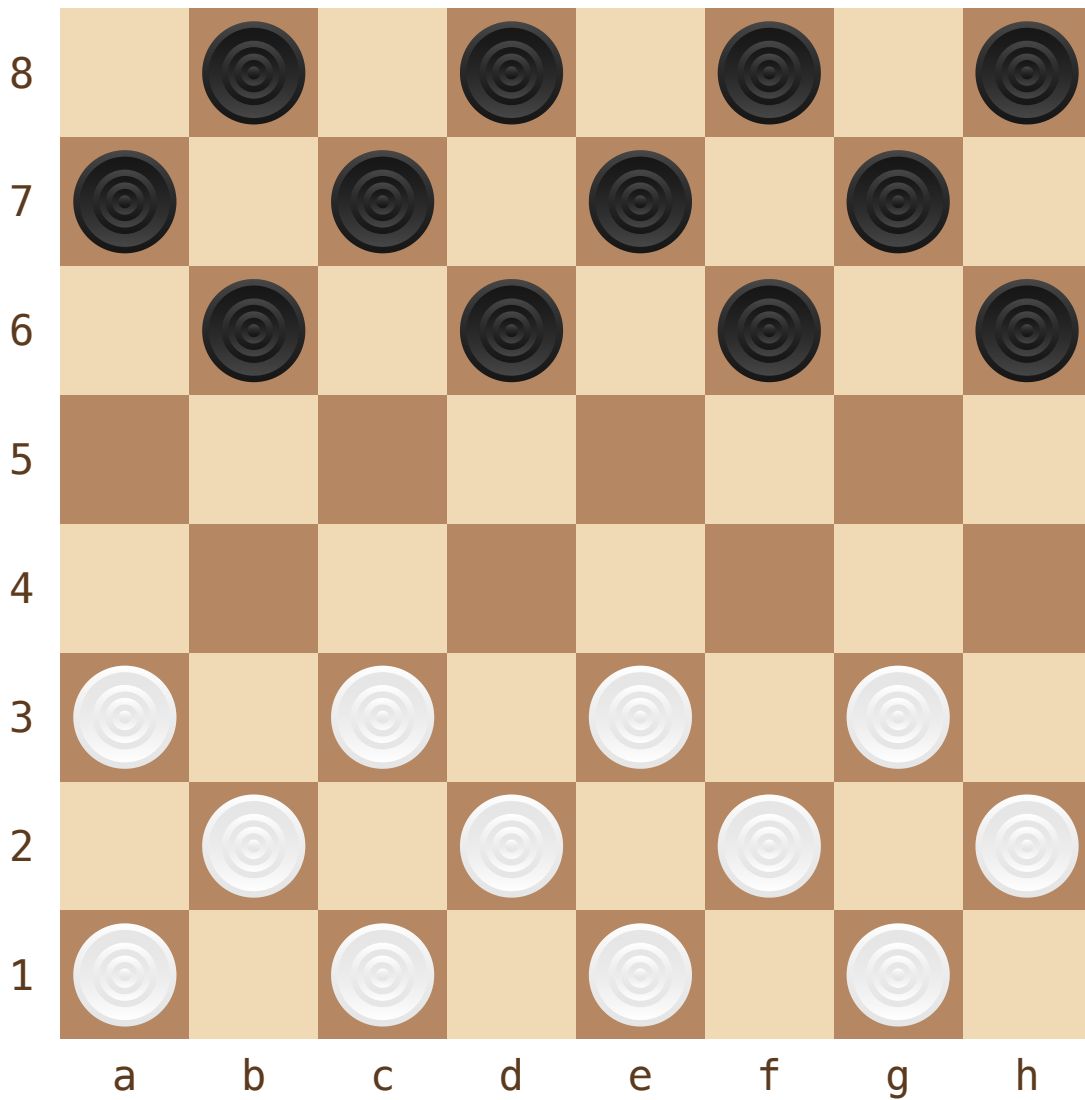
Spanish Draughts

8×8
BOARD

2
PLAYERS

SPANISH DRAUGHTS

Spain's national variant combining flying kings with the majority capture rule and a preference for capturing kings over men when chains are equal. Notable for its board orientation: the white square is at each player's bottom-right (opposite to English Draughts).



Spanish Draughts — starting position

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

SETUP

Board: 8×8 checkered board, dark squares only. Oriented with a white (light) square at each player's bottom-right corner.

Pieces: 12 men per player on dark squares of the three nearest rows.

First move: White moves first.

RULES

- ♦ **Men movement:** Men move diagonally forward only, one square at a time.
- ♦ **Men capture:** Men capture diagonally forward only by jumping. Men CANNOT capture backwards.
- ♦ **Mandatory capture:** Captures are compulsory.

Majority rule with king preference: When multiple capture sequences are available:

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 - ♦ Must choose the sequence capturing the most pieces.
 - ♦ If tied on quantity, must choose the sequence capturing the most kings.

- ♦ **Immediate removal:** Captured pieces are removed immediately.

KING PROMOTION

- ♦ **Flying kings:** Kings move any number of unoccupied squares diagonally in any direction.
- ♦ **King capture:** Kings capture by jumping over a single opponent piece at any distance along a diagonal, landing on any open square beyond.
- ♦ **Promotion rule:** A man reaching the back row is promoted to a king. If a man reaches the back row during a multi-jump, the sequence ends and it is promoted.

WINNING

A player wins when their opponent has no legal move: all pieces captured or all pieces blocked.

DRAWS

The game is a draw when:

- ♦ Both players agree.
- ♦ The same position occurs three times.
- ♦ 20 consecutive king moves pass with no capture.

STRATEGY

The king preference in the majority rule creates forced-capture traps: arrange a position where your opponent must capture your king (because it makes the chain “higher value”) while this opens a devastating counter-attack. Flying kings combined with no backward capture for men means promoting first gives a decisive strategic advantage.

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