

## **Nine Men's Morris**

**About:** Nine Men's Morris dates as far back as the Roman Empire and could possibly even be older. The game grew in popularity during Medieval time and is most associated with this time in history. The game has persisted through the centuries as a popular parlor game between friends.

### **What you need:**

- Two players
- A Nine Men's Morris board (printable version included)
- A set of nine morrells, or playing pieces, for each player. Each set should be a different color. (If you don't have enough gaming chips, making your own from paper is always an option!)

**Object of the game:** the goal of this game is to eliminate your opponent's morrells until he/she has only 2 pieces left.

### **Instructions:**

1. At the start of the game the board will be empty. Each player will have his/her own morrells.
2. Decide which player will go first. This player will put a morrell onto one of the vacant dots visible on the board.
3. The other player will then take his/her turn adding a morrell to the board on a different vacant dot.
4. The goal is to get 3 of your morrells lined up in a row; this is called a **mill**. If you get a mill, you can remove one of your opponent's morrells from the board.
5. Keep in mind, not only do you want to create a mill of your own, but you also want to prevent your opponent from making their own mill too. Placing your dots in key places may keep your opponent from creating a mill and taking one of your morrells!