

CHESS NOTATION

Abbreviation for the pieces: (In ranking order)

King	K
Queen	Q
Rook	R
Bishop	B
Knight	N
Pawn	- (P to designated placement on saved games)

Ranks: Horizontal rows numbered 1 to 8.

Files: Vertical rows letter "a" through "h."

NOTE: The chessboard is always set up with the White pieces occupying the ranks 1 and 2 with "a" starting on White's left and "h" on White's right. Black pieces occupy the ranks 7 and 8 with "h" on Black's left and "a" on Black's right. (White square to the right and Queen to color).

Castling King-side is denoted by "0-0."

Castling Queen-side is denoted by "0-0-0."

Capturing *en passant* is indicated by "ep" after the move.

Annotation comments:

! means a good move.

!! means a brilliant, completely unexpected move.

? means an error.

?? means a gross blunder, probably losing the game.