

Pretwa - The Labyrinth

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Explaining the Board

Pretwa is a war game played by 2 players. This game is popular in the Bihar region. In Pretwa, pawns can move along the circumference of circles and attack from unexpected corners.

Benefits: It aids in clear thinking, helps in sharpening the mental ability of the player & enhances the level of confidence.

Game Paraphernalia

- 1 game board, 2 sets of 9 pawns (total 18)

Game Setup

- Each player gets an army of 9 soldiers. They are placed only on intersections of lines (fig. 1).

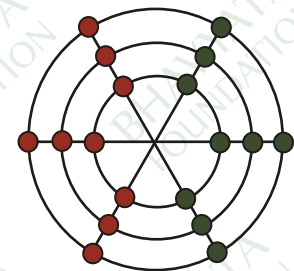


Fig. 1

How to Play

- During a turn, only one pawn has to move to an adjacent point connected to its current point by a line or an arc. It can move in any direction and even on the arcs of the circle (fig. 2).

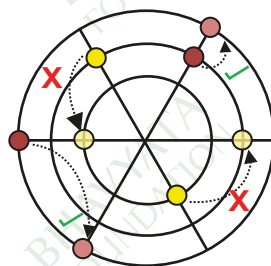


Fig. 2

- If any pawn encounters a lone opponent pawn with an empty point behind it (in the same line or arc), then the pawn jumps over to the empty point and captures the opponent pawn (fig. 3).

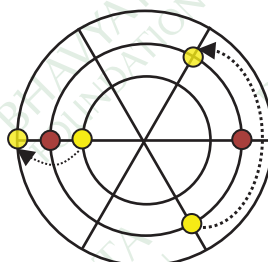


Fig. 3

- Pawn can jump over multiple opponents during its turn, provided it always lands on an empty point before jumping over the next opponent (fig. 4). There is no limit for a pawn to capture its opponent's pawn in a single turn.

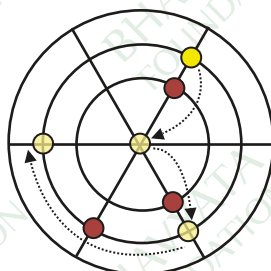


Fig. 4

- A pawn cannot jump over an opponent if there is no empty point behind the opponent (fig. 5), not even to capture an opponent (fig 6).

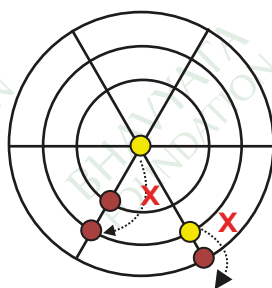


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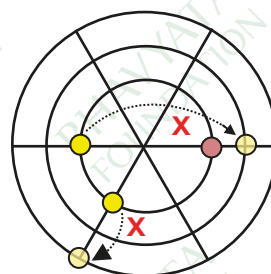


Fig. 6

- A pawn cannot change its direction while capturing (fig. 7) however, after capturing, it can change its direction to capture another pawn (fig. 4).

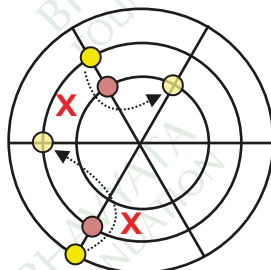


Fig. 7

- A captured pawn is permanently out of the game.

Winner

- The player who has captured the opponent's entire pawn is the winner.

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