

## **Skewer “Beginner” Help Guide**

If your opponent has two pieces on the same Rank or File, it is possible to attack them both at the same time when you attack them with a Rook or Queen on the same Rank or File. If your opponent has two pieces on the same Diagonal, you can attack them both at the same time on the same Diagonal with a Bishop or Queen. This type of attack is called a Skewer.

**Diagram 1:** White to move. Can you see how Black’s King and Queen are lined up on the second Rank? Use your rook to check the King on the Second Rank. When the Black King has to move out of Check, you can then take the Black Queen!

**Diagram 2:** White to move. Since Black’s pieces are on the same Diagonal, you must use the Bishop to make the Skewer. Check the King on the Diagonal where the Black King and the Black Bishop rest.

**Diagram 3:** White to move. Again it starts with a Check on the same Diagonal.

**Diagram 4:** White to move. Here Black is lined up on the Fifth Rank. Skewer them!

**Diagram 5:** White to move. A Check on the Diagonal wins the queen.

**Diagram 6:** White to move. A Check on the Fourth Rank wins the Rook