



The Most Important Goals in Chess

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The Opening in Chess – Is a Race

Develop your chess pieces and don't waste time

1. Center Pawns
2. Knights
3. Bishops
4. Castle – King Safety
5. Queen
6. Rooks

General Rules

1. Limit your Pawn moves
2. Move every piece only once
3. Aim for a development advantage
4. Don't attack before you "won" the race
5. Attack

The Middle Game in Chess – Improve Your Pieces

Look for CCTO = Checks, Captures, Threads, Optimize and SoH = Sit on Hands

1. Try to find better positions for your pieces, e.g., move rooks from the corners to open files or move the knights towards the middle of the board.
2. Don't move your good pieces before optimizing the bad pieces.

The End Game in Chess – Promote a Pawn

You reach the endgame when you have two pieces or fewer besides the king and pawns.

Of all the endgame theories, the aim is to promote a pawn

1. Create a passed pawn
2. Promote the passed pawn
3. Checkmate the opponent's king