

Two-boarded chess at Wanstead & Woodford Chess Club

After sanitising your hands on entering the Club room (which you must do when leaving the room too) collect your set and board, which you will keep with you for the whole session. It is for your use only.

Remember your set number and ensure that when you capture a piece it is returned to your box. When you finish a game put the rest of your pieces back into your box until ready to use the set again.

Take your board and set to a playing table and sit at one of the table ends placing your board and set in front of you.

Your opponent will sit at the other end of the table (a distance of about 1.5m depending on your sitting posture) and will also have a set and board.

To play two-boarded chess make sure that the boards are the same way round. This will be obvious when you set up the pieces making sure that the white pieces are on ranks 1 & 2 and the black pieces are on ranks 7 & 8.

If you are playing with a clock a supervisor will set this and sanitise it for you. Only the player with the white pieces may start or pause the clock and each player must only touch their side of the rocking bar. If you accidentally touch the wrong side tell a supervisor so that the bar can be cleaned. The clock will be positioned mid-table where it can be reached by both players.

The procedure is:

- a) make a move (placing captured pieces into your box)**
- b) announce it clearly (including and piece being promoted to)**
- c) opponent says the move back to you and makes your move on their board (placing captured pieces into your box)**
- d) you press your side of the clock to complete the move**
- e) opponent moves using the same procedure**

If necessary you can say Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Echo, Foxtrot, Golf, Hotel to make your move clear. Where two like pieces can move to the same square you need to say which one.

When the game is finished the player with the white pieces stops the clock. Both players put the pieces they have been using back into their own box.

Wait at your playing table until directed to change table by a supervisor.

If you need to leave your table during play raise your hand so that a supervisor can ensure your path is clear.