

## Chess Notation Easy

### Help Guide

#### **Diagram 1:**

White to Move. White has just moved her Pawn up two squares to start the game. If you look down to the bottom of the board, you'll see where there are alphabetized letters, that's called a file. Now go ahead and look to your left hand side, and you'll see some numbers from 1-8, those are called ranks. So take the file letter of which your Pawn moved and combine it with the rank of where your pawn is at.

#### **Diagram 2:**

Black to Move. The board has been flipped upside down so Black is on the bottom, but it's the same idea as in Diagram 1.

#### **Diagram 3:**

White to Move. White has just moved her Knight out. To write it in notation, normally what we would do is take the first letter of the piece we moved and then combine the file and rank. But because both King and Knight both start with K, for the Knight we use N instead. So it should go Piece, File, Rank.

#### **Diagram 4:**

Black to Move. Same idea as in Diagram 3, Black also has moved out his Knight.

#### **Diagram 5:**

White to Move. White has brought out her Bishop to put pressure on Blacks Knight. To write it in notation, we want to take the first letter from the piece, then write the letter of the file it moved to, then the number of the rank it moved to as well. The same idea as in Diagram 3.

#### **Diagram 6:**

With White moving her bishop to Bb5, it the finalizing move for this special opening that was the favorite for this Spanish Bishop.