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Preparation

In order to play this game, you will need a chess board, and a few items, such as coins or tokens to be able to remember marked pieces or board locations. Also, paper and pen might come in handy.

Shuffle the cards and put them face down next to the chess board. You will draw cards from that pile. Prepare a spot for discarded cards. Draw five cards for each players.

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Turns

Use the normal rules of chess as a base set of rules. You will play the game of chess normally, but use the cards as modifiers throughout the game. Read the rules of the cards to know when you can play them. You will be able to play cards at various point in time, but players can only play one card per turn. A turn is one player's move, so you can play one card during your turn, and one card during your opponent's turn.

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Playing cards

Cards are normally placed on the discard pile after being played. Draw a new card immediately after playing a card. If the drawing pile is empty when you need to draw a card, shuffle the discard pile and put it face down into the drawing pile. Follow the rules of the card as much as you can, but if the card's effect can't be applied for any reason, simply discard the card. A card's effect can't be used to cause a checkmate. **This last rule overrides any other.**

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Effects duration

Normally, cards' effect applies immediately when the card is played, and is then discarded. However, cards with the  symbol have a continuous effect. If you play one, place it next to the board. The card's rule will stay in effect until it is discarded for any reason. When the card's effect terminates, discard the card to the discard pile. If a  card targets a specific piece or set of pieces, the card's effect terminates when there's no longer pieces it can apply to.

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Variants

Feel free to add or remove any card you want when building the deck initially. Create new cards if you so wish!

Consider shrinking the hand of better chess players as a handicap.

Another interesting variant requires players to place their cards face up on the table for their opponent to see.

Cylinder

For this move, the board becomes a cylinder, and the left and right sides are linked.

Play this card at the beginning of your turn.

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