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1) Learning all the functions of the chessboard can be challenging. How can I quickly start a game?

This chessboard have many cool features, but learning how to use them all might take some time. Don't worry, we have 4 extra reading materials that will help you get started with the game quickly. Here is the recommended reading order:

1. **Chess Rule Card**

   If you are new to chess, start by referring to the chess rule card. If you're already familiar with the rules, you can skip this step.

2. **Quick-start Guide**

   Take a look at this handy guide to quickly get started with a chess game!

3. **Overview of the menu**

   This overview provides information on most of the chessboard's functions and where to access them. Read it while learning how to use the chessboard until you have a good grasp of its features.

4. **FAQ Card**

   If you encounter any issues during the game, refer to the FAQ card to see if your question is answered. You can also explore additional functions of the chessboard through this FAQ card.

5. **User Manual**

   If you're seeking more detailed information about a specific function or looking to explore additional features, you can find more comprehensive information in the user manual.

2) How can I reset the chessboard?

If your chessboard is behaving abnormally, we recommend resetting it.

How to reset the chessboard:

1. *Locate the Reset hole on the underside of the chessboard*
2. *Using a thin rod, press the Reset hole firmly*
3. *The chessboard will emit a sound to indicate that the reset has been successful*
4. *If the LCD screen displays "English," press the Enter key to confirm the language setting. If it shows "Deutsch," use the Up or Down key to change it to "English.*

3) How can I disable the warning prompts?

If you no longer wish to receive warning prompts such as "Are you sure?" or "Be careful," you can disable the tutor mode.

How to disable the tutor mode:

START 1. *Press the START button to **open the main menu***

▲ ▼ 2. *Use the Up or Down key to locate the **"OPTIONS"** menu*

ENTER 3. *Press the ENTER key to **enter the Options menu***

▲ ▼ 4. *Within the Options menu, locate the **"TUTOR"** setting*

ENTER 5. *Press the ENTER key to **enter the Tutor mode setting***

▲ ▼ 6. *Select the desired Tutor mode setting from 0 to 2*

0 for turning off the tutor mode completely. 1 for enabling the tutor mode with warning prompts and text messages. 2 for activating the full functionality of the tutor mode

ESC*3 7. *To disable all warning prompts, select "Tutor 0" and press the ESC key three times to **close the menu***

4) How can I adjust the volume?

Follow these steps:

START ▲ ▼ ENTER ▲ ▼ ENTER ▲ ▼

1. *Open the Main Menu and locate **"OPTIONS"***
2. *Enter the options menu and locate **"SOUND"***
3. *Enter the sound menu, choose your desired volume level from 0 to 3 (0 for mute, 3 for the highest volume)*

ENTER

4. *Press Enter to confirm the change*

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5. *Press Esc twice to close the menu*

5) How can I adjust the difficulty levels of the chess computer?

To customize the difficulty levels, you have three settings to adjust: Levels, Game Modes, and Game Styles.

By combining different settings, you can enhance the gameplay experience on the chessboard.

1. LEVEL

There are 30 Chess level options in the level setting

- ***4 "Fun Levels"** - Designed for casual play, with Fun 1 being the easiest and Fun 4 being the most challenging*
- ***15 "Timed Move Levels"** - You need to make each move within a specified time limit (e.g., 10S/MV represents 10 seconds per move)*
- ***10 "Timed Game Levels"** - You need to win the game within a set time limit (e.g., 30M/GM represents 30 minutes per game, which is merely the total time you make your moves)*
- ***1 "No Limit Level"** - This is the most difficult level within the available options*

How to adjust the Level Setting:

Open the main menu > LEVEL > select the desired level > Press Esc twice to close the menu

2. Game Modes

There are multiple game modes available for most chess games on this chessboard. However, we will focus on the game modes specific to Chess. Feel free to explore the other chess games on your own.

Game Modes of Chess:

For detailed information, please refer to the main manual

- ***Normal***
- ***Rapid 30, Rapid 25, Blitz 5*** *- These are the short cuts of Level 30M/GM, 25M/GM, 5M/GM Chess Game, respectively*
- ***Rated*** *- Each move you make will be rated*
- ***Exercise*** *- Up to 100 chess exercises to help you practice your chess skills*
- ***MT. IN 2*** *- 10 pre-set positions to find the way to checkmate in 2 moves. You can also set up a custom position for the computer to find the checkmate in 2 moves*
- ***5 "Reduced Material Modes"*** *- Special chess games that start with a reduced number of chess pieces*

How to choose Game Modes:

Open main menu > New Game > Chess > Select your desired game modes

3. Game Styles

There are 5 game styles to choose from: ***Normal****,* ***Active****,* ***Aggressive****,* ***Very Passive****, and* ***Passive****.*

Changing the game style setting will impact the playing style of the computer opponent.

How to choose Game Styles:

Open the main menu > Options > Styles > Select the desired game style > Press Enter to confirm the change > Press Esc twice to close the menu

6) Can I play chess against another player instead of the computer?

*Absolutely! The chessboard offers a "**referee mode**" that allows you to play chess against another player. In this mode, the computer acts solely as a **referee**, checking the legality of moves and announcing the game's outcome.*

How to enable the referee mode:



1. *Open the main menu and locate **"OPTIONS"***
2. *Enter the Options menu and find **"REF."** (referee mode)*



3. *On the REF. interface, press the Enter button to change the number from 0 to 1 (1 for on, 0 for off)*



4. *Press the Esc button twice to close the main menu and continue the game*

7) How can I change the language setting?

*The chessboard offers two options: **English** and **Deutsch**.*

How to change the language setting:



1. *Open the main menu and then locate **"OPTIONS"***
2. *Enter the Options menu and find **"LANGUAGE"***
3. *Enter the Language menu and select your desired language*



4. *Press Enter button to comfirm the change*



5. *Press Esc button twice to close the main menu and continue the game*

If you accidentally selected a language you do not understand, we recommend resetting the chessboard. You can do this by pressing the RESET hole located on the underside of the chessboard using a thin rod.

8) What can I do if the LCD screen becomes dim and difficult to see?

Try the following methods:

1. ***Adjust Contrast options***

   Open Main menu > OPTIONS > CON. > select a value from 1-10 to adjust the contrast options > Press Enter to comfirm the change > Press Esc twice to close the menu

2. ***Advoid*** *playing the chessboard under* ***strong light*** *or on a* ***dark environment***

3. ***Replace new batteries***

4. ***Reset the chessboard***

9) Does the computer physically move its pieces?

No, the computer does not physically move its pieces. You need to move both your own chess pieces and the computer's chess pieces.

10) What is the approximate chess strength of the computer on this chessboard?

Our model is rated at approximately ***ELO 1700****.*

11) The chessboard is not responding or responding abnormally. What should I do?

Try the following methods:

1. *Check the battery installation to ensure they are properly inserted and have sufficient power.*
2. *Try resetting the chessboard by inserting a thin object into the RESET hole on the underside of the computer.*

12) How do I restart a new game if I don't want to continue the current game?

How to restart a new game:

Open the main menu > New Game > Press the Enter button to confirm

13) How do I make special chess moves?

There are 3 special moves in chess: Castling, En passant capture and Pawn promotion. Here's how you make these moves:

1. **Castling**

   Begin by moving the king, and then follow the computer's instructions to move the rook accordingly.

2. **En passant capture**

   Move the pawn that is capturing, and then press the square of the captured pawn as indicated on the LCD screen.

3. **Pawn promotion**

   Execute the pawn move, and use the up or down arrow keys to select the desired piece for promotion. Once the desired piece is displayed on the LCD screen, press the promotion square (or ENTER) to complete the promotion.

   When promoting its own pawn, the computer always chooses a queen.

14) Can I customize the chessboard to play with my own setups?

Yes, you can play with your own customized setups.

How to set up your own position:

Open the main menu > locate "SET UP" > press Enter key to start setting up your own chess position

For details instructions, please refer to the manual section "6.5 SETTING UP A POSITION(#)".