

MANCALA

RULES

For 2 players
Ages 6 to adult

Object: Collect the most “gemstones” by the end of the game.

Contents: Mancala board, 48 multi-colored stones.

Set Up: Refer to Illustration 1 as you set up and play the game.

Place the gameboard between both players as shown. The 6 pockets in front of you make up your playing area.

The large pocket—called the Mancala—to your right is yours.

Place 4 stones (colors do not matter) in each of the 12 smaller pockets.

Playing: One player starts the game by removing the stones in any one of his own pockets and placing one in each pocket, starting with the next pocket to the right. Include your Mancala as a space as you place the stones in the pockets.

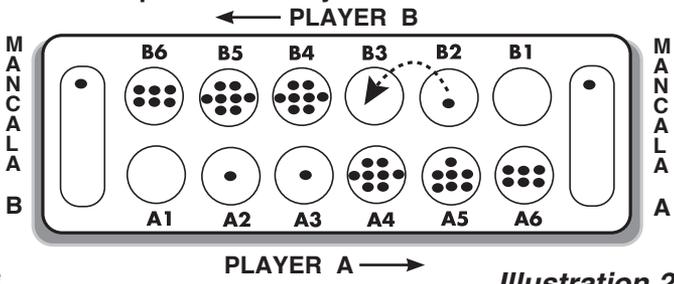
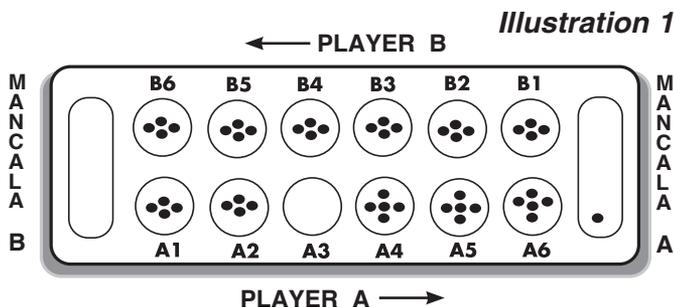
If there are enough stones to go past your Mancala, continue placing them into your opponent’s pockets. However, skip his Mancala when placing stones.

If your last stone ends up in your Mancala, you get to take another turn. In illustration 1, Player A has emptied his #3 pocket and the last stone ended up in his Mancala, allowing him to take another turn.

If the last stone you place lands in an empty pocket on your side of the board, you get to take that stone— plus all of your opponent’s stones that are in the opposite pocket— and place them in your own Mancala.

As shown in illustration 2,

Player B has moved the one stone from his pocket #2 into the empty pocket #3. He would now take that stone and the stones that are in A4 and place



all those stones in his Mancala. His turn would then end and the next player goes.

Ending and Winning the Game: The game ends when all six pockets on one side of the gameboard are empty. The other player takes the remaining stones in his pockets and places them in his Mancala. The player who has the most stones in his Mancala wins.

Beginner's Version: Play Mancala by starting out with just 3 stones in each pocket.

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