

Merit Requirements: Blue-Bordered Merit

CHESS

- 1. Demonstrate how to properly set up a chessboard.
- 2. Learn the names of each piece and how each chess piece moves.
- 3. Define the following terms:
 - a. Check
 - b. Checkmate
 - c. Stalemate
 - d. Pinning
 - e. Forking
 - f. Capturing
 - g. Center position
 - h. Limits
 - i. Mobility
 - j. Open line
 - k. Promotion
 - l. Castling
 - m. Rank
 - n. File
- 4. Tell, briefly, how to use a chess game timer.
- 5. Demonstrate how to open up a game with the focus being mobility, reducing limits, and securing a strong center position.
- 6. Demonstrate the following:
 - a. How to put a king in check
 - b. How to avoid check/checkmate
 - c. Checkmate
 - d. Pinning
 - e. Forking

 - f. Capturing g. Promotion
 - h. King-side castling
 - i. Queen-side castling
 - j. When castling cannot occur
 - k. How to start a game and which color begins the game
- 7. Play at least three games of chess.