

Turkish draughts

Turkish draughts (also known as **Dama**) is a variant of draughts (checkers) played in Turkey, Greece, Egypt, Kuwait, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and several other locations around the Mediterranean Sea.

Contents

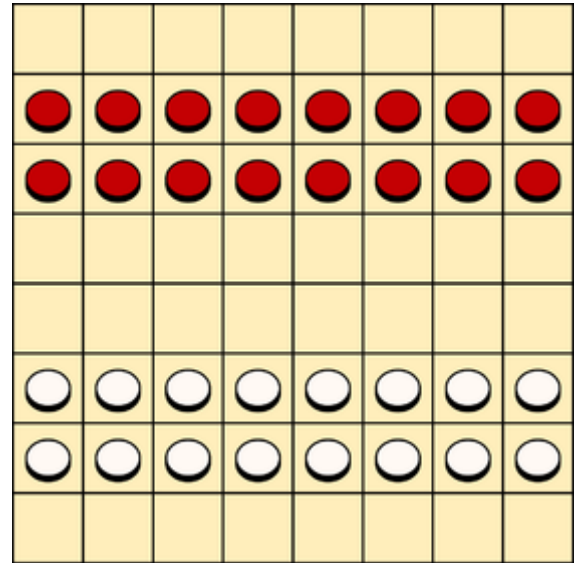
Rules

Observations

World championships

Further reading

External links



Turkish draughts board and starting setup.
White moves first.

Rules

On an 8×8 board, 16 *men* are lined up on each side, in two rows. The back rows are vacant. A traditional Turkish draughts gameboard is mono-coloured. White moves first.

Men move orthogonally forwards or sideways one square, capturing by means of a jump; they cannot move or capture backwards or diagonally. When a man reaches the back row, it promotes to a *king*. Kings can move any number of empty squares orthogonally forwards, backwards or sideways. A king captures by jumping over a single piece any number of empty squares away, landing on any open square beyond the captured piece along a straight line.

Pieces are removed from the board immediately after being jumped. If a jump is available it must be taken. If there is more than one way to jump, the one capturing the most number of pieces must be taken. There is no distinction between king and man during captures; each counts as a piece. If there is more than one way to capture the maximum number of pieces, the player may choose. Within a multicapture, turning 180 degrees between two captures is not allowed. A man that promotes to king by jumping continues to jump (if possible) as part of the same move.

A player wins if the opponent has no legal move, either because all his pieces are captured or he is completely blocked. A king versus single man also wins the game.

Observations

- Unlike other draughts variants, since pieces in a multicapture are removed immediately after being jumped and before the captor continues jumping, as pieces are captured and removed, it is possible to cross a square previously occupied by a captured piece more than once, which can open up additional jumps previously impossible.
- Without the rule whereby a player wins in the case of king versus a single man, the player owning the man could avoid capture indefinitely.

World championships

Since 2014, World Championships have taken place annually. The first official Turkish Draughts World Championships were held 22–24 October 2014 in Izmir, Turkey. The second championships were also held in Izmir, with the third in Doha, the capital of Qatar. The first Women's Turkish Draughts World Championships took place in Izmir during May 2016.

Further reading

- Bell, R. C. (1979) [1st Pub. 1960, Oxford University Press, London]. *Board and Table Games From Many Civilizations. I* (Revised ed.). Dover Publications Inc. pp. 73–74. ISBN 0-671-06030-9.
- Murray, H. J. R. (1978). "§4.4.1 Atlanbaj; now called Dama". *A History of Board-Games other than Chess* (Reissued ed.). Hacker Art Books Inc. p. 82. ISBN 0-87817-211-4.
- Schmittberger, R. Wayne (1992). *New Rules for Classic Games* (<https://archive.org/details/newrulesforclass00rway/page/174>). John Wiley & Sons Inc. pp. 174–75 (<https://archive.org/details/newrulesforclass00rway/page/174>). ISBN 978-0471536215.

External links

- Turkish draughts federation – Rules (http://www.turkdamasi.org.tr/Portals/0/Images/doc/Turk_Damasi_Kurallari_Tudaf_v3.pdf) (in Turkish)
 - Games at Turkish draughts at site World champion Faik-Yildiz (<https://www.facebook.com/Faik-Yildiz-709757532378413/>)
-

Retrieved from "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Turkish_draughts&oldid=956890324"

This page was last edited on 15 May 2020, at 21:46 (UTC).

Text is available under the Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike License; additional terms may apply. By using this site, you agree to the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy. Wikipedia® is a registered trademark of the Wikimedia Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization.