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### *1. Chess76™ overview*

Chess76™ (or BONDAR Chess, named after its inventor Serge BONDAR) is an extremely dynamic game which is designed to be played in a much shorter time frame than is customary for a regular chess game. It uses the tactical skills of a chess player but doesn't require any knowledge of the modern opening theory. It combines all other elements of a regular chess game with a concept of the initial set-up used in Asian mind sport games like GO and Five-In-a-Row.

There are two stages in the game which seem to be equally important:

1. Initial position set-up;
2. Regular chess-playing until checkmate or draw is achieved.

### *2. Chess76™ playing set*

In addition to the regular Chess set, the players would need 2 extra Queens.

### *3. Initial position set-up*

A game starts with an empty 8x8 chess board with the dark **a1** square to the left of the player who plays with white pieces.

The two players take turns at putting their pieces on unoccupied squares of the chess board.

White is first to start.



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White must place 7 white chess pieces (King + 6 others) and Black must place 6 black pieces (King + 5 others) – BEFORE they can start moving them around the board!

There are four limitations:

1. Pawns can only be placed on ranks 2 thru 7;
2. When the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bishop of the same color is placed on the board, it must be placed on a square of the different color from the one occupied by the 1<sup>st</sup> Bishop;
3. A piece canNOT be placed on the board where it gives a check to the opponent's King;
4. The King canNOT be placed on the board under the check.

Illegally placed chessmen should be repositioned before next move of his opponent. (Player who had noticed that opponent made illegal move, should restart opponent clock and ask for correction. Time adjustment could be rewarded by tournament director, if deemed necessary to restore the fairness). If that opportunity is missed, then the game is deemed to be a draw.

At this stage, both players can use only the pieces included in a regular chess set. Therefore, only one Queen, two Rooks, one light square Bishop, one dark square Bishop, and etc. can initially be placed on the board.

Playing with the chess clock, a move is final after a player starts the opponent's clock. When playing without the clock, a move is final when the player's hand is detached from the piece.

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### *4. Playing for checkmate in Chess76™*

When the initial set-up is over, White has their 7 chessmen and Black 6 chessmen placed on the board. The game is continued as if it were a regular end-game chess position, with Black's turn to move.

The chess-playing stage is governed by regular chess rules with two exceptions:

1. There is NO *castling*;
2. There is NO *En Passant* rule.

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