

MURUS GALLICUS

A game for 2 players by
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Murus Gallicus is a two-player breakthrough game in which players try to create impenetrable walls of stone as menacing formations approach, reminiscent of Julius Caesar's Gallic Wars.

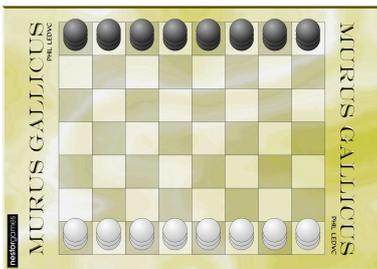
Components

Murus Gallicus includes:

- Two sets of 16 tokens (referred to as stones); one light set (Romans) and one dark set (Gauls)
- One rectangular game board consisting of 8x7 cells.
- Carrying case

Setup

Set up the board between players so that there are seven rows and eight columns. Each player takes a set of stones and stacks two stones on each of their eight home cells – their nearest row.



Basic Units

Two stones of the same color stacked in one cell are referred to as a **tower**. Towers can block movement and can be disassembled into stones and redistributed. The stacking limit is two and opposing stones may not occupy the same cell.

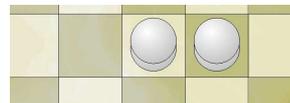
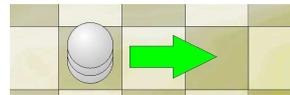
A single stone occupying a cell is called a **wall**. **Walls do not move**. Their main function is to block the opponent's movement. Walls can be built up into towers.

Rules of Play

Starting with the Roman player, the players alternate taking turns.

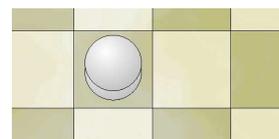
On a player's turn he or she must perform **one** of the following actions:

- Move a tower by distributing its two stones from its initial cell into the two nearest cells in any *one* direction (orthogonal or diagonal). Each destination cell must be empty or contain a friendly wall.



Example of movement

- Sacrifice a tower stone to remove an adjacent (orthogonal or diagonal) enemy wall (remove both stones, yours and your opponent's). By doing so, your tower becomes a wall. Sacrifice is not forced by the presence of an adjacent enemy wall.



Example of sacrifice

A player may not pass a turn.

A player **wins** by reaching any cell of his or her opponent's home row, or by stalemating his or her opponent. An opponent is **stalemated**, if at the *start* of his or her turn, he or she cannot move or sacrifice any towers stones.

Enjoy the game. Many surprises await you.