

# MAD ROOKS

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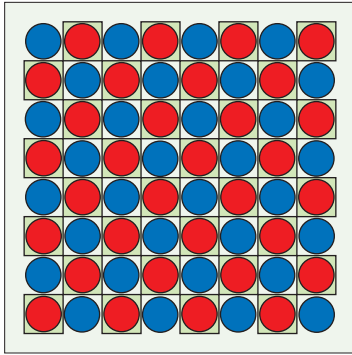


Fig. 1 - Initial setup

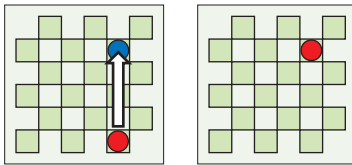


Fig. 2 - Red kills blue.

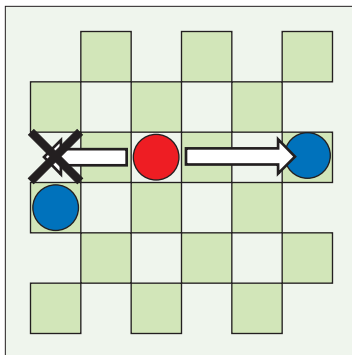


Fig. 3 - Checker must kill.

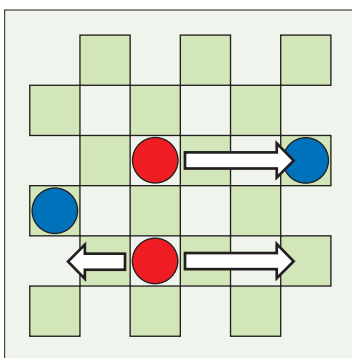


Fig. 4 - Checker can engage.

**INTRODUCTION** Mad Rooks is a two player game. The 8x8 board is initially set up with 32 red and 32 blue checkers, as shown in Figure 1. The two players, Red and Blue, take turns moving checkers of their own color, one move per turn, starting with Red. Passing is not allowed.

Draws cannot occur in Mad Rooks. Mark Steere designed Mad Rooks in March, 2010.

**OBJECT OF THE GAME** To win you must kill all enemy checkers.

**MOVE** The checkers move something like Chess rooks. In particular, if your checker is on the same row or column as an enemy checker, either adjacent to it or separated by one or more contiguous empty squares, you can remove the enemy checker and replace it with your own said checker. See Figure 2.

**KILL** If your checker is in position to kill, you can only use it to kill. You can't move it somewhere without making a kill. In Figure 3, Red can only use his checker to kill. He can't move it to engage another enemy checker.

**ENGAGE** If you move a checker that is not in position to kill, you can only move it to engage the enemy. That is, you must move it (along a row or a column of one or more contiguous empty squares) to an empty square that's in the same row or column as an enemy checker, the two checkers being either adjacent or separated only by empty squares.

**Killing is not mandatory.** If you can move an unengaged checker to engage the enemy, you can do that instead. In Figure 4, Red can either kill with one of his checkers or move his other checker to engage.

If a checker can't be moved to kill or to engage, then it can't be moved. As long as you have checkers on the board though, you will have a move available.

**AUTHOR'S NOTE** Feel free to publish this rule sheet, and to program the game of Mad Rooks for online or offline play. There is no licensing fee, and no royalties are expected. However please don't change the name or the rules, and please attribute the game to me, Mark Steere. My other games can be found at [marksteeregames.com](http://marksteeregames.com).

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