



# Mancala Rules

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**Equipment:** Game Board, 48 stones

**Object of the Game:** To capture more stones than your opponent.

## Getting Ready to Play:

The Mancala board is made up of two rows of six holes called pits, and one store at each end of the board. Four stones are placed in each of the 12 pits. The color of the stone does not make a difference. The stores are empty at the beginning of play.

## Game Play

The youngest player goes first. The game begins with the first player picking up all the pieces in any one of the holes on their side of the board. Moving counterclockwise, the player deposits one of the stones in each hole until the stones run out. If you run into your own store, deposit one piece in it. If you run into your opponent’s store, skip it. If the last piece you drop is in your own store you get a free turn. If the last piece you drop is in an empty hole on your side, you capture that piece and any pieces in the hole directly opposite. Always place all captured pieces in your store.

## WINNING:

The game ends when all six spaces on one side of the Mancala board are empty. The player who still has pieces on their side of the board when the game ends captures all of these pieces and places them in their store. Count all the pieces in each store. The winner is the player with the most pieces.

These are the basic rules. There are dozens of other variations of the game. We encourage you to research the game online for strategy, tips and rule variations. Most importantly, **HAVE FUN!**