

CHESS

ETIQUETTE

What is 'etiquette'?

Etiquette is a code or standard of behaviour which most people find acceptable.

In chess, certain rules have been agreed, over a long period of time, about how chess players should conduct themselves during tournaments, and in the chess club. Before the game starts, for instance, opponents shake hands, and do so again at the end of the game.

If there is a dispute, or something that requires the arbiter's (referee's) ruling, there is no need to argue about it. Simply call for the arbiter and he will resolve the problem.

'The Official Laws of Chess' states that:

'It is forbidden to distract or annoy the opponent in any manner whatsoever'.

Disruptive behavior has no place in a chess club or tournament. The rules make it clear that players should not be talking loudly, arguing, banging pieces, or running in the clubrooms.

Chess sessions are meant to be fun as well as instructive. Chatting or sharing a joke *quietly* is perfectly all right during friendly games, but if players become unruly, the session can quickly turn into a rabble, and this is unacceptable.

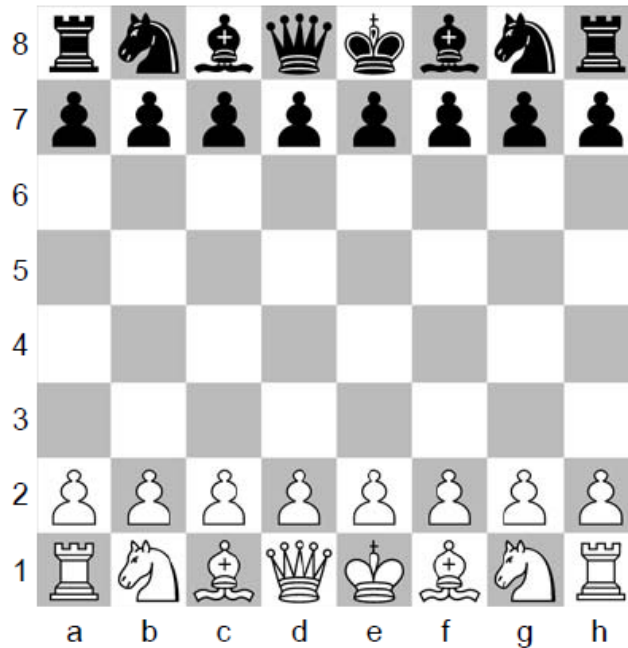


Summary.

























enjoy your games
without disrupting others
and focus on improving
your standard of play.

Module 1 Task 8 *Set up the chess board with all pieces in their correct starting positions*

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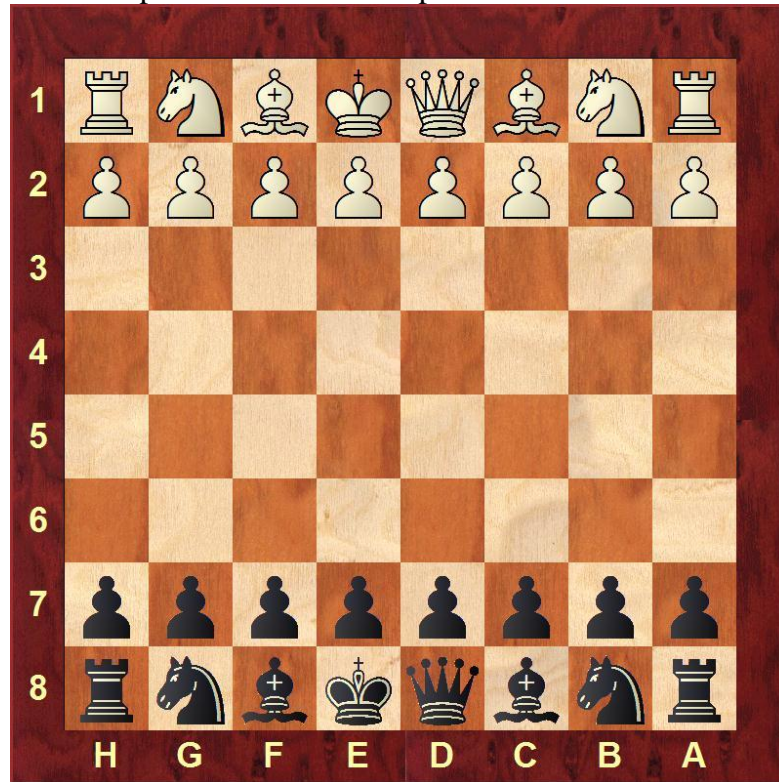


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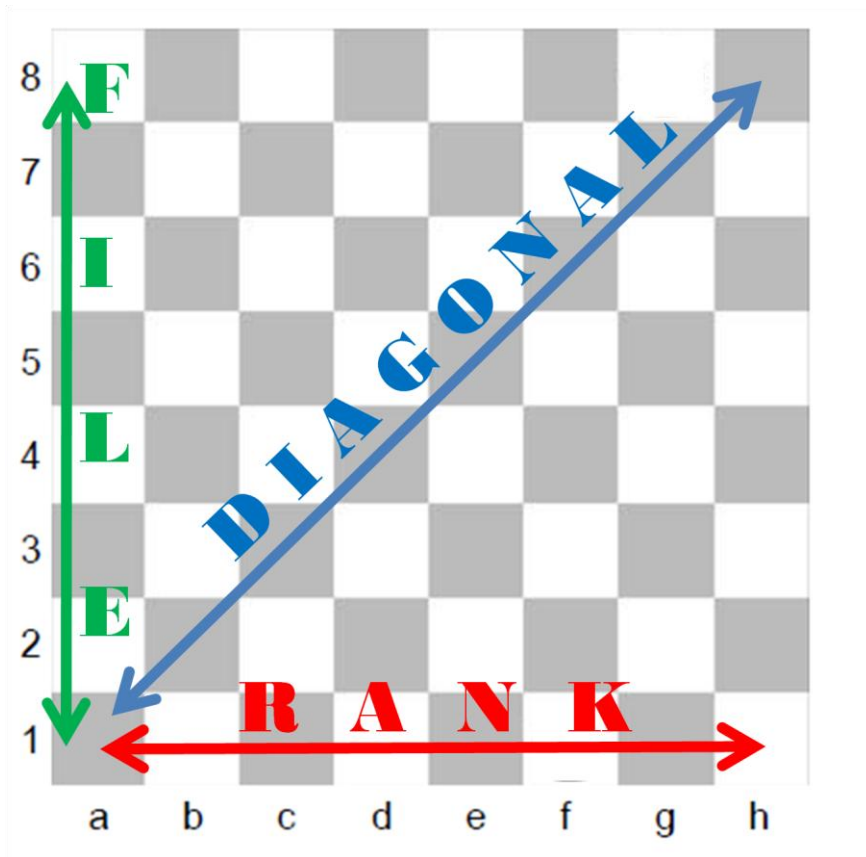
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THE BOARD



The rows of squares that go UP AND DOWN the board are called FILES. They are called the “a” file, the “b” file, etc.

The rows of squares that go ACROSS the board are called RANKS. They are called the 1st RANK, the 2nd RANK, etc.

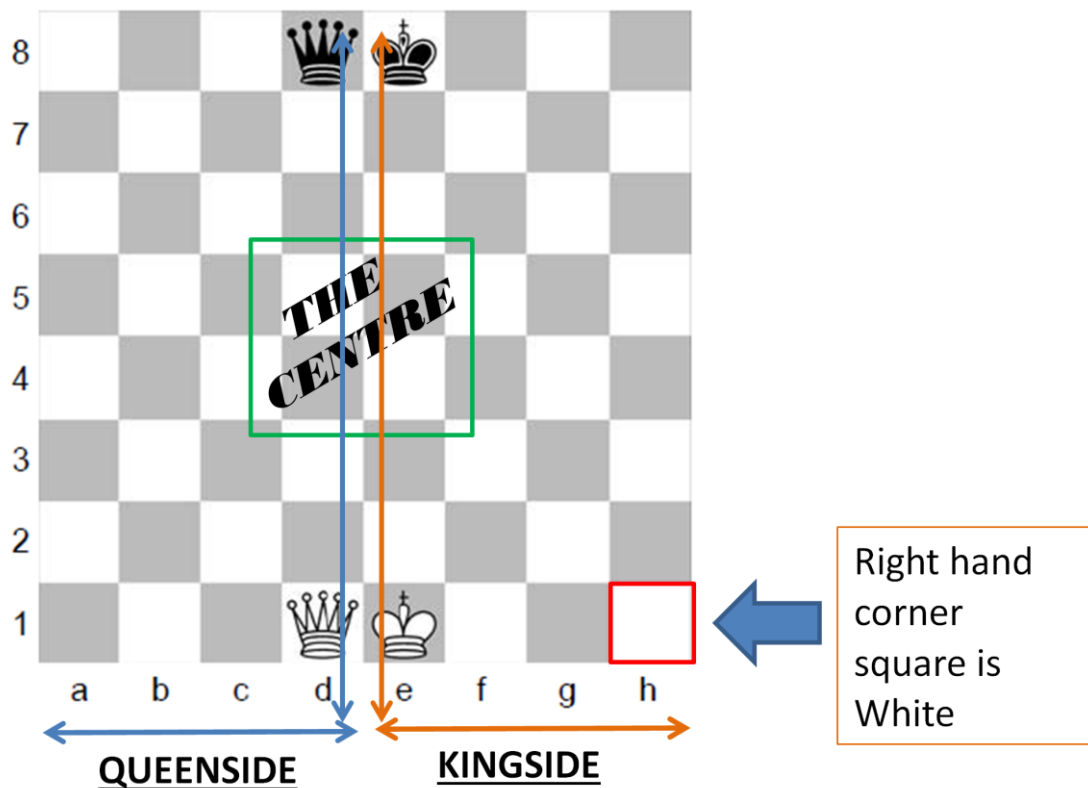
The rows of squares, *of the same colour*, which are joined together and go in the same direction, are called DIAGONALS.

Each square on the board is given a name, or symbol.

The first part of the name is the letter of the file on which the square stands.

The second part of the name is the number of the rank on which the square stands. E.g. from the White side of the board, the name of the bottom left square is a1. The name of the top right square is h8.

THE BOARD (continued)



The four squares in the middle of the board are collectively known as

'THE CENTRE'

These squares are d4, d5, e4, e5.

The a, b, c, and d files are collectively known as the QUEENSIDE

The e, f, g, and h files are collectively known as the KINGSIDE

Each time the board is set up, you must always make sure that the RIGHT HAND CORNER SQUARE is WHITE

There is a saying to help you remember this: WHITE ON RIGHT