

Chess Opening Repertorie

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Introduction

A chess opening or simply an opening refers to the initial moves of a chess game. The term can refer to the initial moves by either side, White or Black, but an opening by Black may also be known as a defense. There are dozens of different openings, and hundreds of variants. The Oxford Companion to Chess lists 1,327 named openings and variants. These vary widely in character from quiet positional play to wild tactical play. In addition to referring to specific move sequences, the opening is the first phase of a chess game, the other phases being the middlegame and the endgame.

Opening moves that are considered standard (often catalogued in a reference work such as the Encyclopaedia of Chess Openings) are referred to as "book moves", or simply "book". Reference works often present move sequences in simple algebraic notation, opening trees, or theory tables. When a game begins to deviate from known opening theory, the players are said to be "out of book". In some opening lines, the moves considered best for both sides have been worked out for twenty to twenty-five moves or more. Some analysis goes to thirty or thirty-five moves, as in the classical King's Indian Defense and in the Najdorf variation of the Sicilian Defense. Professional chess players spend years studying openings, and

continue doing so throughout their careers, as opening theory continues to evolve. Players at the club level also study openings but the importance of the opening phase is smaller there since games are rarely decided in the opening. The study of openings can become unbalanced if it is to the exclusion of tactical training and middlegame and endgame strategy.

A new sequence of moves in the opening is referred to as a theoretical novelty. When kept secret until used in a competitive game it is often known as a prepared variation, a powerful weapon in top-class competition.

Chess Openings

1. Alapin's Opening; Lopez Opening 1. e4 e5 2. Ne2
2. Alekhine's defence; Balogh variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. Bc4
3. Alekhine's defence; Balogh variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. c4
4. Alekhine's defence; Brooklyn defence 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5
5. Alekhine's defence; Brooklyn defence 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Ng8
6. Alekhine's defence; Exchange variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. c4 Nb6 5. exd6
7. Alekhine's defence; Exchange, Karpov variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. c4 Nb6 5. exd6

cx d6 6. Nf3 g6 7. Be2 Bg7 8. O-O O-O 9. h3
Nc6 10. Nc3 Bf5 11. Bf4

8. Alekhine's defence; Four pawns attack 1. e4 Nf6
2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. c4 Nb6 5. f4

9. Alekhine's defence; Four pawns attack, 6...Nc6
1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. c4 Nb6 5. f4 dxe5
6. fxe5 Nc6

10. Alekhine's defence; Four pawns attack, 7.Be3 1.
e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. c4 Nb6 5. f4 dxe5
6. fxe5 Nc6 7. Be3

11. Alekhine's defence; Four pawns attack,
Fianchetto variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6
4. c4 Nb6 5. f4 g6

12. Alekhine's defence; Four pawns attack, Ilyin-
Genevsky var. 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. c4
Nb6 5. f4 dxe5 6. fxe5 Nc6 7. Nf3 Bg4 8. e6 fxe6
9. c5

13. Alekhine's defence; Four pawns attack,
Korchnoi variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6
4. c4 Nb6 5. f4 dxe5 6. fxe5 Bf5 7. Nc3 e6 8. Nf3
Be7 9. Be2 O-O 10. O-O f6

14. Alekhine's defence; Four pawns attack, Planinc variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. c4 Nb6 5. f4 g5
15. Alekhine's defence; Four pawns attack, Tartakower variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. c4 Nb6 5. f4 dxe5 6. fxe5 Nc6 7. Be3 Bf5 8. Nc3 e6 9. Nf3 Qd7 10. Be2 O-O-O 11. O-O Be7
16. Alekhine's defence; Four pawns attack, Trifunovic variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. c4 Nb6 5. f4 Bf5
17. Alekhine's defence; Kmocho variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. Bc4 Nb6 4. Bb3 c5 5. d3
18. Alekhine's defence; Krejci variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. Bc4
19. Alekhine's defence; Maroczy variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. d3
20. Alekhine's defence; Modern variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. Nf3
21. Alekhine's defence; Modern variation, 4...Bg4 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. Nf3 Bg4
22. Alekhine's defence; Modern, Alekhine variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. Nf3 Bg4 5. c4

23. Alekhine's defence; Modern, Fianchetto variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. Nf3 g6
24. Alekhine's defence; Modern, Flohr variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. Nf3 Bg4 5. Be2 c6
25. Alekhine's defence; Modern, Keres variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. Nf3 g6 5. Bc4 Nb6 6. Bb3 Bg7 7. a4
26. Alekhine's defence; Modern, Larsen variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. Nf3 dxe5
27. Alekhine's defence; Modern, Panov variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. Nf3 Bg4 5. h3
28. Alekhine's defence; Modern, Schmid variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. Nf3 Nb6
29. Alekhine's defence; Modern, Vitolins attack 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. Nf3 Bg4 5. c4 Nb6 6. d5
30. Alekhine's defence; Mokele Mbembe (Buecker) variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Ne4
31. Alekhine's defence; O'Sullivan gambit 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 b5
32. Alekhine's defence; O'Sullivan gambit 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6

33. Alekhine's defence; Richter variation 1. e4 Nf6
34. Alekhine's defence; Saemisch attack 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. Nc3
35. Alekhine's defence; Scandinavian variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5
36. Alekhine's defence; Spielmann variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. e5 Nfd7 4. e6
37. Alekhine's defence; Steiner variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. c4 Nb6 4. b3
38. Alekhine's defence; Two pawns' (Lasker's) attack 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. c4 Nb6 4. c5
39. Alekhine's defence; Two pawns' attack, Mikenas variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. c4 Nb6 4. c5 Nd5 5. Bc4 e6 6. Nc3 d6
40. Alekhine's defence; Two pawns' attack, Mikenas variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4
41. Alekhine's defence; Welling variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. b3
42. Alekhine's defence; Welling variation 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. c4
43. Amar (Paris) Opening; Romford counter-gambit 1. Nh3

44. Amar gambit; Romford counter-gambit 1. Nh3
d5 2. g3 e5 3. f4 Bxh3 4. Bxh3 exf4
45. Amsterdam attack; Romford counter-gambit 1.
e3 e5 2. c4 d6 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. b3 Nf6
46. Anderssen's Opening; Romford counter-gambit
1. a3
47. Anti-Borg (Desprez) Opening; Romford
counter-gambit 1. h4
48. Barnes defence; Ilyin-Genevsky variation with
b3 1. e4 f6
49. Battambang Opening; Romford counter-gambit
1. Nc3 e5 2. a3
50. Beefeater defence; Franco-Indian (Keres)
defence 1. d4 g6 2. c4 Bg7 3. Nc3 c5 4. d5 Bxc3+
5. bxc3 f5
51. Benko gambit accepted; Nescafe Frappe attack
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cxb5 a6 5. bxa6
52. Benko gambit half accepted; King's Indian
system 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cxb5 a6
53. Benko gambit; 7.e4 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5
4. cxb5 a6 5. bxa6 Bxa6 6. Nc3 d6 7. e4

54. Benko gambit; Fianchetto variation 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cxb5 a6 5. bxa6 Bxa6 6. Nc3 d6 7. Nf3 g6 8. g3
55. Benko gambit; King's Indian system 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5
56. Benko gambit; Main line 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cxb5 a6 5. bxa6
57. Benko gambit; Nd2 variation 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cxb5 a6 5. bxa6 Bxa6 6. Nc3 d6 7. Nf3 g6 8. Nd2
58. Benko gambit; Ne2 variation 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cxb5 a6 5. bxa6 Bxa6 6. Nc3 d6 7. e4 Bxf1 8. Kxf1 g6 9. g3
59. Benko gambit; Ne2 variation 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cxb5 a6 5. bxa6 Bxa6 6. Nc3 d6 7. e4 Bxf1 8. Kxf1 g6 9. Nge2
60. Benko gambit; Nescafe Frappe attack 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cxb5 a6 5. Nc3 axb5 6. e4 b4 7. Nb5 d6 8. Bc4
61. Benko gambit; Zaitsev system 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cxb5 a6 5. Nc3
62. Benko's Opening; Outflank variation 1. g3