Nine Men’s Morris

This game was played by troops during the Civil War. Soldiers used pebbles and twigs for markers.

Two players are needed to play the game. Each player needs nine markers.

1. Take turns putting one marker at a time on the board. You can only put the markers on the dots.
2. After all your game pieces are on the board, you can use your turn to move a piece along a line to a neighboring dot.
3. Both players try to make a “mill,” which is three men in a row.
4. Whenever a player makes a mill, they take off the board one of the other player’s men that is not part of a mill.
5. You can only move your pieces along a vertical or horizontal line to get to the next dot.
6. When a player is down to three pieces they may move their piece to any empty dot.
7. The game is over when one player has two men left.