



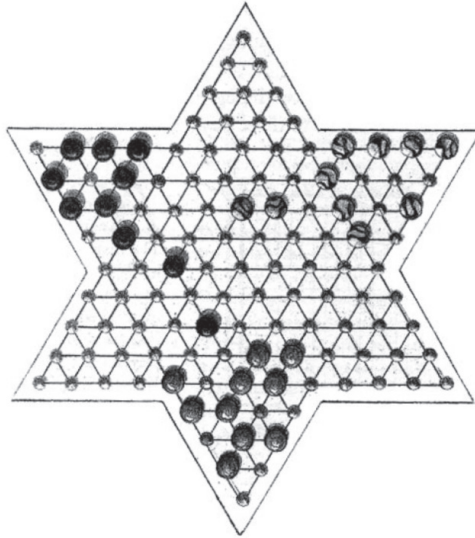
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Ages 8 and up
2 to 6 players

Chinese Checkers

Object: To move all 10 pieces into the point of the star directly opposite. The game is played on a six-pointed star; each colored point holds 10 matching playing pieces. Pieces are played on the intersections of the lines.

Set-Up: Chinese Checkers can be played by two, three, four or six players (*never five*).



General Rules:

Players decide who goes first, then take turns. The turns pass clockwise around the board, each player moving one piece in a turn. A piece can be moved in any direction, forward or backward, along any line, to the next adjacent vacant point.

If the adjacent point is occupied (by one of the player's own pieces or by an opponent's) and the point beyond it is vacant, a piece may jump, as in Checkers. (*There are no captures in this game.*) If the marbles are positioned

appropriately, a piece can make multiple leaps in one turn. A piece cannot, however, move one point and then jump.

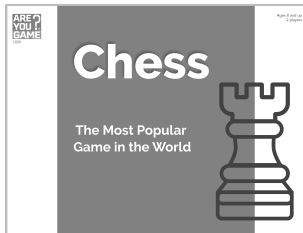
The first player to get all 10 marbles to the point directly across the board wins. The others keep playing until all the players occupy their new territory.

Strategy: Establish ladders from your side of the board to the target territory, so that the marbles can make extended multiple jumps, moving as far as possible in a single turn. Similarly, block any ladders your opponent tries to build.

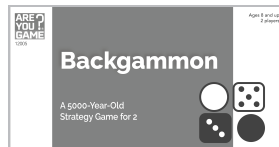
Variations:

Allowing long leaps opens up new tactical possibilities. A piece can jump any other piece that is in line with it, provided the jumper can land an equal distance on the other side, with nothing but the jumped piece in between. Multiple long jumps are not allowed.

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