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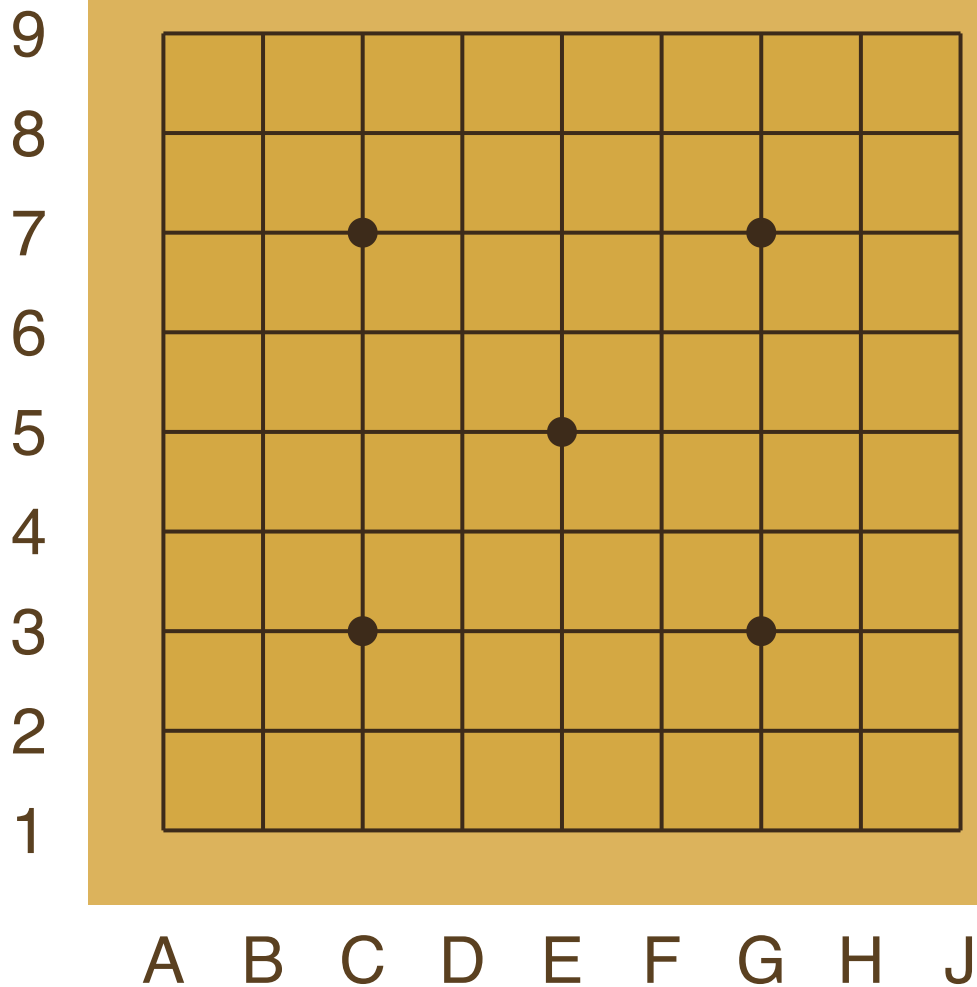
9×9 Go

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BOARD

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PLAYERS

9×9 GO

Standard Go rules on a 9×9 grid. The smallest standard board, ideal for beginners learning fundamentals and for quick tactical games between experienced players. Official tournament category in many federations. Games typically last 10–20 minutes.



Go — 9×9 board

<https://engine.moddable.games/play/?game=go&variant=9x9>

SETUP

Same as standard Go. Board starts empty. Black plays first. Komi: 5.5 points for White.

RULES

All standard Go rules apply without modification.

DIFFERENCES FROM 19×19

- ♦ Only 81 intersections. Every stone immediately affects the whole board.
- ♦ No room for large-scale frameworks or moyo. Influence is purely local.
- ♦ Life-and-death reading is paramount. Groups live or die in direct combat.
- ♦ First-move advantage is smaller (hence lower komi).
- ♦ Games are often decided by a single fight. One mistake is usually fatal.

ATTRIBUTION

Standard board size recognised by all major Go federations. Public domain.